

**MINUTES
MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
CITY OF DOUGLAS, GEORGIA
OCTOBER 27, 2014**

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners was held on Monday, October 27, 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

Mike Clemmons, Youth Pastor of First Baptist Church, gave the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Randall Parker, Building Inspector 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 Marty Swain and seconded by Commissioner Richard Hutchinson.

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 PURPLE HEART AWARD RECIPIENT

Gary Castelo, City of Douglas Police Chief, along with the Mayor and Commission recognized Officer Larry Carter as the first Douglas Police Officer to receive the Purple Heart Award.

Sergeant Tim Allmond read the proclamation that stated Officer Larry Carter was shot in the line of duty after a high speed chase in an attempt to stop the guys who robbed the Flash Foods store on the north end of town. Due to Officer Carter's bravery, he is being awarded the Purple Heart Award. His hard work and dedication to keeping the citizens of the City of Douglas is very much appreciation.

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APPROVAL OF THE CLOSURE OF PORTION OF BRYAN STREET

Upon recommendation of Georgia Henderson, Public Information Director, *Mayor Pro-Tem Dennis Josey, Commissioners Bob Moore, Richard Hutchinson, Olivia Pearson, Marty Swain and Ronnie Anderson* **unanimously** approved **(6-0)** the closure of East Bryan Street between South Madison and South Pearl Avenue on October 30th for the Hometown Harvest event between the hours of 3:00 pm and 8:00 p.m. as an added safety measure during the annual Hometown Harvest that will take place on the vacant lot between City Hall and South Madison Avenue. A **MOTION** to approve was made by Commissioner Olivia Pearson and seconded by Commissioner Ronnie Anderson.

APPROVAL OF GDOT AIRPORT CONTRACT

Upon recommendation of Dale Batten, Community Development Director, *Mayor Pro-Tem Dennis Josey, Commissioners Bob Moore, Richard Hutchinson, Olivia Pearson, Marty Swain and Ronnie Anderson*, **unanimously** approved **(6-0)** a resolution authorizing Mayor James H. Dennis to execute the contract submitted by the Georgia Department of Transportation for the design of the apron expansion, taxi lane improvements and update of the Airport Layout Plan as well as authorize local matching funds in the amount of \$11,582.00 for SPLOST V funds allocated for the airport. The total amount of the contract is \$231,639.00 of which FAA will fund \$208,475.00, GDOT will fund \$11,582.00 and the City will fund \$11,582.00. A **MOTION** was made by Mayor Pro Tem Dennis Josey and seconded by Commissioner Ronnie Anderson.

FIRST READING OF THE TEXT AMENDMENT TO UNIFIED LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE

Dale Batten, Community Development Director recommended the first reading of an Ordinance amending the Unified Land Development Code to permit Nursing Homes within the Residential/Professional (R-P) Zoning District at the meeting on this date with the second reading and public hearing to be held on November 10, 2014. Jerome Adams read the first reading tonight. **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.**

No Action was taken.

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**APPROVAL OF THE RATIFICATION OF HOMELAND SECURITY GRANT FOR
FIRE DEPARTMENT**

Upon recommendation from Dale Batten, Community Development, Mayor Pro-Tem Dennis Josey, Commissioners Richard Hutchinson, Bob Moore, Olivia Pearson, Marty Swain and Ronnie Anderson **unanimously** approved (**6-0**) the ratification of the execution of the FY' 2014 Homeland Security Program/State Homeland Security Grant received by the Georgia Emergency Management Agency in the amount of \$25,000 for Hazmat Equipment for the Douglas Fire Department. A **MOTION** was made by Commissioner Marty Swain and seconded by Commissioner Bob Moore.

APPROVAL OF THE AWARD OF STREET RESURFACING CONTRACT

Upon recommendation from Jacob Lott, City Engineer/Public Works Director, *Mayor Pro-Tem Dennis Josey, Commissioners Bob Moore, Olivia Pearson, Marty Swain and Ronnie Anderson* approved (**5-1**) and award the street resurfacing contract in the amount of \$462,522.05 to East Coast Asphalt, LLC (which was the lowest qualified bidder) and authorized Mayor Dennis to execute the contract, and approved local funds required to be funded by SPLOST V Funds. A **MOTION** was made by Commissioner Bob Moore and seconded by Commissioner Ronnie Anderson. Commissioner Richard Hutchinson **voted against** the motion.

STAFF COMMENTS

Georgia Henderson, Public Information Director announced the following:

- October 30th Hometown Harvest. 4p.m. to 7 p.m. the lot next to City Hall.
- October 31st Traditional Halloween Day (Deputy Pruette will comment)
- December 6th Christmas Parade "Twas the Night before Christmas" at 6 p.m.
- November 1st –December 15th Toys for Tots.
- The City of Broxton will host the "Chicken Gizzard and Liver Festival" October 31st and November 1st.
- First Baptist Church will host a Pirates and Princess Ball, Friday, October 31st at 6:30 p.m.
- Pancake Breakfast will be hosted by First Baptist Church, Saturday, November 1st 8:45 a.m. o 10:00 p.m.
- First United Methodist Church will host the Harpers Bazar, Saturday, November 1st 9 a.m. to noon.
- November 1st at the Youth Center will be a Pyrex and Vintage Kitchenware Event 12 p.m.- 2 p.m.

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STAFF COMMENTS-CONTINUED

Chief Deputy Brannen Pruette, gave safety instructions for citizens that will be participating with the Halloween festivities:

- Officers will patrol the neighborhoods
- Golf Club Drive will be one way from Walker Street to Briarwood
- No vehicles will be allowed to park on the right-a-way on Golf Club Drive (will be towed)
- Make sure glow in the dark lights or flashlights that can be recognized by drivers.

GENERAL COMMENTS

No comments

COMMISSION COMMENTS

Commissioner Olivia Pearson thanked Officer Carter for his dedicated services on the Douglas Police Department. Commissioner Pearson reminded everyone that this is the last week of early voting. She also stated that the Women's group that she is affiliated will be selling barbeque plates for \$7.00 on Friday October 31st.

Commissioner Ronnie Anderson stated that he appreciated Officer Carter for his bravery. He also informed everyone that the time will fall back an hour on next weekend.

Commissioner Richard Hutchinson announced that the Coffee County Literacy Program will host a Trivial Pursuit for GED Scholarships. This event will take place November 13, 2014. They are asking for 3 man teams to register for this event. The cost to register will be \$250.00. He also stated tickets will be sold for giveaways.

Commissioner Bob Moore stated that Tuesday, October 28th will be his 59 year wedding anniversary.

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.

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MAYOR COMMENTS:

- Announced that the unemployment rate in Coffee County has dropped to 9.6%.
- Condolences to the family of the late Milton Gainey (former employee)
- City Hall will be closed November 11th in observance of Veterans Day.
- Veterans Day Program will be held at the Coffee County High School November 11th at 9 a.m.
- Thanked Roger Johnson, Parks and Recreation Director along with staff and other individuals for making Kayla Day Activities a wonderful event for the kids with special needs.
- Support Commissioner Hutchinson endeavors for the Literacy Program.
- Fundraising program has begun for the Mayor's Motorcade/Unison
- City of Douglas will be hosting a Chili Cook-off.
- Thanked all of staff for hard work.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss in the Regular Meeting, a motion was made to adjourn and enter into the Executive Session by Commissioner Marty Swain and seconded by Commissioner Bob Moore. The meeting was adjourned at 7:31 P.M.

James Dennis, Mayor

Wynetta J. Bolder, Deputy Clerk

