

**MINUTES  
MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
CITY OF DOUGLAS, GEORGIA  
AUGUST 11, 2014**

**A Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners was held on Monday, August 11, 2014 at 7:00 P.M., in the Council Chambers of City Hall with Mayor Pro-Tem Dennis Josey presiding and Commissioners Bob Moore, Marty Swain, Richard Hutchinson, and Olivia Pearson, and Ronnie Anderson present. Mayor James H. Dennis, and Commissioner Marty Swain was absent from the Regular Meeting.**

**INVOCATION**

Connie Lott, Coffee County Senior Citizen Director gave the invocation.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Lakeland Edwards and the Coffee County School Naval JROTC led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

**MINUTES ADOPTION**

The following minutes were unanimously approved as printed

Work Session.....July 28, 2014  
Commission Meeting.....July 28, 2014

A **MOTION** to unanimously approve the minutes as printed was made by Commissioner Ronnie Anderson and seconded by Commissioner Richard Hutchinson.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dennis Josey, Commissioners Bob Moore, Richard Hutchinson, Olivia Pearson, and Ronnie Anderson **unanimously** approved (**5-0**) the minutes as printed.

**APPROVAL OF THE ORDER OF THE AGENDA**

The Commission **unanimously** approved the order of the Agenda as set forth in the work session.

A **MOTION** to approve the order of the Agenda was made by Commissioner Ronnie Anderson and seconded by Commissioner Olivia Pearson.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dennis Josey, Commissioners Bob Moore, Richard Hutchinson, Olivia Pearson and Ronnie Anderson, **unanimously** approved (**5-0**) the order of the Agenda.

**ACKNOWLEDGED THE STEM INTERNS**

Judy Carter, Human Resources Director, acknowledged Haley Ingram and Jacob Kirkland, STEM Interns.

**ACKNOWLEDGED THE STEM INTERNS-CONTINUE**

Mrs. Carter stated that the City of Douglas utilized two STEM interns this summer. Haley Ingram worked in the Public Works Dept. with Ashley Carter on the new gateway signs. Jacob Kirkland worked in the Wastewater Treatment Dept. with Ted Gibbs in gaining experience in the lab, belt press, compost site and treatment operators. These students gained a wealth of knowledge in how the city works and operates. These two students were truly an asset to the city.

Linda Cribbs, stated that the STEM Program is a partnership between the Businesses, Community, Industries and Coffee High School. She explained that 2014 was the second summer for the STEM Internship Program. She is looking forward for the program to grow in 2015.

**PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT-JOSHUA PEAVY SUPPORT FUND**

Rhonda Smith, mother of Joshua Peavy and Vanessa Peavy, wife of Joshua Peavy appeared before the Mayor and Commission to ask for the support from the community concerning her son Joshua Peavy who is appearing on the ABC Television Station “Rising Star” which is televised on Sunday nights.

**2014 MILLAGE TAX ORDINANCE-1<sup>ST</sup> READING**

Charlie Davis, Assistant City Manager/Finance Director recommend the approval of the first reading of 2014 Tax Millage Ordinance at the meeting on this date with the second reading and to be held on August 25, 2014. Jerome Adams, City Attorney read the first reading tonight.

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF DOUGLAS, GEORGIA, PROPOSED FOR THE LEVYING OF A TAX UPON ALL TAXABLE PROPERTY WITHIN THE CITY OF DOUGLAS SUBJECT TO TAXATION UNDER THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA AND THE ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF DOUGLAS FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2014 AND FOR ALL PURPOSES.**

The second reading for the second time at a regular meeting of the Mayor and Commission after properly advertising as required under the Charter of the City of Douglas, Georgia on August 25, 2014.

**No action was taken at this time.**

**APPROVAL OF THE ANNUAL FOOTBALL & SOCCER EQUIPMENT BID**

Upon recommendation of Stanley E. Merritt, Purchasing Agent, it was requested by the Parks and Recreation Director, Roger Johnson, for the Commission to accept bids as follows for the 2015 Football and Soccer equipment from the following list of vendors to be purchased as needed for a grand total of **\$18,685.32**.

Vendors	Low Bid Items	Total Low Bids
Anaconda,	M	\$139.80
Cannon Sports, Inc.,	I, L	\$313.96
Pennant Sports, Inc.,	J	\$931.60
BSN Sports	D, F, G	\$229.44
Sports Shop, Inc.	A, B, C, E, H, K	\$17,070.52

**APPROVAL OF THE ANNUAL FOOTBALL & SOCCER EQUIPMENT BID - CONTINUE**

Commissioner Richard Hutchinson made A **MOTION** to amend the recommendation by accepting the bid from All-Star, Douglas Georgia instead of Sports Shop Inc. as it pertains to Item C and to accept the recommended bids will remain the same. Seconded by Commissioner Ronnie Anderson.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dennis Josey, Commissioners Bob Moore, Richard Hutchinson, Olivia Pearson and Ronnie Anderson unanimously approved **(5-0)** the items recommended by staff and the amended motion including Item C.

**APPROVAL OF THE SHANN PEANUT NATURAL GAS LINE EXTENSION CONTRACT**

Upon recommendation from Mike Hudson, Gas/Water/Wastewater Director, the Commission approved the contract signed between the City of Douglas Natural Gas Department and Gregory Sayer d/b/a Shann Peanut.

A **MOTION** to approve the contract signed between the City of Douglas Natural Gas Department and Gregory Sayer d/b/a Shann Peanut was made by Commissioner Ronnie Anderson and seconded by Commissioner Richard Hutchinson.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dennis Josey, Commissioners Bob Moore, Richard Hutchinson, Olivia Pearson and Ronnie Anderson **unanimously** approved **(5-0)** the Shann Peanut Natural Gas Line Extension.

**APPROVAL OF THE PROBATION SERVICES AGREEMENT – PROVIDENCE COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS**

Upon recommendation from Gary Casteloes, Chief of the Douglas Police Department, the Commission unanimously approved the Mayor to execute the PCC Service Agreement.

A **MOTION** to approve the Mayor to execute the PCC Service Agreement was made by Commissioner Bob Moore and seconded by Commissioner Ronnie Anderson.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dennis Josey, Commissioners Bob Moore, Richard Hutchinson, Olivia Pearson and Ronnie Anderson **unanimously** approved **(5-0)** for the Mayor to execute the Probation Services Agreement for Providence Community Corrections.

**APPROVAL OF THE USE OF INOPERABLE VEHICLES AND PARTIAL ROAD CLOSEURE**

Upon recommendation from Georgia Henderson, Public Information Director, the Commission unanimously approved to allow the use of two inoperable vehicles from Vehicle Maintenance for the Strait Jacket Monster Truck Car Crush that will occur on Saturday, August 23, 2014 at 4:00 pm at the South Georgia Outdoor Expo. And also to allow the partial closure of Bryan Street beginning Friday, August 22 at 10:00 a.m. through Saturday, August 23 at 6:00 p.m.

## **APPROVAL OF THE USE OF INOPERABLE VEHICLES AND PARTIAL ROAD CLOSEURE-CONTINUE**

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Mayor Pro-Tem Dennis Josey, Commissioners Bob Moore, Richard Hutchinson, Olivia Pearson and Ronnie Anderson **unanimously** approved (**5-0**) the use of inoperable vehicles and partial road closure.

## **STAFF COMMENTS**

Georgia Henderson, Public Information Director announced the following:

- Registration will be taken for the Annual Christmas Light Parade.
- Bids: Douglas Police Charger Equipment-deadline August 25<sup>th</sup>.
- Jobs: Full-time Ground Worker, Electric Department and Part-time Reserve Police Officer.
- Summer Blood Drive August 27<sup>th</sup>.
- South Georgia Indoor and Outdoor Expo will be held August 21<sup>st</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup>.

## **GENERAL COMMENTS**

Mr. Johnnie Lee Roper (Commissioner Richard Hutchinson) encouraged citizens that school has started and we need to watch out for the children. Also wanted to encourage young people that are not in school to please attend school. Mr. Roper also recommended for everyone to register to vote.

## **MAYOR AND COMMISSION COMMENTS**

Mayor Pro Tem Dennis Josey informed citizens that the speed limit on 441 to Carson Lumber from 7:25 a.m. to 8:25 a.m. and 2:25 p.m. to 3:25 p.m. during the week is 35 mph. He stated that this is not a speed trap but for the safety of our children. There has been approval from the State to put up flashing lights.

Commissioner Olivia Pearson asked when the next meeting for the City, County and School Board will be held. Terrell Jacobs, City Manager responded that it was the Counties time to plan the next meeting and that the County Manger, Wesley Vickers will be contacting him soon for the date.

Commissioner Pearson also stated to exercise caution due to the kids returning to school and to give donations to the Mary Hayes Center and the Boys and Girls Club. She also invited everyone to Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church 107<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Sunday, August 17<sup>th</sup> with the speaker being A.J. Fluker from Valdosta Georgia.

Commissioner Richard Hutchinson thanked Connie Lott for providing the invocation and Lakeland Edward for the leading of the Pledge of Allegiance, and thanked the citizens for all they do with allowing the Commission to do their job.

**ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business to discuss in the Regular Meeting, a motion was made to adjourn and enter into the Utility Meeting by Commissioner Richard Hutchinson and seconded by Commissioner Ronnie Anderson. The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 P.M.

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Dennis Josey, Mayor Pro Tem

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Wynetta J. Bolder, City Clerk

**UTILITY COMMISSION MEETING  
CITY OF DOUGLAS  
August 11, 2014**

**A Utility Commission Meeting was held on Monday, June 28, 2014 at 8:00 P.M. The meeting was convened in the Council Chambers of City Hall with Mayor Pro Tem Dennis Josey, presiding and Commissioners Ronnie Anderson, Robert Moore, Richard Hutchinson, and Olivia Pearson were in attendance. Mayor James Dennis and Commissioner Marty Swain were not in attendance.**

*Wynetta Bolder, City Clerk/Customer Care, Mike Hudson, Gas/Water and Wastewater Director, Lamar Hill, Electric Director and Tommy Harrell, Customer Service Manager, appeared before the Mayor and Commission to discuss and receive recommendations.*

**Thomas (Tim) Jackson 1101 S. Coffee Avenue**

The Utility Appeal Board went into session after the regular commission meeting. Thomas Jackson, 1101 S. Coffee Ave, account #201-08146-03, appealed due to high utility bill. After much discussion, Commissioner Bob Moore made a motion to grant \$36.32 adjustment in electric, \$6.74 in water, and \$10.06 in sewer for total adjustments of \$53.12. Commissioner Olivia Pearson seconded the motion. Commissioner Richard Hutchinson voted in favor of the motion. Commission Ronnie Anderson and Mayor Pro Tem Dennis Joey opposed the motion. The motion carried in favor of the adjustments with a 3 to 2 vote.

With no further business to discuss in the Utility Committee Appeals Meeting a motion was made to adjourn by Mayor Pro Tem Dennis Josey and seconded by Commissioner Richard Hutchinson. **Approved (5-0)**