

**MINUTES
MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
CITY OF DOUGLAS
OCTOBER 24, 2011**

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners was held on Monday, October 24, 2011 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, Johnnie Lee Roper, Dennis Josey and Marty Swain were in attendance. Commissioner Olivia Pearson was absent.

INVOCATION

Ernest Crussel, Water/Wastewater Director gave the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Coffee High JROTC led The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

MINUTE ADOPTION

Commissioner Bob Moore expressed concern regarding the minutes reflecting the vote of (4-1) that was made after executive session on October 10, 2011. Commissioner Moore stated that Mayor Pro Tem Anderson voted against the motion regarding supporting a personnel decision from the City Manager, which would have made the vote (3-2). Mayor Pro Tem Anderson stated that he voted in favor of the motion due to three (3) things that were the same motion. After discussion the following minutes, were unanimously (6-0) approved:

Work SessionOctober 10, 2011
Commission Meeting.....October 10, 2011

A MOTION to approve was made by Commissioner Dennis Josey, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Ronnie Anderson.

APPROVAL OF THE ORDER OF THE AGENDA

The Mayor and Commission unanimously approved (6-0) to accept the order of the Agenda, with the changes of Commissioner Josey being in charge of the invocation.

A MOTION to approve was made by Commissioner Johnnie Lee Roper, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Ronnie Anderson.

APPROVAL OF THE 2012 CHIP APPLICATION

Upon recommendation from Ivalene Clark, Grants Accountant/Assistant Director, the Mayor and Commission approved (6-0) to authorize Community Development staff to proceed with the preparation of the 2012 Community Home Improvement Program (CHIP) Housing Rehabilitation application.

**MINUTES
MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
CITY OF DOUGLAS
OCTOBER 24, 2011**

A **MOTION** to approve was made by Mayor Pro Tem Ronnie Anderson and seconded by Commissioner Bob Moore.

APPROVAL OF INSTALLATION OF NEW METER SET TO EAST COAST ASPHALT LLC

Upon recommendation from Mike Hudson, Natural Gas Director and the Utility Committee, the Mayor and Commission approved **(6-0)** to install the necessary meter station to the East Coast Asphalt LLC facility upon receiving the signed contract that outlines all payments and expectations to be fulfilled by the customer. This contract will be prepared by the City Attorney Jerome Adams.

A **MOTION** to approve was made by Commissioner Bob Moore, seconded by Commissioner Johnny Lee Roper.

APPROVAL OF THE PURCHASE OF EQUIPMENT FOR FOUR POLICE VEHICLES

Upon recommendation from Stanley Merritt, Assistant Purchasing Director, the Mayor and Commission unanimously approved **(6-0)** the low bid that meets specifications as listed below:

Recommended Low Bidder

Adamson Industries Corp. of Haverhill Maine
Hasty's Communication of Brunswick, GA
West Chatham Warning Devices of Savannah GA
Galls Inc. of Lexington Kentucky

Low Awarded Bid items and Total

Item: 5, 11, and 13 total awarded bid \$892.00
Item 12 totals awarded bid \$1,432.00
Item 1, 2,3,6,7, 9 and 14 total awarded bid \$14,408.00
Item: 4,8,10, and 15 Total Awarded bid \$3,032.00

A **MOTION** to approve was made by Mayor Pro Tem Ronnie Anderson, seconded by Commissioner Johnny Lee Roper.

APPROVAL OF STREET RESURFACING/STORM WATER CONTRACT

Upon recommendation from Jacob Lott, City Engineer/Public Works Director, the Mayor and Commission unanimously approved (6-0) to authorize staff to proceed with necessary storm water improvements estimated at \$131,000.00 and to prepare the resurfacing contract for portions of five city streets with the project being funded with GDOT and the current city funds. The city funds being reimbursed by SPLOST 2012 funds.

A **MOTION** to approve this recommendation was made by Commissioner Bob Moore and seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Ronnie Anderson.

**MINUTES
MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
CITY OF DOUGLAS
OCTOBER 24, 2011**

MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENT

Mayor Wilson announced that Commissioner Olivia Pearson was out due to the birth of her grandson.

PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS

- The City's Hometown Harvest Festival will be held Thursday October 27th in the vacant lot adjacent to City Hall.
- The City is currently taking registrations for those whose wish to sign up for the Festival of Lights Christmas Parade coming up in December.
- The City is encouraging citizens participating in door to door trick-or-treating on October 31, 6-9 pm. to turn off their lights at 9 pm. Also trick-or-treaters will be advised not to park on streets and sidewalks, private property or obstruct roadways. The Douglas Police Department will be enforcing these violations and vehicles will be towed.
- The Police and Fire Department will distribute candy at the Hometown Harvest and not at the stations on October 31, 2011.
- Mayor Wilson encouraged citizens to participate in the Mayor's Christmas Motorcade. The items will be delivered to the hospital on December 7, 2011 in Savannah Georgia.

CITIZEN'S CONCERNS REGARDING THE CITY OF DOUGLAS ART CENTER

Carol Girding, Millwood Georgia stated that her mother-in-law who resides in Ware County has bragged about the Coffee County Art Center and would like to see the art center remain open. The following citizens: Catlin Bagley, Jeff Christopher, Pong Holton, and Rain Holton expressed concerns to the Mayor and Commission regarding closing the City of Douglas Art Center.

The Mayor and Commission reiterated that for the fiscal year of 2012 the art center will remain accessible to the community.

**MINUTES
MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
CITY OF DOUGLAS
OCTOBER 24, 2011**

MAYOR AND COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

Commissioner Marty Swain questioned the small fee for the Hometown Harvest.

Roger Johnson stated that there will be a small fee for the children's' rides.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, Commissioner Bob Moore made a Motion to adjourn and his Motion was seconded by Commissioner Dennis Josey. The Mayor and Commission unanimously approved **(6-0)** the Motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 p.m.

Jackie L. Wilson, Mayor

Wynetta Bolder, City Clerk