

**MINUTES  
MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
CITY OF DOUGLAS, GEORGIA  
DECEMBER 18, 2014**

**A Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners was held on Thursday, December 18, 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, Marty Swain, Olivia Pearson and Ronnie Anderson present.**

**INVOCATION**

Pastor Theodore Braswell, 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 in the Work Session:

Work Session.....December 8, 2014

Commission Meeting.....December 8, 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, Marty Swain, Olivia Pearson 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 Olivia Pearson and seconded by Commissioner Ronnie Anderson.

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

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**RECOGNITION OF 2014 CHRISTMAS PARADE**

Mayor James Dennis along with Commissioner Olivia Pearson and Patty Merritt, Main Street Coordinator recognized the winners for their participation in the 2014 Festival of Lights Parade:

**2014 FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS  
FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS CHRISTMAS PARADE WINNERS OVERALL WINNERS**

**OVERALL WINNER**

ST. ILLA MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

**BEST MUSICAL PERFORMANCE**

DANNY'S PIZZA ALL-STAR MARCHING BAND

**BEST IN CREATIVITY**

FIRST ASSEMBLY OF GOD

**CHURCHES**

1. SOUTHVIEW CHURCH OF GOD
2. WEST WARD CHURCH OF GOD
3. (Tied) DOUGLAS CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP CHURCH OF GOD AND HEAVEN BOUND MINISTRIES

**SMALL BUSINESS**

1. SMELTZER ELECTRIC/PAWS & CLAWS PET SPA
2. ON YOUR TOES DANCE STUDIO
3. CARGO CRAFT, INC.

**LARGE BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY**

1. MCRAE COCA COLA
2. PILGRIM'S
3. WAL MART TRANSPORTATION

**EDUCATION**

1. AMBROSE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
2. (Tied) CHS DRAMA CLUB AND SATILLA ELEMENTARY SHOW CHOIR
3. EASTSIDE EAGLE CHEERLEADERS

**CLUBS/INDIVIDUAL/ORGANIZATIONS**

1. ALMA SENIOR CENTER
2. CHILDHOOD CANCER GROUP
3. GIRL SCOUT TROOP 40613

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**SECOND READING OF THE ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CITY OF DOUGLAS  
RETIREMENT PLAN**

City Attorney Jerome Adams read the second reading for the Auto A Terminated Vested Death Benefits Ordinance to amend the City of Douglas Retirement Plan: **“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 ADOPTION AGREEMENT, ANY ADDENDUM TO THE ADOPTION AGREEMENT, THE GEORGIA MUNICIPAL ASSOCIATION SYSTEM (GMEBS) MASTER PLAN DOCUMENT AND THE GMEBS TRUST AGREEMENT”**

A **MOTION** was made by Commissioner Bob Moore and seconded by Commissioner Marty Swain. The motion **unanimously** carried (6-0).

**APPROVAL OF THE JASON SMITH GAS LINE EXTENSION**

Upon recommendation from Charles Davis, Assistant City Manager/Finance Director, the Commission approved the gas line extension onto the property of Mr. Jason Smith as discussed in the work session and to execute the Gas Contract Agreement. A **MOTION** was made by Commissioner Bob Moore and seconded by Commissioner Ronnie Anderson. The motion **unanimously** carried (6-0).

**APPROVAL OF THE AIRPORT CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN UPDATE FY'2016  
-FY' 2020 AND FY'16 [RE-APPLICATION**

Upon recommendation from Dale Batten, Community Development Director, the Commission approved the Five Year Airport Capital Improvement Plan Update for FY'2016-FY'16 Pre-application in the estimated amount of \$1,129,000.00 of which the city's estimated amount is \$137,400.00 and will be funded with SPLOST funds. A **MOTION** was made by Commissioner Bob Moore and seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Dennis Josey. The motion **unanimously** carried (6-0).

**APPROVAL OF THE WEST GREEN ELEMENTARY JINGLE JOG**

Upon recommendation from Randall Parker, Building & Inspection, Commission approved to ratify the Mayor and Commissions decision which allowed West Green Elementary School to host their Jingle Bell Jog 5K Fun Run on last Saturday, December 13, 2014 on the list of streets mentioned earlier. A **MOTION** was made by Commissioner Ronnie Anderson and seconded by Commissioner Olivia Pearson. The motion **unanimously** carried (6-0).

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**STAFF COMMENTS**

Chief Gary Casteloes, Douglas Police Department provided safety tips for the holiday season:

- The Police and Sheriff Department escorted approximately 23 families in the community on Monday evening with the "Shop with a Cop".
- Anyone planning on going out of town for the holidays are advised to contact the Douglas Police Department to sign up for the "keep watch" forms. This will allow the officers to check the owner's property periodically while they are out of town.
- Recommend citizens dispose of boxes and take advantage of the Community Clean so individuals would not be aware of the items received during the Christmas holidays.

Charles Davis, Assistant City Manager informed everyone that City Hall will be closed New Year's Day.

**GENERAL COMMENTS**

No comments

**COMMISSION COMMENTS**

Commissioner Olivia Pearson:

- Informed everyone that she will be scheduled for surgery next week and to keep her in your prayers.
- Thanked everyone who participated in the Christmas Parade.
- Thanked employees and wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Commissioner Ronnie Anderson:

- Wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. He advised everyone to mindful and safe.

Mayor Pro Tem Dennis Josey:

- Wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Pray everyone have a safe holiday.

Commissioner Richard Hutchinson:

- Thanked everyone that participated in the Christmas Parade and wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Commissioner Bob Moore:

- Wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Commissioner Marty Swain:

- Wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Also asked for everyone to pray for those less fortunate.

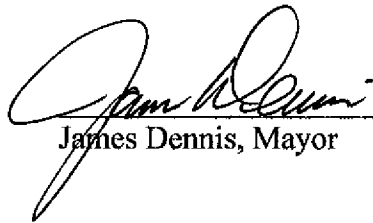
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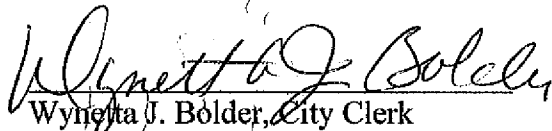
**MAYOR COMMENTS:**

- To patronize our local shops and stores in Douglas.
- Welcome the new businesses in Douglas.
- Be safe on the roads and safeguard your property.
- City Hall will be closed December 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> and also New Year's Day.
- Encouraged the community to take advantage of the Junk Drop-Off Day
- Encouraged citizens to contact the anonymous tip line 260.3600 for any suspicious activities.
- Wished staff and citizens a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

**ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business to discuss in the Regular Meeting, a motion was made to adjourn by Commissioner Bob Moore and seconded by Commissioner Olivia Pearson. The meeting was adjourned at 7:25 P.M.

  
James Dennis, Mayor

  
Wynetta J. Bolder, City Clerk