

**MINUTES
MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
OCTOBER 12, 2009**

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners was held on Monday, October 12, 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, Marty Swain, Dennis Josey and Olivia Pearson present.

INVOCATION

The invocation was given by Mayor Jackie L. Wilson.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag was led by Chief Moya with the Coffee County JROTC School System.

MINUTE ADOPTION

The following minutes were unanimously approved upon amending the following **(The Mayor and Commission approved a budgeted amount up to \$57,420.00 for the purchase of two in-stock police cars if the cars from Akins noted above are sold before receiving):**

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Commissioner Bob Moore made the motion for approval and Commissioner Johnnie Lee Roper seconded the motion.

APPROVAL OF THE ORDER OF THE AGENDA

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

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

PRESENTATION OF GED GRADUATE/TIM GAY

The Mayor and Commission recognized Tim Gay with the Recreational Department, on receiving his GED from East Central Technical College.

APPROVAL OF BID FOR FIRE SUITS/FIRE DEPARTMENT

Upon recommendation from Jerald Guthrie the Mayor and Commission unanimously approved the low bid for 15 new Haz-Mat suits from Global Protection of West Berlin, New Jersey for a grand total of \$10,339.08.

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

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APPROVAL OF POLE ATTACHMENT AGREEMENT

Upon recommendation from Donald Carver, Electric Director the City Commission unanimously approved the Pole Attachment License Agreement for Distribution Poles between The City of Douglas and Charter Communications and authorize Mayor Wilson to execute the contracts.

Commissioner Bob Moore made a motion for approval and Commissioner Johnnie Lee Roper made the second.

APPROVAL OF SECOND REPLACEMENT AMENDMENT TO THE MUNICIPAL COMPETITIVE TRUST

Upon recommendation from Donald Carver, Electric Department, the Mayor and Commission unanimously approved the execution and delivery of a Second Replacement Amendment to the Municipal Competitive Trust and authorize Mayor Wilson to execute the Amendment.

Commissioner Bob Moore made the motion for approval and Commissioner Marty Swain seconded the motion.

APPROVAL FIRST AMENDMENT TO THE AMENDED /RESTATED COMBINED CYCLE POWER SALES CONTRACT

Upon recommendation from Donald Carver, Electric Director, the Mayor and Commission unanimously approved the resolution authorizing the execution and delivery of the First Amendment to the Amended and Restated Combined Cycle Power and authorize Mayor Wilson to execute the Amendment.

Commissioner Bob Moore made a motion for approval and Mayor Pro Tem Ronnie Anderson made the second.

APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION AUTHORIZATION FOR OFFICIALS TO EXECUTE DOCUMENTS FOR CHIP, CDBG AND STIMULUS '09 GRANTS

Upon recommendation from Dale Batten, Community Development Director, the Mayor and Commission unanimously approved resolutions authorizing the Mayor, Mayor Pro Tem, City Clerk, and Deputy City Clerk to sign necessary documents in the administration of the CHIP Grant # 09m-x-034-2-6026, CDBG Down Payment Assistance Grant No. 09h-x-034-2-5154, and the Economic Development Stimulus Grant No. 09-cr-5106 and authorized automatic deposit bank accounts to the SunTrust Bank of Coffee County for each of the grants.

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

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**APPROVAL OF DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
APPOINTMENT**

Upon recommendation from Dale Batten, Community Development Director, the Mayor and Commission unanimously authorized Mayor Jackie L. Wilson to execute contract for DOT Project No. PRC10-S010-00 (531) for grading, drainage, base, surfacing, curb and gutter for Gaskin Avenue Phase II, beginning at CSX Railroad and ending 375 feet north of Walker Street in the amount of \$500,00.

Commissioner Olivia Pearson made a motion for approval and Commissioner Dennis Josey made the second.

**APPROVAL OF 2009 FEMA ASSISTANCE TO FIREFIGHTERS GRANT
PROGRAM, FIRE PREVENTION & SAFETY GRANT**

Upon recommendation from Dale Batten, Community Development Director, the Mayor and Commission unanimously approved a resolution authorizing Mayor Jackie L. Wilson to execute, on behalf of the City of Douglas, the Assistance to Firefighter Grant Program, Fire Prevention and Safety Grant application from the Federal Emergency Management Agency to purchase fire prevention and safety training equipment in an amount up to \$15,200, authorize \$800 in matching funds from the Fire Department's Fy'10 budget, and authorize Mayor Wilson to execute the necessary documents upon grant approval.

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

APPROVAL OF PERSONNEL POLICY REVISIONS

Upon recommendation from Judy Carter, Human Resource Director, the Mayor and Commission unanimously approved policy revisions made to the Personnel Policy for the City of Douglas for the following policies:

1. Salary Advances- Policy #016
2. Time Sheets – Policy #027 – Delete
3. Awards Program – Policy #063 – Delete
4. Tobacco Use Policy – Policy #090

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

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APPROVAL OF WATER & WASTEWATER MASTER PLAN

Upon recommendation from Ernest Crussel, Water and Wastewater Director, the Mayor and Commission unanimously approved to adopt the Water and Wastewater Master Plan as submitted by JJ&G.

Commissioner Dennis Josey made a motion for approval and Commissioner Olivia Pearson made the second.

APPROVAL OF TO ADVERTISE FOR THE ETHICS COMMITTEE

Upon recommendation from Terrell Jacobs, City Manager, the Mayor and Commission unanimously approved to advertise for three (3) positions, along with qualification, to serve on the Ethics Committee on Channel 13 for two weeks.

Commissioner Bob Moore made a motion for approval and Commissioner Johnnie Lee Roper made the second.

APPROVAL OF SIGNAGE ISSUE

Ray Parker brought forth a request from Ben Dockery to waive the provision of the ordinance to allow him to put up an off premise sign at the intersection of Gaskin Ave and State Route 135. The City of Douglas ordinance prohibits off premise sign within 500 feet, this sign will be within 420 feet of another off premise sign. Therefore, staff denies request because it would be violation of the zoning ordinance.

A motion made by Commissioner Johnnie Lee Roper and seconded by Commissioner Marty Swain to waive the zoning ordinance and allow Mr. Dockery to install the sign was unanimously approved.

APPROVAL OF RESCHEDULING OF UPCOMING COMMISSION MEETINGS

Upon recommendation from Terrell Jacobs, City Manager, the Mayor and Commission unanimously approved the following:

1. Not to reschedule the October 26th Commission Meeting
2. Not to reschedule the November 23rd Commission Meeting.
3. Reschedule December 28th Meeting for Monday, December 21st
4. Reschedule January 25, 2010 Meeting for Thursday, January 28th.

Commissioner Bob Moore made a motion for approval and Commissioner Olivia Pearson made the second.

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**APPROVAL OF DESIGNATING ERNEST CRUSSEL TO SERVE ON THE
LOCAL GOVERNMENT ADVISORY WATER COUNCIL**

Upon recommendation from Terrell Jacobs, City Manager, the Mayor and Commission unanimously approved designate Ernest Crussel to serve on the Local Government Advisory Body Regional Water Planning Council for the Georgia Statewide Water Management Plan.

Commissioner Johnnie Lee Roper made a motion for approval and Commissioner Olivia Pearson made the second.

COMMENTS

Georgia Henderson, Community Service Director informed the public on the following events:

The Heritage Museum will present a Cotton Exhibit, October 15, 2009. The guest speaker will be Ben Evans.

Alice in Wonderland tickets will be on sell October 16- 18, 2009

Customer Appreciation Day October 23, 2009

The City of Douglas will have a Co-Ed Softball Tournament for the Shop with a Cop and the Mayor's Motorcade October 24, 2009.

Lynn Gaskins, acknowledged the great work of the water department.

Commissioner Johnnie Lee Roper expressed concern for the young people using cell phones while walking in the middle of the highway. Commissioner Roper also asked if the parents could make sure our young people are in school during the day. Commissioner Roper stated that while the job market is slow, young people should consider enlisting in the Navy to further their education.

Mayor Pro Tem Ronnie Anderson expressed concern from the citizens on how the city will deal with Halloween in their neighborhoods.

Chief Casteloes stated that he has discussed this situation with the police staff. Day shift will stay over to help with traffic in the different areas of town. Chief Casteloes also asked citizens to discontinue in giving out candy at 9:00pm.

Commissioner Olivia Pearson thanked the Citizens and Commission for everything that was done during her and her families' time of bereavement.

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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 Mayor Pro Tem Ronnie Anderson. The Mayor and Commission unanimously approved to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 7:30 p.m.

Jackie L. Wilson, Mayor

Wynetta J. Bolder, City Clerk