

**MINUTES
MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
CITY OF DOUGLAS, GEORGIA
AUGUST 24, 2015**

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners was held on Monday, August 24, 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

Shanteryl Graham, Youth Minister of Macedonia Baptist Church 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.....August 10, 2015
Commission Meeting.....August 10, 2015

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

2015 MILLAGE TAX ORDINANCE-2ND READING

Jerome Adams, City Attorney conducted the second reading and public hearing of the 2015 Millage Tax Ordinance. **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.** Jerome Adams, City Attorney, proceeded to call for a public hearing. There were no comments from the public and public hearing was closed Mr. Adams stated that this ordinance was ready for action.

A **MOTION** was made by Commissioner Ronnie Anderson and seconded by Commissioner Dennis Josey. Motion carried **(5-0)**.

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SECOND READING OF THE AMENDED PRIVATE WELL ORDINANCE

City Attorney, Jerome Adams conducted the second reading of the amended Private Well Ordinance. **“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”** Jerome Adams stated that this ordinance was ready for action.

A **MOTION** was made by Commissioner Ronnie Anderson and seconded by Commissioner Bob Moore. Motion carried (5-0).

SECOND READING OF AMENDED SEMI-TRUCK ORDINANCE

City Attorney, Jerome Adams conducted the second reading of the amended Semi-Truck Ordinance. **“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”** Jerome Adams stated that this ordinance was ready for action.

A **MOTION** was made by Commissioner Richard Hutchinson and seconded by Commissioner Bob Moore. Motion carried (5-0).

APPROVAL FOR PURCHASE OF ONE (1) 2014 RAM 2500 TRUCK (POLICE)

Upon recommendation from Brannen Pruette, Deputy Police Chief, the Commission approved the purchase of one (1) used off-lease 2014 Ram 2500 Pickup truck with factory installed CNG in the amount of \$28,000 from Stallings Automotive, Inc. in Thomasville, GA. A **MOTION** was made by Commissioner Marty Swain and seconded by Commissioner Ronnie Anderson. Motion carried (5-0).

APPROVAL FOR PURCHASE OF TWO (2) JOHN DEERE3 Z930M ZTRAK ZERO TURN MOWERS-NO SUB

Upon recommendation from Stanley Merritt, Purchasing Agent, the Commission to accept the bid submitted for two (2) John Deere Z930M ZTrak Mowers from the bidder Lasseter Implements Inc. located in Douglas, GA, for a grand total of \$15,500.00 to be utilized by the Parks & Recreation Department. A **MOTION** was made by Commissioner Dennis Josey and seconded by Commissioner Ronnie Anderson. Motion carried (5-0).

APPROVAL FOR EMPLOYEE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM WITH UNISON

Upon recommendation from Judy Carter, Human Resources Director, the Commission approved the presented contract with Unison Behavioral Health for an Employee Assistance Program. A **MOTION** was made by Commissioner Bob Moore and seconded by Commissioner Ronnie Anderson. Motion carried (5-0).

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APPROVAL FOR GDC CONSTRUCTION LABOR CONTRACT

Upon recommendation from Terrey Fesperman, Vehicle Maintenance Director, the Commission approved the funding for and entered into a contract for the use of Georgia Department of Corrections labor as well as approved moving forward with the bid process for building materials to achieve a more accurate materials cost. A **MOTION** was made by Mayor Pro Tem Richard Hutchinson and seconded by Commissioner Bob Moore. Motion carried **(5-0)**.

STAFF COMMENTS

Georgia Henderson, Director of Public Information stated the following:

Thanked everyone for their participation for the success of the South Georgia Expo. She stated that a financial report will be presented at the next meeting.

- Community Junk Drop-Off Day, Saturday, September 19, 2015, 8 a.m. – noon located at Bryan Street Circle

Coffee County Historical Society:

- 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.

Community Events

- Qualifying for the Mayor and Commission elections will be held September 2nd – 4th.
- Hometown Harvest will be held October 29th, from 4 p.m. -7 p.m.
- Annual Christmas parade December 5th, at 6:30 p.m. the theme “Santa’s Workshop”
- City Hall will be closed Monday, September 7th for the observance of Labor Day.

MAYOR AND COMMISSION COMMENTS

Commissioner Ronnie Anderson announced his candidacy for re-election of Commission Ward 5.

Commissioner Dennis Josey complemented the food and the turn out of the Wild Game Supper.

Commissioner Marty Swain congratulated Georgia Henderson, Public Information Director and her staff for a job well done with the South Georgia Expo.

Commissioner Bob Moore announced his candidacy for re-election of Commission Ward 6.

Mayor Pro-Tem Richard Hutchinson stated that the Wild Game Supper was a success. He also stated that he appreciated the supporters of the South Georgia Expo.

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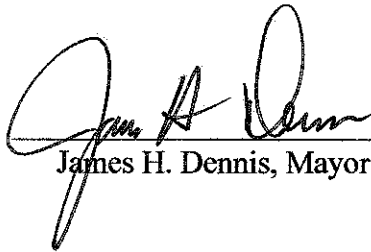
MAYOR'S COMMENTS

Mayor James Dennis stated the following:

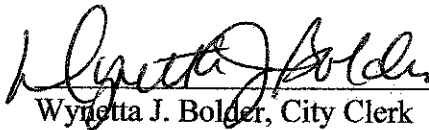
- ✓ Extended his condolences to Chief Casteloes and his family on the loss of his father.
- ✓ Encouraged all citizens to participate with the See Something, Say Something Campaign.
- ✓ Announced that the City of Douglas was awarded \$325,000.00 CDBG Grant from the Department of Community Affairs for water and sewer improvements for the city streets.
- ✓ Extended his thanks to the volunteers, participants, sponsors, city employees and Georgia Henderson and her staff for a great efforts of the South Georgia Expo.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss in the Regular Meeting, a motion was made to adjourn to the Utility Appeals Meeting by Commissioner Bob Moore and seconded by Commissioner Ronnie Anderson. The meeting was adjourned at 7:24 P.M.



James H. Dennis, Mayor



Wynetta J. Bolder, City Clerk

**UTILITY COMMISSION MEETING
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A Utility Commission Meeting was held on Monday, August 24, 2015, at 7:24 p.m. The meeting was convened in the Council Chambers of City Hall with Mayor James Dennis presiding. Mayor Pro-Tem Richard Hutchinson, Commissioners Ronnie Anderson, Dennis Josey, Bob Moore and Marty Swain were in attendance. Commissioner Olivia Pearson was absent.

Mike Hudson, Gas/Water and Wastewater Director; Lamar Hill, Electric Department; Wynetta Bolder, City Clerk; Amanda Gilliard, Customer Service Specialist; Terrell Jacobs, City Manager; Jerome Adams, City Attorney and Tommy Harrell, Customer Service Manager appeared before the Mayor and Commission to discuss and receive recommendations.

Tommy Harrell, Customer Service Manager, presented the following information:

Jessica Pearson-820 Bowens Mill Rd SE Apt C-23

Jessica Pearson, 820 Bowens Mill Rd SE Apt C-23, old account #: 210-06618-24 appeared before the Utility Appeals Commission due to high electric consumption. Ms. Pearson stated that it was told to her by Surrency Heating and Air Condition Company that there were issues with the coil and Freon having leaked out of the unit. Ms. Pearson requested to pay half of the bill with would be \$63.50 and the city assist with the remainder.

After discussing this issue, A **MOTION** was made by Mayor Pro Tem Richard Hutchinson for Ms. Pearson to pay \$63.50 and the city will adjust the remainder (\$63.50) and seconded by Commissioner Marty Swain. The following was in **favor of the motion**: Mayor James Dennis, Mayor Pro Tem Richard Hutchinson and Marty Swain. Commissioners Anderson, Josey and Moore were **against the motion (3-3) No Action taken**

A **MOTION** was made by Commissioner Marty Swain for Ms. Pearson to pay the amount of \$127.19 in 30 days, seconded by Commissioner Bob Moore. The following was in **favor of the motion**: Mayor Pro Tem Richard Hutchinson, Commissioner (s) Marty Swain, Dennis Josey and Bob Moore. Commissioners Ronnie Anderson voted **against the motion (4-1)**

B & J Personal Care (Dr. Jimmy Veal) 619 E. Bryan Street

Mr. Jimmy Veal 619 E. Bryan Street, account #: 308-10218-03 appeared before the Utility Appeals Commission due to high electric consumption. Tommy Harrell, Customer Manager stated that Water Department went to the residence and found there was still a leak in the personal bathroom toilet which is rarely used by Mr. Veal. Due to the city's policy no adjustment could be granted since the water went down the sewer line due to leaking toilet tanks. Mr. Veal requested an adjustment on water and sewer back to what he paid this time a year ago.


After discussing this issue, A **MOTION** was made by Commissioner Ronnie Anderson to deny the customer's request and for him to pay the bill in full and seconded by Commissioner Bob Moore. The following were against the motion: Mayor Pro Tem Richard Hutchinson, Dennis Josey and Marty Swain. **(2-3)**

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A **MOTION** was made by Commissioner Dennis Josey to adjust the water based on the average water consumption for 3 months, (adjustment amount \$592.41) and seconded by Commissioner Marty Swain. The following was in **favor of the motion**: Mayor Pro Tem Richard Hutchinson, Dennis Josey and Marty Swain. Commissioners Anderson, and Moore were **against the motion (3-2)**

ADJOURNMENT

With no other issues to discuss, a motion to adjourn the Utility Commission Meeting and enter into Regular Meeting was made by Commissioner Marty Swain and seconded by Commissioner Ronnie Anderson. A motion to adjourn the Regular Meeting was made by Commissioner Marty Swain and Commissioner Ronnie Anderson at 8:25 p.m.



James H. Dennis, Mayor



Wynetta J. Bolder, City Clerk