

**MINUTES**  
**WORK SESSION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
**CITY OF DOUGLAS, GEORGIA**  
**JULY 24, 2023**

**The Board of Commissioners held a Work Session on Thursday, July 24, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. at the City Hall Council Chambers. Mayor Tony L. Paulk was presiding over the meeting. Commissioners Steve Bailey, Mike Gowen, Edwin Taylor, Kentaiwon Durham and Cindy McNeill were present. Mayor Pro Tem Olivia Pearson was absent.**

**REVIEW OF JULY 13, 2023, MEETINGS MINUTES**

The first business item presented by Mayor Tony Paulk was to review the minutes from July 13, 2023 (W.S./Reg Minutes) of the Board Commissioners. Mayor Paulk requested that the Commissioners offer any changes so that the City Clerk could correctly record the minutes for historical data.

The Commission's consensus was to move this item forward on the **Consent Agenda**.

**DISCUSSED APPROVAL FOR THE APPLICATION FOR AN ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LICENSE AND CONDUCTED A PUBLIC HEARING FOR TAQUERIA LOS TRES GARCIA LLC, THE TACO PLACE**

Georgia Henderson, Community Development Director, appeared before the Commission to seek approval to conduct a public hearing and support the issuance of an alcoholic beverage license for Taqueria Los Tres Garcia LLC, d.b.a. The Taco Place.

Mrs. Henderson stated that Taqueria Los Tres Garcia LLC, d.b.a. the Taco Place, located at 306 S. Peterson Ave, Douglas, Georgia, has applied for an alcoholic beverage license for on-premises liquor, beer, and wine consumption. Elver Garcia is the sole officer for Taqueria Los Tres Garcia, LLC, and he meets all qualifications set forth by the city ordinance. The Taco Place restaurant is exempt from all distance measurement requirements per city ordinance.

The Commission agreed to move this item forward on the **Regular Agenda**.

**DISCUSSED APPROVAL OF THE APPEAL OF THE DENIAL OF THE RENEWAL OF THE OCCUPATIONAL TAX CERTIFICATE (BUSINESS LICENSE) FOR ARCHIE MERRITT'S TIRE**

*This item was moved to the next meeting, August 14, 2023.*

**DISCUSSED APPROVAL OF THE CONTRACT FOR CROSSLIFE CHURCH 7 AIRPORT CIRCLE**

Georgia Henderson, Community Development Director, appeared before the Commission to seek approval to enter into a 55-month prorated lease agreement with CrossLife Church.

Mrs. Henderson stated that in March 2023, the City Commission agreed to enter a temporary contract with CrossLife Church and asked staff to bring the details back before the commission. Since March, CrossLife has made tremendous improvements to the interior and exterior of Building#3 at 7 Airport Circle. These improvements include new flooring, interior and exterior

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AIRPORT CIRCLE -CONTINUED**

painting, plumbing repairs, and other improvements. CrossLife has contributed a total of \$21,220 in rehabilitation improvements. For the past five months, they have paid monthly rent in the amount of \$750.00. Staff is seeking approval to enter into a 55-month lease, effective August 1, 2023 - December 31, 2027, for \$432.26, which reflects the pro-rated amount based on the invested improvements by CrossLife.

The Commission agreed to move this item forward on the **Consent Agenda**.

**DISCUSSED THE APPROVAL OF THE PURCHASE OF A REPLACEMENT PUMP  
FOR THE SINKHOLE LIFTSTATION**

Mike Hudson, Utilities Director, appeared before the Commission to seek approval to replace the failed pump at the Sinkhole Lift Station.

Mr. Hudson stated that there was a pump failure at the Sinkhole Lift Station, and after removal, it was sent to Goforth Williamson Inc for evaluation. Because of cost, the pump was deemed non-repairable, so we have been given a replacement quote. The replacement quote was \$19,194.00 for the 33.5 HP Grundfos Submersible pump. This is a sole source item from Goforth Williamson Inc, and I have attached a copy of the quote for your review.

The Commission agreed to move this item forward on the **Consent Agenda**.

**DISCUSSED THE APPROVAL OF THE AMENDMENT TO THE S & S ASPHALT AND  
CONCRETE BID DUE TO CONCRETE INCREASES**

Mike Hudson, Utilities Director, appeared before the Commission to seek approval to adjust the FY22 Annual Concrete Bid to reflect increased concrete prices.

Mr. Hudson stated that Due to increased concrete prices, Lonnie Street has asked for an amendment to be considered to his existing contract with the City of Douglas. I have met with Lonnie, and we are presenting an amended price sheet for Mayor and Commission approval. All new pricing is fair to Lonnie and the City of Douglas. This amendment would be approved until concrete prices return to normal or these services are bid out again. Lonnie's current contract started on 1/24/22 and will end on 1/24/27.

The Commission agreed to move this item forward on the **Consent Agenda**.

**DISCUSSED THE APPROVAL OF THE PURCHASE OF A PETERSON CNG  
GRAPPLE TRUCK FOR LEAF AND LIMB SERVICES**

Mike Hudson, Utilities Director, appeared before the Commission to seek approval to replace the oldest leaf and limb truck and move another one into a backup status.

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**DISCUSSED THE APPROVAL OF THE PURCHASE OF A PETERSON CNG GRAPPLE TRUCK FOR LEAF AND LIMB SERVICES-CONTINUED**

Mr. Hudson stated that staff has budgeted a new Grapple Truck in the FY 24 Sanitation Budget. We will purchase this unit from Georgia State Contract #99999-001-SPD0000177-0009 for \$269,900.00. This unit will be a CNG Truck. Please see all attachments related to this purchase. We will only purchase this truck in May or June of 2024, but we have to get our name on a truck being built. **FUNDING:** FY24 Sanitation Budget Line-Item Trucks-Clam 540/430054.2204 \$250,000.00 FY24 Sanitation Budget \$19,900.00

The Commission agreed to move this item forward on the **Consent Agenda**.

**DISCUSSED THE APPROVAL OF THE REHAB QUOTE FOR THE LEAF AND LIMB TRUCK #430006 2014 FREIGHTLINER**

Mike Hudson, Utilities Director, appeared before the Commission to seek approval to rehab the existing 2014 Leaf and Limb Truck so we can get more years of service out of it.

Mr. Hudson stated that this is a request to rehab Truck #430006 (2014 Freightliner 89,904 miles) Leaf and Limb Truck used by the Public Works/Sanitation Department. Solid Waste Applied Technologies have evaluated this truck, and I have attached a quote for the rehab. This quote is to remove the existing loader assembly and install a new one with everything but the grapple. Mr. Hudson has presented the attached section for review. This is a budgeted item. Mr. Davis also stated that the city is focused on bringing a regional comprehensive education to include the traditional 9-12, private 9-12, home school 9-12, college, and technical college to equip our students for the current and future pilot and mechanic shortage opportunities. For a local community such as ours (rural, underserved, and in search of possibilities), it means education opportunities and economic development opportunities that support our local, state, and national needs. **FUNDING:** FY24 Sanitation Budget Line-Item Vehicle Maintenance 540/4300-52.2202

The Commission agreed to move this item forward on the **Consent Agenda**.

**GENERAL COMMENTS**

No comments

**CITY MANAGER'S UPDATES**

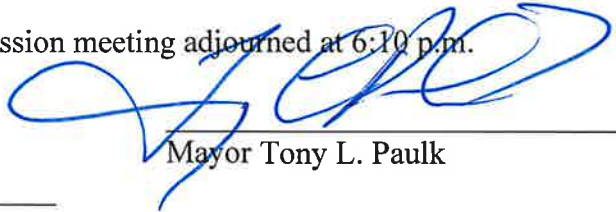
No comments.

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**ADJOURNMENT**

Without further discussion, the work session meeting adjourned at 6:10 p.m.

  
Wynetta J. Bolden, CMC

  
Mayor Tony L. Paulk