

**MINUTES
MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
CITY OF DOUGLAS, GEORGIA
NOVEMBER 10, 2014**

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners was held on Monday, November 10, 2014 at 7:00 P.M., in the Council Chambers of City Hall with Mayor James Dennis presiding and Mayor Pro-Tem Dennis Josey, Commissioners Bob Moore, Marty Swain, Richard Hutchinson, Olivia Pearson, Marty Swain and Ronnie Anderson present.

INVOCATION

Matt Rutland, Pastor of First Congregational Christian Church, gave the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Coffee County High Naval JROTC led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

MINUTES ADOPTION

The following minutes were unanimously approved as corrected:

Work Session.....October 27, 2014
Commission Meeting.....October 27, 2014

A **MOTION** to unanimously approve the minutes as corrected was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Dennis Josey and seconded by Commissioner Ronnie Anderson.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dennis Josey, Commissioners Bob Moore, Richard Hutchinson, Olivia Pearson, Marty Swain and Ronnie Anderson **unanimously** approved **(6-0)** the minutes as corrected.

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 Bob Moore and seconded by Commissioner Marty Swain.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dennis Josey, Commissioners Bob Moore, Richard Hutchinson, Olivia Pearson, Marty Swain and Ronnie Anderson, **unanimously** approved **(6-0)** the order of the Agenda.

RECOGNITION OF TWO FIREFIGHTERS WITH LIFE SAVING AWARDS

Bryson Lott, Fire Captain along with Fire Chief Timothy White, Mayor and Commission recognized two firefighters with Life Saving Awards.

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**RECOGNITION OF TWO FIREFIGHTERS WITH LIFE SAVING AWARDS-
CONTINUED**

Captain Lott, stated that on Sunday, July 6, 2014, at 10:08 am, the Douglas Fire Department responded to a structure fire with an occupant inside. Upon arrival, units from the DFD found heavy smoke and flames showing. Firefighters John Cooper and Robert Beecher made entry into the house through a window at the rear of the house, using a ladder. Although these two firefighters had to deal with extreme temperatures from the fire and zero visibility, they were able to find the occupant and carry her to safety via the ladder in the window from which they entered the structure. Cooper and Beecher could not see inside of the structure and had no idea what they might encounter while doing a search for the victim. Their actions and bravery reflect well upon the Douglas Fire Department and the City of Douglas. The occupant was transported to CRMC via ambulance and made a full recovery.

**SECOND READING OF THE TEXT AMENDMENT TO UNIFIED LAND
DEVELOPMENT CODE**

City Attorney Jerome Adams conducted the second reading and public hearing of the Text Amendment to Unified Land Development Code. **“AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE UNIFIED LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE OF THE CITY OF DOUGLAS, GEORGIA, CHAPTER 3, ZONING DISTRICTS, TABLE 3-1, TABLE OF PERMITTED USES, COMMERCIAL, NURSING HOMES.”** Jerome Adams, City Attorney, proceeded to call for a public hearing. There were no comments from the public and the public hearing was closed. Mr. Adams stated that this ordinance was ready for action.

A **MOTION** to approve the Text Amendment to Unified Land Development Code was made by Mayor Pro Tem Dennis Josey and seconded by Commissioner Ronnie Anderson. The motion **unanimously** carried (6-0)

AMERICAN LEGION POST-ESTABLISHING HONORED GUARDS

Mr. Jerome Loving Post 515, stated before introducing Mr. David Green, to the Commission informed the Fire and Police Chief that there is a national award from the American Legion to honor those young men and women who have been honored for making sacrifices during the line of duty. He asked if they would turn in their names so they could possibly be recognized nationally.

Retired Commander of the Coast Guard Mr. David Green appeared before the Mayor and Commission to discuss establishing an honored guard in our community to serve at military funerals and other special events for individuals who have served in the Armed Forces. Mr. Green stated that 15 people have volunteered to participate in this program. He stated that there is a program where wreaths will be placed at all veteran burial. This year it will be done at Upton Cemetery and next year at the City of Douglas Cemetery.

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AMERICAN LEGION POST-ESTABLISHING HONORED GUARDS-CONTINUED

Mr. Jerome Loving requested donations from the community to help with funding this Honored Guard Program.

Mayor James Dennis thanked the gentlemen for all they do for our community.

APPROVAL OF THE CHANGE OF MEETING DATE

Following the recommendation from Terrell Jacobs, City Manager to change the January 26, 2015 regularly scheduled meeting to January 27, 2015 (Tuesday), a **MOTION** was made by Commissioner Richard Hutchinson and seconded by Commissioner Ronnie Anderson The motion **unanimously** carried (6-0)

APPROVAL OF THE APPLICATION FOR ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LICENSE

Upon recommendation from Rodger Goddard, Code Enforcement Officer to approve the request of Sai Sai, Inc. for an alcoholic beverage license, retail, for S&P Food Mart at 601 S. Gaskin Avenue, a **MOTION** was made by Commissioner Marty Swain and seconded by Commissioner Olivia Pearson. The motion was **unanimously** carried (6-0).

STAFF COMMENTS

Georgia Henderson, Public Information Director announced the following:

- November 11th, City Offices closed for Veteran's Day
- November 13th – January 10th “Holiday Memories & Traditions” Exhibit @ Heritage Station Museum, featuring memorabilia from Thanksgiving, Christmas, toys, decorations, pictures, and hand written paragraphs from older citizens in Coffee County.
- November 15th Community clean-up Day at Eastside Park 8a.m. to noon.
- Nov. 23rd, Downtown Holiday Open House, 1pm-5pm
- Now thru November 30th Southwire and the Douglas Fire Department will be collecting toys for “Toys for Tots”.
- Veterans Day Program at the Coffee County High School November 11th at 9:45 a.m.
- Coffee Perks for Literacy Trivia Night November 13th for the Coffee County Certified Literacy Program at the Martin Center beginning at 6 p.m.
- November 15th General Coffee County State Park will host a Pioneer Harvest Festival.
- November 16th Artist Guild will host an Art Show at the Mclean House.
- Beth’el Church will be feeding the seniors and underprivileged in the community for Thanksgiving. This event will be held November 16th, 1 p.m. – 4 p.m. at the C.E. Weir Center.
- Registration for the Annual Christmas lights parade are still being accepted.

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STAFF COMMENTS-CONTINUED

Chief Gary Casteloes gave an update on the arson of Lott's Hardware. Chief Casteloes stated that two individuals were arrested, one was charged for arson the other was charged with theft by taking.

GENERAL COMMENTS

No comments

COMMISSION COMMENTS

Commissioner Olivia Pearson commended Mr. Green and Mr. Loving for their hard work and dedication in the community. She also thanked the two firefighters for their act of bravery.

Commissioner Ronnie Anderson stated that he appreciated the two fire fighters for their bravery. He also informed thanked Mr. Green and Mr. Loving.

Mayor Pro Tem Dennis Josey thanked the firefighters.

Commissioner Richard Hutchinson thanked the firefighter and Mr. Green and Mr. Loving for their work in the community. He also announced that the Coffee County Literacy Program will host a Trivial Pursuit for GED Scholarships. This event will take place November 13, 2014.

Commissioner Marty Swain announced that Beth'el Church will be feeding the seniors and underprivileged in the community for Thanksgiving. This event will be held November 16th, 1 p.m. – 4 p.m. at the C.E. Weir Center.

MAYOR COMMENTS:

- City Hall will be closed due to the observance of Veterans Day. Coffee County has about 2400 veterans only about 300 + is active with the American Legion
- Congratulate Coffee High Trojans for being in 2nd place in our region.
- Coffee County Literacy Program will host a Trivial Pursuit for GED Scholarships. This event will take place November 13, 2014.
- Veterans Day Program will be held at the Coffee County High School November 11th at 9:45 a.m. Jerome Loving will be the guest speaker.
- "See Something, Say Something" Campaign.
- Thanking everyone for participating with the Hometown Harvest.
- Thanked all of staff for hard work.

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ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss in the Regular Meeting, a motion was made to adjourn and enter into the Executive Session by Mayor Pro Tem Dennis Josey and seconded by Commissioner Richard Hutchinson. The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 P.M.

James Dennis, Mayor

Wynetta J. Bolder, Deputy Clerk