

**MINUTES
WORK SESSION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
CITY OF DOUGLAS, GEORGIA
JANUARY 10, 2022**

A Work Session of the Board of Commissioners was held on Wednesday, January 10, 2022, at 6:00 p.m. at the C. E. Weir Center. Mayor Tony L. Paulk was presiding, and Mayor Pro Tem Edwin Taylor, Commissioners Cindy McNeill, Kentaiwon Durham, Olivia Pearson and Mike Gowen were present.

REVIEW OF DECEMBER 29, 2021 MEETINGS MINUTES

The first business item presented by Mayor Tony L. Paulk was to review the minutes from December 13, 2021 (W.S./Reg Minutes) of the Board Commissioners. Mayor Tony L. Paulk requested that the Commissioners offer any changes so that the City Clerk could correctly record the minutes for historical data.

Commissioner Pearson stated she had not read the minutes or the agenda therefore she did not agree for this item to be placed on the consent at this time.

It was the consensus of the Commission to move this item forward on the **Regular Agenda**

DISCUSSED AND APPROVAL OF THE BUDGET RATIFICATION TO PURCHASE UNIFORMS FOR THE 2022 YOUTH BASKETBALL SEASON

Stevie Young, Parks and Recreation Director appeared before the Mayor and Commission to approve the ratification of the budget to purchase uniforms for the 2022 youth basketball season.

Mr. Young stated that there was a need for an emergency purchase of youth basketball jerseys for the 2022 season. The approved vendor did not acquire uniforms as agreed upon.

It was the consensus of the Commission to move this item forward on the **Consent Agenda**

DISCUSSED AND APPROVAL OF THE GREENWAY TRAIL PHASE IV BID

Mike Hudson, Utilities Director, appeared before the Mayor and Commission to seek approval to complete the Greenway Trail Project.

Mr. Hudson stated that after being properly advertised, the bid for the Greenway Trail Phase IV was opened on November 8, 2021 at 2:30 pm. There were three companies requesting plans and only had one company turn in a bid (S & S Asphalt and Concrete, East Coast Asphalt LLC, and Douglas Electrical & Plumbing Company). Douglas Electrical & Plumbing Company turned in a bid in the amount of \$262,948.84. Jacob Lott reviewed the bid and all line items were figured and totaled correctly. The City of Douglas entered into a negotiation phase with Douglas Electrical & Plumbing Company and we were able to get a revised price on December 21, 2021 in the amount of \$243,633.49 (\$19,315.35 less). Mr. Hudson attached all documents relating to this bid for review.

It was the consensus of the Commission to move this item forward on the **Consent Agenda**

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GENERAL COMMENTS

Michael Newton, 1402 Adams Street, addressed the Commission regarding the remaining funds of the first distribution of the ARPA funds.

Commissioner Pearson stated that this council request a total unified report all monies that were received of the 2.3 million dollars that were spent. Commissioner Pearson also stated that she knows there is another 2.3 million coming and she does not want a rush job. She wants stated specifically what people need to have to apply, especially how to include the elderly, disable and handicapped so they can know how to request this money.

Commissioner Pearson expressed concern of citizens not being able to get in touch with the City Manager's office. Commissioner Pearson stated that the citizens have tried to contact her but Commissioner Pearson phone has her phone has been out of operations for a couple of weeks. Also, she spoke regarding the condition of the home of Ms. Mattie Lee Freeman.

Wynetta Bolder, City Clerk informed Commission that due to the high numbers of Covid, there is a shortage of trans waste drivers and this may delay trash pickup around the city.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further discussion, the work session meeting adjourned at 6:33 p.m.


Wynetta J. Bolder, CMC


Mayor Tony L. Paulk