

**MINUTES  
MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
CITY OF DOUGLAS, GEORGIA  
APRIL 11, 2016**

**A Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners was held on Monday, April 11, 2016 at 7:00 P.M. in the Council Chambers of City Hall with Mayor Tony L. Paulk presiding and Mayor Pro Tem Olivia Pearson, Mike Gowen, Kentaiwon Durham, Cindy McNeill and Johnnie Lee Roper Sr. were present. Commissioner Bob Moore was absent.**

**CALLED TO ORDER**

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Commission was called to order by Mayor Tony L. Paulk.

**INVOCATION**

Mayor Tony L. Paulk provided the invocation.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Coffee County NJROTC led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

**MINUTES ADOPTION**

The following minutes were unanimously approved as printed in the Work Session.

Work Session.....	March 28, 2016
Commission Meeting.....	March 28, 2016

A **MOTION** to **unanimously** approve the minutes as printed was made by Mayor Pro Tem Olivia Pearson and seconded by Commissioner Johnnie Roper. The motion carried **(6-0)**.

**APPROVAL OF THE ORDER OF THE AGENDA**

The Commission approved the order of the Agenda as presented in Work Session. A **MOTION** to approve the order of the Agenda was made by Mayor Pro Tem Olivia Pearson and seconded by Commissioner Johnnie Roper. The motion carried **(6-0)**.

**RECOGNITION OF EAGLE SCOUT CANDIDATE**

Mayor Tony L Paulk recognized Caleb Strom, who with assistance from family members, troop members, church members, and friends, designed and built a 9-hole Frisbee Golf Course at Wheeler Park. The course includes a detailed map of the course as well as an outdoor display board to protect the map from the elements. In addition to the display board and detailed map, the course has course markers that identifies each hole. This course was Caleb's project for his Eagle Scout designation.

**RECOGNITION OF THE CITY OF DOUGLAS LINEMEN**

Mike Hudson, Utility Director recognized the City of Douglas Lineman. April is National Lineman Month. We would like to take this opportunity to recognize all of our linemen who work tirelessly to make sure that our customers are taken care of and making sure the city continues to function with power.

We also want to commend them for working so hard to get power back on during the bad weather this past weekend. We appreciate them and all of their hard work. The City of Douglas will recognize our lineman with a luncheon on April 19, 2016.

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**APPROVAL OF THE PURCHASE OF SCADA LIFT STATION FOR WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT**

Upon recommendation from Stanley Merritt, Purchasing Agent, the Commission approved the purchase of one (1) SCADA lift station system from the low bid submitted by Pump & Process Equipment of St. Mary's, Georgia, for a total cost of \$34,899.00.

A **MOTION** was made by Commissioner Cindy McNeill and seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Olivia Pearson. The motion carried **(6-0)**.

**APPROVAL OF PURCHASE OF NEW 2016 KUBOTA RTV FOR PUBLIC WORKS**

Upon recommendation from Stanley Merritt, Purchasing Agent, the Commission approved the purchase of one (1) New Kubota RTV from the low bid submitted by Crosby Equipment of Douglas, Georgia for a grand total of \$15,200.00.

A **MOTION** was made by Commissioner Johnnie Lee Roper, Sr. and seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Olivia Pearson. The motion **carried (6-0)**.

**APPROVAL OF PURCHASE OF DOWNTOWN DECORATIVE LED LIGHTS**

Upon recommendation from Mike Hudson, Utilities Director, the Commission approved the purchase of 60 LED light heads and 8 LED Bollards for the Downtown area from Anixter Power Solutions LLC for a total price of \$72,344.00.

A **MOTION** was made by Commissioner Kentaiwon Durham and seconded by Commissioner Johnnie Lee Roper, Sr. The motion **carried (6-0)**.

**APPROVAL OF DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY APPOINTMENT**

Upon recommendation from Dale Batten, Community Development Director, the Commission approved the appointment of Johnny Wilkerson to the Downtown Development Authority to replace Mr. Francis Lott who recently resigned. His term will expire of December 31, 2018.

A **MOTION** was made by Commissioner Cindy McNeill and seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Olivia Pearson. The motion carried **(6-0)**.

**APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF GDOT CONTRACT - AIRPORT PROJECTS**

Upon recommendation from Dale Batten, Community Development Director, the Commission approved a Resolution authorizing Mayor Tony L. Paulk to execute DOT Contract No. AP016-9029-30(069) for costs associated with the Crack Sealing and Remarking of Airfield; Design of T-Hangar Site Work and Apron Expansion at the Douglas Municipal Gene Chambers Airport in the amount up to \$256,261.00; of which FAA will fund up to \$246,403.00; GDOT will fund up to \$9,858.00; and authorized local match in the amount up to \$17,520.25 to be funded with SPLOST V Funds, for a total project cost estimate at \$273,781.25.

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**APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF GDOT CONTRACT - AIRPORT PROJECTS CONTINUED**

A **MOTION** was made by Commissioner Cindy McNeill and seconded by Commissioner Johnnie Lee Roper, Sr. The motion carried **(6-0)**.

**APPROVAL OF TEMPORARY APPLICATION FEE WAIVER FOR ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE**

Upon recommendation from Georgia Henderson, Public Information Director, the Commission approved to waive the \$500 temporary alcohol beverage vendor application fee for Mr. Brian Norris, dba Rockdog Entertainment, in exchange for his sponsorship of the entertainment segment of the South Georgia BBQ & Outdoor Festival.

A **MOTION** was made by Commissioner Cindy McNeill and seconded by Commissioner Kentaiwon Durham. The motion carried **(6-0)**.

**APPROVAL TO ALLOW SUNDAY SALES OF ALCHOLIC BEVERAGES REFERENDUM**

Upon recommendation from Terrell Jacobs, City Manager, the commission approved to allow Sunday sales of alcohol to be placed on the referendum at a date and time set by Mayor and Commission in a relationship to giving the citizens the opportunity to vote on the item at a later date.

A **MOTION** was made by Mayor Pro Tem Oliva Pearson and seconded by Commissioner Johnnie Lee Roper, Sr. The motion carried **(6-0)**.

**STAFF COMMENTS**

Georgia Henderson, Public Information Director, announced the following:

- Southern Home Vintage Market was a success and well organized
- Georgia Cities Week next week (Go To Town)
- Community Drop off/ Tire Amnesty Day Saturday 16<sup>th</sup>
- Spring Junk Free Week beginning Saturday 16<sup>th</sup>
- Customer Appreciation Day Friday April 22<sup>nd</sup>
- Downtown Spring sidewalk sales on April 22-23
- Dancing with The Stars event held by Boys and Girls Club
- Coffee County Historical Exhibit (Remembering Coffee County Centennial) open to public Thursday and Friday 10:00-4:00p and Saturday 10:00-2:00p
- The Main Street has been nominated to participate in the American Main Street Contest. Voting is open until April 24th
- Fire Department is hiring for full time fireman until April 13th
- Yard of the month program
- Open House Master Plan April 26<sup>th</sup> 4:00-7:30pm

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**COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS**

Commissioner Gowen stated he would like to commend the electric department and all that they do with all the bad weather we have had this past week.

Commissioner McNeill stated she would like to reiterate on the Southern Vintage Home Market and that she was able to attend and commended the workers involved. She also stated she and Commissioner Roper attended a ribbon cutting in Broxton "Doc Hill Farms" and hope it brings a lot of new people to our community. She encourages everyone to show up for the Dancing with the Stars.

Commissioner Durham stated that we are in the month of April and approaching Prom and Graduation for High School students and would like for them to be safe. He stated he enjoyed the young people event he was invited to "Southside Day" at Roundtree Park and was happy to see the community getting along in the mist of all the violence and really enjoyed himself.

Commissioner Roper stated that we are doing wonderful in the city and he is pleased to see the progress in the City of Douglas. He stated the senior citizens are very important and the senior center has begun to prepare the garden for good therapy for the senior citizens.

Mayor Pro Tem Pearson reiterated on what Commissioner Roper spoke of with the senior citizens in our community. She also stated she is glad to be back this week due to dealing with some health issues. She felt great about the city approaching a balanced budget. She stated it is very important to participate in the Georgia Cities week. She also wanted to commend the Eagle Scout Caleb Strom and the Lineman.

**MAYOR'S COMMENTS**

Mayor Tony Paulk stated he would like to thank all the employees, City Manager and Attorney Jerome Adams. He wants to encourage all women on Mother's Day to encourage the male loved ones in their lives to be mindful of their health and get a checkup. He also reiterated on High School Prom and Graduation and the students being mindful and smart due to there being a lot of accidents around this time of year.

**ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business to discuss, Mayor Pro Tem Olivia Pearson made the **MOTION** to adjourn the Regular Meeting, and entered into Utility Appeals. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Johnnie Lee Roper, Sr. The Commission approved **(6-0)** to adjourn the regular meeting at 7.50 PM.

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Tony L. Paulk, Mayor

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Nicole L Rose, Customer Care Specialist