

**MINUTES
MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
CITY OF DOUGLAS
DECEMBER 13, 2010**

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners was held on Monday, December 13, 2010 at 7:00 P.M. The meeting was convened in the Council Chambers of City Hall with Mayor Jackie L. Wilson presiding. Mayor Pro Tem Ronnie Anderson, Commissioners Robert Moore, Dennis Josey, Johnnie Lee Roper, Olivia Pearson and Marty Swain were in attendance.

INVOCATION

County Commissioner Donald Carver, Electric Department Director gave the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Lieutenant Junior Grade Williams of the Coffee County JROTC led The Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag.

MINUTE ADOPTION

The following minutes were unanimously approved:

**Work Session..... November 22, 2010
Commission Meeting..... November 22, 2010**

A MOTION was made by Commissioner Robert Moore to approve the minutes of the previous meeting; it was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Ronnie Anderson. The motion was unanimously carried by the Mayor and Commission. **(7-0)**

APPROVAL OF THE ORDER OF THE AGENDA

The Mayor and Commission unanimously approved **(7-0)** the order of the agenda.

MOTION was made by Commissioner Johnnie Lee Roper, for approval of the order of the agenda; Mayor Pro Tem Ronnie Anderson seconded the motion.

RECOGNITION OF FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS CHRISTMAS PARADE WINNERS

Kimberly Tucker Central Service Administrative Assistant recognized the participants for the 2010 Festival of Christmas Lights Parade. The participants were presented with trophies by Mayor Jackie L. Wilson, City Manager Terrell Jacobs and Commissioner Olivia C. Pearson.

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**APPROVAL OF THE SECOND READING ORDINANCE /RETIREMENT PLAN
CHANGES**

City Attorney Jerome Adams presented the second reading of the amended Retirement Plan ordinance. The Mayor and Commission unanimously approved (6-1) **“AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND RESTATE THE RETIREMENT PLAN FOR THE EMPLOYEES OF THE CITY OF DOUGLAS, GEORGIA IN ACCORDANCE WITH AND SUBJECT TO THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS SET FORTH IN THE ATTACHED ADOPTION AGREEMENT, ANY ADDENDUM TO THE ADOPTION AGREEMENT, THE GEORGIA MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES BENEFIT SYSTEM (GMEBS) MASTER PLAN DOCUMENT, AND GMEBS TRUST AGREEMENT. WHEN ACCEPTED BY THE AUTHORIZED OFFICERS OF THE CITY AND GMEBS, THE FOREGOING SHALL CONSTITUTE A CONTRACT BETWEEN THE CITY AND GMEBS, ALL AS AUTHORIZED AND PROVIDED BY O.C.G.A.47-5-1.”**

Upon recommendation from Judy Carter, Human Resources Director a **MOTION** was made by Mayor Pro Tem Ronnie Anderson for approval and seconded by Commissioner Dennis Josey. Commissioner Roper, Pearson, Moore and Swain voted in favor of the motion.

Mayor Jackie L. Wilson voted **against** the motion, stating that she is not in favor of lifting the three (3) year limitation on Commissioners if we did not lift it for employees.

APPOINTMENTS TO THE RECREATION COMMISSION BOARD

Landy Gomez, Athletic Coordinator announced that two (2) positions on the Douglas-Coffee Parks & Recreation Commission will expire on December 31, 2010. Anyone interested in serving on the Recreation Board can obtain an application from City Hall. These vacancies will be advertised on Channel 13.

**APPROVAL TO PURCHASE ONE (1) NEW ALUMINUM SULFATE TANK FOR THE
WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT (WATER DEPARTMENT)**

Upon recommendation from Jerald Guthrie, Purchasing Director, the Mayor and Commission approved (7-0) the low bid received from W. E. Marshall of Lawrenceville, Georgia for one (1) Aluminum Sulfate Tank for the Wastewater Treatment Plant for a total cost of \$10,650.00.

A MOTION was made by Commissioner Robert Moore for approval and seconded by Commissioner Johnnie Lee Roper.

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APPROVAL TO PURCHASE ONE (1) NEW CHEMICAL PUMP SKID SYSTEM FOR THE WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT (WATER DEPARTMENT)

Upon recommendation from Jerald Guthrie, Purchasing Director, the Mayor and Commission unanimously approved (7-0) to approve the low bid that meets specifications from Copeland Electrical of Valdosta, Georgia for one (1) Chemical Pump Skid System for the Wastewater Treatment Plant for a total cost of \$10,331.00.

A **MOTION** was made by Commissioner Marty Swain for approval and seconded by Commissioner Johnnie Lee Roper.

APPROVAL OF THE REQUEST TO EXTEND THE ANNUAL UNIFORM BID FOR ONE (1) ADDITIONAL YEAR WITH NEW EXPIRATION DATE OF JULY 27, 2012

Upon recommendation from Jerald Guthrie, Purchasing Director, Mayor and Commission approved (7-0) to extend the annual uniform bid for one additional year from Riverside Uniform of Moultrie, Ga. At the same bid price of \$4.45 for 65%/35% and \$5.90 for 100% cotton with new expiration date of July 27th 2012.

A **MOTION** was made by Commissioner Robert Moore for approval and seconded by Commissioner Marty Swain.

APPROVAL OF THE AGRICULTURAL II NATURAL GAS RATE (POULTRY RATE)

Upon receiving a recommendation from Michael Hudson, Gas Director, the Mayor and Commission unanimously approved (7-0) the new Agricultural II rate that will specifically address the natural gas rates for all Poultry Grower and Poultry Breeder Operations. These rates will be reviewed annually.

A **MOTION** was made by Commissioner Robert Moore for approval and seconded by Commissioner Johnnie Lee Roper.

APPOINTMENT OF THE PRESERVATION COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS

Dale Batten, Community Development Director announced two (2) upcoming vacancies on the Historic Preservation Commission and that interested individuals obtain an application from Pattie Merritt, Main Street Manager or from the Community Development Offices located in City Hall.

Ms. Batten also stated the requirements to serve on the Historic preservation commission are that all members reside in the City of Douglas and shall be persons who have demonstrated special interest, experience, or education in history, architecture or the preservation of historic resources.

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APPROVAL OF THE REQUEST FOR KAYLA SELLERS

Upon recommendation from Randal Parker, Permit and Inspections Division, the Mayor and Commission unanimously approved **(7-0)** the request of Kayla Sellers to construct a shelter on city property, not to exceed 8' x 8', over the rear door of the property located at 231 S. Peterson Avenue.

A MOTION was made by Commissioner Dennis Josey for approval and seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Ronnie Anderson.

APPROVAL OF THE ANNUAL RENEWAL OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LICENSES

Upon recommendation from Ray Parker, Code Enforcement Officer, the Mayor and Commission unanimously approved **(7-0)** the list that was presented for a city license to sell alcoholic beverages in 2011.

A MOTION was made by Mayor Pro Tem Ronnie Anderson for approval and seconded by Commissioner Olivia Pearson.

APPROVAL OF THE APPLICATION FOR ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LICENSES

Upon recommendation from Ray Parker, Code Enforcement Officer, the Mayor and Commission unanimously approved **(7-0)** the request of Carl Metts for an alcoholic beverage license, consumption, for Fountain Bar & Grill at 1007 N. Peterson Avenue.

A MOTION was made by Mayor Pro Tem Ronnie Anderson for approval and seconded by Commissioner Olivia Pearson.

**APPROVAL OF THE APPOINTMENT TO THE DOUGLAS/COFFEE COUNTY
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY**

Upon recommendation from Terrell Jacobs, City Manager, the Mayor and Commission unanimously approved **(7-0)** to consider the request of EDA to appoint Luke Morgan as a candidate to fill the City appointment for the Douglas/Coffee County Economic Development Authority, due to Bill Elliot term expiring as of December 31, 2010. Mr. Morgan now serves as an appointee of the County. This appointment will bring a balance to the representation of the City.

A MOTION was made by Commissioner Robert Moore for approval and seconded by Commissioner Dennis Josey.

Commissioner Johnnie Lee Roper expressed concern of not advertising this position, stating he did not have a problem with the appointment but he felt due to the Mayor and Commission ruling to advertise appointments they should go forth to advertise.

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Commissioner Robert Moore stated that the Mayor appoints this position and therefore it does not have to be advertised.

Jerome Adams, City Attorney stated that the rule in which the Mayor and Commission adopted appointing interesting parties for the boards, committees and authority was to advertise. Mr. Adams stated he doesn't recall that when the Mayor makes an appointment for the committee if it should be advertised.

Commissioner Olivia Pearson questioned what the by-laws state concerning this action that had just been done.

Jerome Adams, City Attorney stated the by-laws do not stipulate this situation.

GENERAL COMMENTS

Donald McCardle, 501 N. Gaskin Ave expressed concern to the Mayor and Commission regarding the decision that was made on the approval of the Ordinance/Retirement Plan Changes.

Mayor Jackie Wilson explained the action that was taken by the Mayor and Commission to Mr. McCardle.

COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS

Commissioner Johnnie Lee Roper expressed gratitude to the citizens for being able to serve the community.

Mayor and Commissioners wished everyone a safe and Merry Christmas.

ADJOURNMENT

With there being no further business to discuss, a **motion** was made by Mayor Pro Tem Ronnie Anderson and seconded by Commissioner Olivia Pearson to adjourn at 7:44 pm. The Mayor and Commission unanimously approved (**7-0**) the motion.

Jackie L. Wilson, Mayor

Wynetta Bolder, City Clerk

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UTILITY APPEALS HEARING

Terrell Jacobs, City Manager and Charles Davis, Assistant City Manager updated the Mayor and Commission concerning the situation with Ms. Lorrain Presley. Ms. Presley was present earlier at the meeting but left due to illness. Ms. Presley is requesting for the Mayor and Commission to allow her to make her payment of a \$1,000 by Friday December 17, 2010.

After much discussion it was the consensus of the Mayor and Commission to allow her to make the payment as requested.

ADJOURNMENT

With there being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned.