

**MINUTES**  
**MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
**CITY OF DOUGLAS, GEORGIA**  
**SEPTEMBER 28, 2015**

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners was held on Monday, September 28, 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, Ronnie Anderson and Olivia Pearson was present.

**CALLED TO ORDER**

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

**INVOCATION**

Father John Cummings, Pastor of St. Andrews Anglican 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 corrected in the Work Session.

Work Session	September 14, 2015
Commission Meeting	September 14, 2015

A **MOTION** to **unanimously** approve the minutes as corrected was made by Mayor Pro Tem Richard Hutchinson and seconded by Commissioner Dennis Josey. The motion **unanimously** carried (6-0).

**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 Bob Moore. The motion **unanimously** carried (6-0).

**POLICE OFFICERS OATH OF OFFICE**

Commander Bart McCulloch, Prof. Standards/Training introduced the newly hired Douglas Police Officers Jeffery Raulerson, and Christopher Youngblood, who graduated from the Police Academy on September 18, 2015. Both officers were formally sworn in by Mayor James Dennis.

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Jerome Adams, City Attorney, presented the 2<sup>nd</sup> reading of the revised Vested Death Benefit Ordinance.

**“AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND RESTATE THE RETIREMENT PLAN FOR THE EMPLOYEES OF THE CITY OF DOUGLAS, GEORGIA, IN ACCORDANCE WITH AND SUBJECT TO THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS SET FORTH IN THE ADOPTION AGREEMENT, ANY ADDENDUM TO THE ADOPTION AGREEMENT, THE GEORGIA MUNICIPAL ASSOCIATION SYSTEM (GMEBS) MASTER PLAN DOCUMENT AND THE GMEBS TRUST AGREEMENT”.**

The Commission **unanimously** approved to adopt the revised Vested Death Benefit Ordinance. A **MOTION** to approve was made by Commissioner Bob Moore and seconded by Commissioner Ronnie Anderson. The motion **unanimously** carried **(6-0)**.

**DISCUSSED AIRPORT COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS**

Upon recommendation from Donna Shrouder, Project Manager, the Commission approved the appointment of individuals to serve on the Airport Commission with their terms beginning October 1, 2015 and expiring September 30, 2018. A **Motion** to reappoint Don Brooks, Bryon Gillespie and Wayne McKinnon was made by Commissioner Dennis Josey and seconded by Commissioner Ronnie Anderson. Commissioner Olivia Pearson opposed the motion. **MOTION** carried **(5-1)**.

**DISCUSSED PURCHASE OF BACKUP SERVER FOR PD VIDEOS**

Upon recommendation from Charlie Davis, Finance Director/Assistant City Manager, the Commission approved the purchase of the dell backup server through our contract IT Company NCC in the amount of \$26,948.19 from the contingency account. A **MOTION** was made by Commissioner Marty Swain and seconded by Commissioner Bob Moore. The motion **unanimously** carried **(6-0)**.

**STAFF COMMENTS**

Georgia Henderson, Public Information Director

- Saturday, October 3<sup>rd</sup> there will be a book signing for Marsha Sears Tucker at Heritage Station Museum from 10am-4pm,
- CRMC will host a Health and Safety Fair on Saturday, October 3<sup>rd</sup> from 8:30a.m.-noon at the Central Square Gym.
- Let's Move Day will be held behind Coffee Career Academy, October 4<sup>th</sup> from 2pm-5pm
- October 4<sup>th</sup> -10<sup>th</sup> the City of Douglas will recognize Fire Prevention, Natural Gas, and Public Power Week. Also, Customer Care will host Customer Appreciation Day on Friday, October 9<sup>th</sup> from 11am-2pm at City Hall.
- Douglas Coffee County Parks and Recreation Department is holding early registration for Basketball through October 9<sup>th</sup>; regular registration will be held October 12<sup>th</sup> -30<sup>th</sup>, there will be a \$10 penalty for late registration.
- Community Junk Drop off Day will be held October 17<sup>th</sup> at Unity Park from 8am-12pm.

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**STAFF COMMENTS-CONTINUED**

- The Visitor Information Center will be offering Ghost Tales Tours the month of October at the Ashley Slater House from 5:15 p.m. - 6 p.m.
- Hometown Harvest Festival will be held on October 29<sup>th</sup> on the vacant lot next to City Hall from 4 p.m.-7:30 p.m.
- The City of Douglas is accepting registration for the Annual Festival of Lights Christmas Parade which will be held on Saturday December 5<sup>th</sup>. The theme for this year is Santa's Workshop.

**Gina Gibbs, Fitness Specialist**

- Water Aerobics will be held on Tuesdays and Thursday's beginning October 8<sup>th</sup> from 1:15-2:15 p.m. located at the South Georgia State College.
- Quilting 101 will be offered on October 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> on November 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>. Morning and evening classes offered. Call 383-7332 for more information.
- Kid's Kickboxing classes begin in October, every Tuesday, ages 6-12.
- Transformation Bootcamp is well underway.
- Gina introduced gentlemen from the Seventh Day Adventist Church that were offering free basketball and soccer camp for children 9-12 yrs.
- Let's Move Day will be held on October 4<sup>th</sup>.

**Mike Hudson, Gas Department Director**

- Announced that the Gas Department will be offering free pilot lighting for the month of October, M-F 8-5.

**COMMISSIONER UPDATES**

Commissioner Olivia Pearson thanked the gentlemen of the Seventh Day Adventist for their volunteered community support. She also thanked Georgia Henderson for making the announcement about Martha Sears Tucker's book signing and recommended that everyone go out to support her. Commissioner Olivia Pearson made the following announcements:

- Coffee County NAACP will be having a reorganization meeting on Tuesday September 29<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm at Pleasant Grove Baptist Church.
- SRBWI Justice League will be holding a community meeting on October 3, at 1:30 pm at the Gladys Coley Resource Center.

Commissioner Pearson wished to thank Reverend T.H. Braswell for coming to visit and pray for her during her recovery. Commissioner Pearson also expressed concerns of the Commission not considering individuals that are interested with serving on appointed committees. She stated if we are going to continue allowing the same individuals to serve we may need to reconsider advertising for the positions.

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**COMMISSIONER UPDATES-CONTINUED**

Commissioner Marty Swain welcomed the two new police officers to the City of Douglas Police Department.

Mayor Pro Tem Richard Hutchinson welcomed the two new police officers and thanked the gentlemen from the Seventh Day Adventist Church for partnering with the City of Douglas against child obesity.

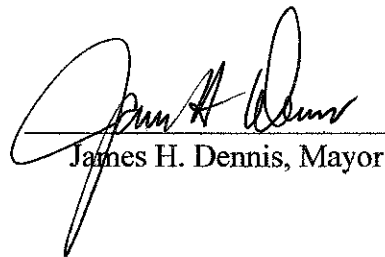
**MAYOR'S COMMENTS**

Mayor James Dennis stated the following:

- ✓ Community Day of Prayer at the Capital Announced will be held October 8, 2015, everyone is encouraged to attend.
- ✓ Encouraged all citizens to participate with the See Something, Say Something Campaign.
- ✓ Welcomed the two new officers to the City of Douglas.
- ✓ Thanked everyone that helped with the Hometown Connection.
- ✓ Encourages everyone to help keep the city clean
- ✓ Stated that there are a lot of activities going on in the City and hope everyone will take advantage of the opportunities.
- ✓ Thanked the staff and Commissioner for all they do for the City of Douglas.

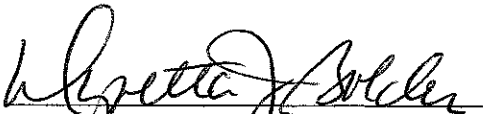
**ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business to discuss Commissioner Bob Moore made the **MOTION** to adjourn the Regular Session. The **MOTION** as seconded by Commissioner Dennis Josey. The Commission unanimously approved (**6-0**) and the meeting was adjourned at 7:35 PM.



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James H. Dennis, Mayor



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Wynetta J. Bolder City Clerk