

**MINUTES
MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
CITY OF DOUGLAS, GEORGIA
AUGUST 10, 2015**

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners was held on Monday, August 10, 2015 at 7:00 P.M., in the Council Chambers of City Hall with Mayor James Dennis presiding and Mayor Pro Tem Richard Hutchinson, Commissioners Bob Moore, Dennis Josey, Marty Swain and Ronnie Anderson present. Commissioner Olivia Pearson absent due to illness.

CALLED TO ORDER

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Commission was called to order by Mayor James H. Dennis.

INVOCATION

Pastor Craig Jordan gave the Invocation

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Coffee County School Naval JROTC led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

MINUTES ADOPTION

The following minutes were unanimously approved as printed.

- Work Session..... July 27, 2015
- Commission Meeting..... July 27, 2015

A MOTION to unanimously approve the minutes as printed was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Richard Hutchinson and seconded by Commissioner Dennis Josey. The motion unanimously carried (5-0).

APPROVAL OF THE ORDER OF THE AGENDA

The Commission unanimously approved the order of the Agenda as set forth in the work session. A MOTION to approve the order of the Agenda was made by Commissioner Marty Swain and seconded by Commissioner Ronnie Anderson. The motion unanimously carried (5-0).

2015 MILLAGE TAX ORDINANCE-1ST READING

Charlie Davis, Assistant City Manager/Finance Director, recommended the approval of the first reading of 2015 Tax Millage Ordinance at the meeting on this date with the second reading and to be held on August 24, 2015. Jerome Adams, City Attorney read the first reading tonight AN ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF DOUGLAS, GEORGIA, PROPOSED FOR THE LEVYING OF A TAX UPON ALL TAXABLE PROPERTY WITHIN THE CITY OF DOUGLAS SUBJECT TO TAXATION UNDER THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA AND THE ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF DOUGLAS FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2015 AND FOR ALL PURPOSES. The second reading will be held at a regular meeting of the Mayor and Commission after properly advertising, as required under the Charter of the City of Douglas, Georgia on August 24, 2015.

No action was taken at this time.

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FIRST READING OF AMENDED THE PRIVATE WELL ORDINANCE

Michael Hudson, Gas, Water/Wastewater Director, recommended that the City Attorney, Jerome Adams, conduct the first reading to amend the ordinance prohibiting the installation of private wells if a public owned water system is within 100 feet of the property line. **“AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CITY OF DOUGLAS CODE OF ORDINANCES, CHAPTER 50-26 (A), HEALTH AND SANITATION TO PROVIDE FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”**

After properly advertising the caption as required under the Charter of the City of Douglas, the second reading will be held on August 24, 2015 at the Regular Commissioners Meeting.

No action was taken at this time

FIRST READING OF AMENDED SEMI-TRUCK ORDINANCE

Gary Casteloes, Police Chief, recommended that the City Attorney, Jerome Adams, conduct the first reading to amend the following changes: *(1) the parking of commercial trucks as defined in Paragraph A in section 86-60, are prohibited from parking upon the residential streets or residential area of the city. (2) Section 86-58 was changed from vehicles having over ten (10) wheels to vehicles having over six (6) wheels.* **“AN ORDINANCE TO ENACT THE CITY OF DOUGLAS CODE OF ORDINANCES, CHAPTER 86-60 c, TO PROVIDE FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”** After properly advertising the caption as required under the Charter of the City of Douglas, the second reading will be held on August 24, 2015 at the Regular Commissioners Meeting.

APPROVAL FOR PURCHASE OF ONE (1) 2016 FORD F-250 TRUCK

Upon recommendation from Stanley Merritt, Purchasing Agent, the Commission approved the State Contract prices from Allan Vigil Ford of Morrow, Georgia, for one (1) 2016 Ford F-250, pickup truck to utilized by the Electric Department in the amount of \$30,978.00. A **MOTION** was made by Commissioner Bob Moore and seconded by Commissioner Ronnie Anderson. Motion carried **(5-0)**.

STAFF COMMENTS

Georgia Henderson, Director of Public Information stated the following:

- Community Junk Drop-Off Day, Saturday, August 15, 2015, 8 a.m. – noon located at Wheeler Park
- Douglas-Coffee County Parks & Recreation Department will host a Forum/Rap Session, Saturday August 15th at 11a.m. located at the Central Square Gym.

Coffee County Historical Society:

- Gaines Chapel AME Church Mini Exhibit display June 18th –August 15th.
- Athletes in Coffee County-Little League to Professional August 20th –September 7th.
- Country Store relics will be displayed at the Historical Museum.
- Museum hours: Thursday & Friday 10 a.m. -4 p.m. and Saturday 10 a.m.-2 p.m.
- Qualifying for the Mayor and Commission elections will be held September 2nd – 4th.

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STAFF COMMENTS -CONTINUED

- City Hall will be closed Monday, September 7th for the observance of Labor Day.
- Accepting volunteers for the South Georgia Expo to be held at Central Square Complex, August 21st – August 22nd, 2015.
- The Wild Game Supper will be held on Thursday, August 20, 2015.

Chief Gary Casteloes informed the citizens that the Douglas Police Department will be encouraging citizens with motorized wheelchairs to come to the police department or call so they could be given a flag to place on the motorized chairs for safety. Also, the Citizens Police Academy will begin Thursday, August 13th.

MAYOR AND COMMISSION COMMENTS

Commissioner Dennis Josey expressed concern of citizens walking in the streets and not on the sidewalks. He suggested that the Police Department encourage citizens to use the sidewalks.

Commissioner Marty Swain asked everyone to keep Commissioner Pearson in their prayers.

Commissioner Bob Moore complimented Chief Casteloes and the Douglas Police Department for giving flags for safety precautions to those that are using motorized scooters.

Mayor Pro-Tem Richard Hutchinson reminded everyone that school has started and to be watchful of the kids and the school bus. He also thanked the citizens of Douglas.

Mayor James Dennis and Commissioner Marty Swain recognized Charlie Davis and the Finance Department for receiving the Government Finance Officers Association Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS

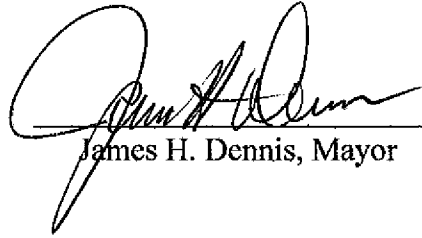
Mayor James Dennis stated the following:

- ✓ Encouraged all citizens to participate with the See Something, Say Something Campaign
- ✓ Encouraged the community to attend the South Ga Expo on August 21st -22nd
- ✓ Encouraged everyone to help keep the neighborhoods and areas clean and to take advantage of the Junk Free Drop Off
- ✓ Prayer Service will be held 8 p.m. August 10th (After Commission Meeting)
- ✓ Thanked the staff and Commission.
- ✓ Wished Commissioner Olivia Pearson a speedy recovery.

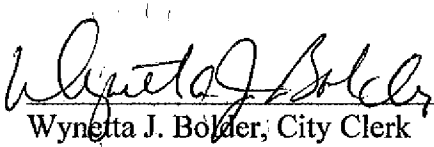
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ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss in the Regular Meeting, a motion was made to adjourn by Commissioner Bob Moore and seconded by Commissioner Ronnie Anderson. The meeting was adjourned at 7:33 P.M.



James H. Dennis, Mayor



Wynetta J. Bolder, City Clerk