

**MINUTES
MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
CITY OF DOUGLAS
APRIL 13, 2009**

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners was held on Monday, April 13, 2009, at 7:00P.M. in the Council Chambers of City Hall with Mayor Jackie L. Wilson presiding and Mayor Pro Tem Ronnie Anderson, Commissioners Johnnie Lee Roper, Robert Moore, Dennis Josey, Marty Swain and Olivia Pearson present.

INVOCATION

The invocation was given by Donald Carver, Electric Department Director.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag was led by Coffee County High JROTC Lieutenant Jr. Grade Reives and Harrison.

MINUTE ADOPTION

The following minutes were unanimously approved:

**Work Session..... March 23, 2009
Commission Meeting.....March 23, 2009**

Commissioner Bob Moore made the motion for approval and Commissioner Dennis Josey seconded the motion.

APPROVAL OF THE ORDER OF THE AGENDA

The Commission unanimously approved to accept the order of the agenda.

Commissioner Dennis Josey made the motion for approval and Mayor Pro Tem Ronnie Anderson seconded the motion.

FIRST READING OF THE REZONING ORDINANCE OF PROPERTY AT 1120 W. BAKER HWY FROM R-3 TO B-2

The Commission heard the first reading of **AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF DOUGLAS, GEORGIA, CHANGING THE ZONING ON CERTAIN PROPERTY IN THE CITY OF DOUGLAS, GEORGIA LOCATED AT 1120 WEST BAKER HWY FROM R-3, RESIDENTIAL TO B-2, GENERAL BUSINESS, LAND OF CORY CARTER.** The second reading will be held on May 11, 2009.

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APPROVAL OF THE ROAD BLOCKS FOR 2009 NATIONAL BBQ FESTIVAL

Upon recommendation from Georgia Henderson, Central Services Director, the Commission approved the streets in the downtown area to be blocked for the purpose of advance setup for the National BBQ Festival. All streets and parking lots will be blocked from dawn Wednesday, October 28th through, dawn on Sunday, November 1st. Pearl Avenue, from Bryan Street to railroad track, will not be blocked until 5pm on Friday, October 30, 2009, to allow access to City Hall.

- Bryan Street (From Madison to above Coffee)**
- Corner of Bryan & Pearl**
- Pearl Avenue (From Ashley through Central Square)**
- Pearl Avenue (Friday at 5:00pm, Bryan to across Railroad Track)**
- Central Square Parking Lot**
- Public Parking Lot adjacent to Central Square (by Gazebo)**
- Public Parking Lot next to Douglas Video**

Commissioner Olivia Pearson made a motion for approval and Commissioner Marty Swain seconded the motion.

**APPROVAL OF ALUMINUM SULFATE LIQUID BID
(WATER/WASTEWATER)**

Upon recommendation from Jerald Guthrie, Purchasing Director, the Commission approved to reject the low and only bid for the commercial grade aluminum sulfate liquid.

Commissioner Marty Swain made a motion for approval and Commissioner Johnnie Lee Roper seconded the motion.

APPROVAL OF DIGITAL COPY MACHINES LEASES

Upon recommendation from Jerald Guthrie, Purchasing Director, the Commission unanimously approved to accept the total low bid/36 months leases for the following copier machines from Oce of Waycross, Georgia, based on the total low monthly lease and maintenance cost per copy. The City of Douglas will own the copiers at the end of the 36 months lease period

<u>Vendor:</u>	<u>Location:</u>	<u>Monthly Lease Bid</u>	<u>Monthly Max Estimated (e) Usage and Lease Bid</u>
Océ	Central Services	\$ 410.14	\$ 592.11 (e)
	City Hall (West Hall)	\$ 96.53	\$ 125.69 (e)
	City Hall (Mail Room)	\$ 226.33	\$ 374.33 (e)
	Recreation	\$ 240.00	\$ 407.50 (e)
	Police	\$ 96.53	\$ 125.69 (e)
	TOTAL MONTHLY:	<u>\$1,069.53</u>	<u>\$1,625.32 (e)</u>

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Mayor Pro Tem Ronnie Anderson made a motion for approval and Commissioner Marty Swain seconded the motion.

APPROVAL OF DIGITAL COMMUNICATION UPGRADES

Upon recommendation from Charles Davis, Assistant City Manager, the Commission unanimously approved the proposed Communication Upgrades as proposed by Hasty's Communications as stated in the equipment listing and the land/tower agreement. The upgrades will (1) rebuild our gutted communication system, (2) replace the old analog with modern digital hardware/software, (3) meet the 12.5 and 6.25 Khz channel requirements, and (4) increase the range of our communication system with a tower (to be located in the Jardine Park area on the bottom side of the old rv/camper site). The City gave specs of the design/requirements to both Two Way Communications and Hasty's Communications. Hasty's Communications was the only company that responded and met the City's specs/requirements.

The land/tower agreement will be for 25 years. The City has the option/right to opt out at any time if the City's expectations are not met. Roger Johnson reviewed the FAA approved tower site and had no problem with the tower location. The City Attorney and GMA have reviewed the land/tower agreement.

Mayor Pro Tem Ronnie Anderson made a motion for approval and Commissioner Marty Swain seconded the motion.

APPROVAL OF 2009 COPS HIRING RECOVERY PROGRAM GRANT

Upon recommendation from Dale Batten, Community Development Director, the Commission unanimously approved a Resolution authorizing 1) Mayor Jackie L. Wilson to execute an application for a COPS hiring Recovery Program Grant from the United States Department of Justice, Office of Community Oriented Policing Services in an amount up to \$133,887 to enable the hiring of three (3) new police officers for the Douglas Police Department, and 2) the Mayor to execute the necessary documents if the grant is approved and the staff of the Department of Community Development to administer the grant.

Mayor Pro Tem Ronnie Anderson made a motion for approval and Commissioner Johnnie Lee Roper seconded the motion.

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**APPROVAL OF 2009 EDWARD BYRNE MEMORIAL JUSTICE ASSISTANCE
GRANT**

Upon recommendation from Dale Batten, Community Development Director, the Commission approved a resolution that 1) authorizes Mayor Jackie L. Wilson to execute an application for Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant from the United States Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance, in an amount up to \$13,741.00 to purchase in-car video and laptop systems for police cruisers, and 2) the Mayor to execute the necessary documents if the grant is approved and the staff of the Department of Community Development to administer the grant.

Mayor Pro Tem Ronnie Anderson made a motion for approval and Commissioner Johnnie Lee Roper seconded the motion.

GENERAL COMMENTS

Terrell Jacobs, City Manager, stated a town hall meeting concerning utility bills will be held Tuesday at 6:00pm, April 21, 2009 at the C. E. Weir Center.

Georgia Henderson, Central Services Director, announced the events that would be held April 20-24, for the Georgia Cities Week. Mrs. Henderson encouraged the community to participate in these events.

Commissioner Johnnie Lee Roper requested for the Public Works extend the hours for the City Clean up to accommodate the working citizens.

It was the consensus to extend the hours on Saturday from 8am to 5pm.

Terrell Jacobs, City Manager commended the employees for their participation in helping during the storm.

Commissioner Bob Moore commended the City Manager in organizing the efforts during the storm.

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ADJOURNMENT

With there being no further business to discuss, a motion was made to adjourn by Commissioner Bob Moore, and seconded by Commissioner Dennis Josey. The Commission unanimously approved to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 7:24 p.m.

Jackie L. Wilson, Mayor

Wynetta J. Bolder, City Clerk