

**MINUTES
MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
CITY OF DOUGLAS, GEORGIA
OCTOBER 24, 2016**

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners was held on Monday, October 24, 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, Commissioners Bob Moore, Mike Gowen, Cindy McNeill and Johnnie Lee Roper Sr. were present. Commissioner Kentaiwon Durham was absent due to a personal event.

CALLED TO ORDER

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Commission was called to order by Mayor Tony L. Paulk. *Mayor Paulk acknowledged Coffee County Commissioner Oscar Paulk who was seated in the audience.*

INVOCATION

Reverend Chris Calhoun, St. Mark Methodist Church, provided the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Lieutenant Commander Ortiz and Lieutenant Jr. Grade Metz with the Coffee County NJROTC.

APPROVAL OF THE ORDER OF THE AGENDA

The Commission approved the order of the Agenda as printed. A **MOTION** to **unanimously** approve the order of the Agenda was made by Commissioner Bob Moore and seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Olivia Pearson. The motion **carried (5-0)**.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

- **MINUTES ADOPTION-OCTOBER 10, 2016**
- **APPROVAL OF THE PURCHASE OF THREE (3) 2017 DODGE CHARGERS AND TWO (2) DODGE DURANGO'S**
- **APPROVAL OF THE WEST-SIDE SEWER REHAB SPLOST V PROJECT**
- **APPROVAL OF THE NORTH-SIDE SEWER REHAB SPLOST V PROJECT**
- **APPROVAL OF THE PURCHASE OF GEAR BOXES FOR AERATORS A1 & A6 AT WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT**
- **APPROVAL OF THE UTILITY COMMITTEE APPROVALS FOR SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCE WATER/SEWER EVENTS**
- **APPROVAL OF THE WAIVER OF C.E. WEIR FACILITY USAGE FEE**
- **APPROVAL OF THE PROPOSED CHARTER AMENDMENTS (WITH ONLY THE VACANSY PROVISION IN PLACE)**

A MOTION to approve all **Consent Agenda** Items listed above as discussed in the Work Session was made by Commissioner Cindy McNeill and seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Olivia Pearson. The motion carried (5-0).

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FIRST READING-AMENDMENT TO WRECKER & TOWING ORDINANCE

City Attorney Jerome Adams conducted the first reading of an ordinance amending the City of Douglas Wrecker and Towing Services Ordinance, and after properly advertising caption as required under the Charter of the City of Douglas, Georgia, the second reading and public hearing will be held on November 14, 2016. **“AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CITY OF DOUGLAS CODE OF ORDINANCES, WRECKER AND TOWING SERVICES; TO PROVIDE FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”**

No action taken at this time.

STAFF COMMENTS

Georgia Henderson, Public Information Director, announced the following:

- Update on the 63rd AAF-FTD Reunion, that was held October 19th -22nd
- Announced the 63rd AAF-FTD Reunion will return next year
- Douglas Natural Gas will offer free pilot lite promotion for the month of October
- Senior Citizens Incentives-10.00 off utilities and the Weatherization Program
- Iron Road will be closed for approximately 5 weeks
- Customer Service Appreciation- Prizes and 6 individual names will be drawn for a \$100 credit towards their utility bill
- Annual Hometown Harvest, October 27th
- Community Thanksgiving Spectacular, November 19th
- Distribution of Toys will be December 17th
- Martin Centre- “Carn Evil” October 14th -31st and the Winston Slade Concert, November 5th, 7 p.m.
- Southern Home Vintage Market, November 4th and 5th
- Registration for the 53rd Annual Festival of Lights Parade
- Jobs-Fulltime Police Officer and a Senior Lineman
- Bids-RFP Underground Fueling Station, Martin Centre Exterior Painting, and the Mingledorf Water Main Extension

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GENERAL COMMENTS

Selena Wilson-Nelson appeared before the Commission stating that last year she attended a Prayer Vigil and was assaulted by the Chief of Police and two other officers. She requested an update to see what was going to be done.

Mayor Paulk stated that this would be turned over to the City Manager and the City Attorney and they will respond to her.

Ms. Nelson stated that she has spoken to the City Manager and the GBI.

Mr. Jacobs stated this matter has been looked into regarding the situation. He will have some information for the Commission concerning the outcome and if the investigation has been concluded by the end of this week or the beginning of next week.

COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS

Commissioner Gowen thanked employees and commission with their help and patience with learning his duties as a Commissioner. He stated that he had the opportunity to interact with the cadets of the 63rd AAF-FTD Reunion. Commissioner Gowen expressed his concerns regarding the Sunday Alcohol Sales. He commended Dominic LaRiccica for his stand against the Sunday Alcohol Sales that will be presented on the ballot. Commissioner Gowen also expressed his concerns with Amendment #1(transferring control of failing schools to the state). He concluded by encouraging everyone to vote.

Commissioner McNeill commended the City Staff and the Airport Authority for their hospitality with the 63rd AAF-FTD Reunion. She also announced the One-Cry Douglas, Prayer Group will be held at the First Baptist Church, November 1st.

Mayor Pro Tem Pearson announced she celebrated her 55th birthday on last Sunday. She also gave her condolences to the following families of the late Eunice Robinson, late James Turk, late George Pryor, and Tony Ward (loss of his mother). She thanked the staff for a great job with the 63rd AAF-FTD Reunion. She stated she was excited with the upcoming events such as the Thanksgiving Spectacular and the musical. Mayor Pro Tem Pearson reiterated what was spoken concerning the Sunday Alcohol Sales and Amendment #1. She encouraged everyone to read, and research the amendments that are on the ballots. She concluded by commending Pastor Dawn Jones and the Bethel Church for hosting the Gathering of Eagles event.

Commissioner Moore spoke about the 63rd AAF-FTD Reunion and how much he enjoyed the event.

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COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS-CONTINUED

Commissioner Roper expressed his concerns with Amendment #1 that appears on the ballot as well as other issues in the political arena.

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

City Manager Terrell Jacobs suggested that citizens take advantage of the Halloween festivities such as the Hometown Harvest. He informed everyone that the Police Department will set-up strategic planning in neighborhoods such as the Golf Club and other neighborhoods that are known for high traffic trick or treaters.

Commissioner McNeill announced Passionately Pink, Thursday October 27th.

Terrell Jacobs, City Manager announced the newly appointed Fire Chief Larry Wilson.

Fire Chief Larry Wilson appeared before the Commission to thank them for the opportunity. He stated to the citizens he will do his best to make everyone proud.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS

Mayor Tony Paulk stated that the following:

- Amendment #1 -Concerns with allowing the State to run Public Schools
- Sunday Alcohol Sales-Allowing citizens to have a voice
- Parks & Recreation serving the kids in the community
- 460 children playing football and cheering with the Recreation Department
- Involvement with the Boys and Girls Scout Troops
- Involvement with the Boys and Girls Club
- Involvement of the JROTC
- Success of Kayla Day
- 2nd grade students of Eastside Elementary visit to City Hall
- Mayor's visit and the signing of a proclamation to the Head-start Program

Mayor Paulk announced the following:

- Churches participating with the Christmas Parade
- Christmas Thanksgiving Spectacular
- Preparing for Veterans Day, November 11th
- MLK Event in January
- Encouraged citizens to contribute to the Miracle Park

Mayor Paulk concluded by stating that it is an honor to govern the City of Douglas and his one goal is to listen to everyone and make the best decision he can possibly make with this Commission.

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ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, Mayor Tony Paulk adjourned the Regular Meeting at 8:00 p.m.

/s/ _____
Tony L. Paulk, Mayor

/s/ _____
Wynetta J. Bolder, Certified Municipal Clerk