

MINUTES
MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
CITY OF DOUGLAS, GEORGIA
NOVEMBER 23, 2015

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners was held on Monday, November 23, 2015 at 7:27 P.M., in the Council Chambers of City Hall with Mayor James Dennis presiding and Mayor Pro Tem Richard Hutchinson, Commissioners Bob Moore, Dennis Josey, Marty Swain, Ronnie Anderson and Olivia Pearson were present.

CALLED TO ORDER

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Commission was called to order by Mayor James H. Dennis.

INVOCATION

Tommy Harrell, Customer Service Manager, provided the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

MINUTES ADOPTION

The following minutes were unanimously approved as printed in the Work Session.

Work Session	November 9, 2015
Commission Meeting	November 9, 2015

A MOTION to unanimously approve the minutes as printed was made by Mayor Pro Tem Richard Hutchinson and seconded by Commissioner Ronnie Anderson. The motion unanimously carried (6-0).

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 Dennis Josey and seconded by Commissioner Ronnie Anderson. The motion **unanimously** carried **(6-0)**.

RECOGNITION OF DONNIE GRAHAM

Stevie Young, Parks and Recreation Director, appeared before the Commission to recognize Mr. Donnie Graham.

Mr. Graham resigned from the Recreation Board of Commission on Tuesday, November 10, 2015 and we would like to recognize Mr. Graham for his years of service on the Recreation Board of Commissioners. Mr. Graham was not in attendance due to illness.

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RECOGNITION OF THE CHILI COOK-OFF WINNERS

This item was removed from the agenda due to none of the winners being present to accept awards. It will be placed on the next agenda.

APPROVAL OF EMERGENCY REPAIRS OF 88 HP PUMP AT T&T LIFT STATION

Upon recommendation from Mike Hudson, Natural Gas/Water/Wastewater Director, Commission approved the emergency repairs to the 88 HP Pump at the T&T Lift Station in the amount of \$19,025.

A **MOTION** was made by Commissioner Ronnie Anderson and seconded by Commissioner Dennis Josey. The motion was **unanimously** carried (6-0).

APPROVAL OF THE PURCHASE OF A 2010 VERMEER RTX 55 TRENCHER

Upon recommendation from Mike Hudson, Natural Gas/Water/Wastewater Director, Commission approved the purchase of one trencher in the amount of \$25,000 that can be utilized by the Gas Dept /Electric Dept and this purchase will also replace one trencher from the Gas Dept. and one trencher from the Electric Dept.

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

APPROVAL OF THE PROPOSAL AGREEMENT FOR SOUTHERN HOME VINTAGE MARKET EVENT

Upon recommendation from Georgia Henderson, Public Information Director, Commission approved to enter into an agreement with Mrs. Joanne Lott, DBA, Southern Home Vintage Market and Lott True Value Hardware to produce an event on April 8 - 9, 2016.

A **MOTION** was made by Commissioner Olivia Pearson and seconded by Commissioner Ronnie Anderson. The motion **carried** (6-0).

FIRST READING OF WRECKER AND TOWING SERVICES ORDINANCE AMENDMENT

City Attorney, Jerome Adams, conducted the first reading of an Ordinance for the Wrecker and Towing Services. **“AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF DOUGLAS, GEORGIA, CODE OF ORDINANCES, WRECKER AND TOWING SERVICES; TO PROVIDE FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.”** After properly advertising the caption as required under the Charter of the City of Douglas, the second reading and public hearing will be held on December 14, 2015 at the Regular Meeting.

No action needed at this time.

MINUTES**MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS****CITY OF DOUGLAS, GEORGIA****NOVEMBER 23, 2015****APPROVAL OF THE PURCHASE OF BODY CAMERAS**

Upon recommendation from Gary Casteloes, Police Chief, Commission approved to 30 body cameras and related equipment for a grand total of \$37,077.43.

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

APPROVAL OF THE DESIGNATION OF BETTY VANDIVER DAY

Upon recommendation from Terrell Jacobs, City Manager, Commission approved to designate December 1st as Betty Vandiver Day.

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

STAFF COMMENTS

Georgia Henderson, Public Information Director, announced the following:

- City offices closed November 26th – 27th for Thanksgiving
- Transwaste will be closed on Thursday, November 26th. They will resume trash pick-up on Friday and Saturday
- Toys for Tots – November 16th through December 18th
- Visitor Information Center is selling Souvenir Gift Basket sales for Christmas
- Temporary Exhibit-Nicholls Community Exhibit November 12th-January 16th
- Mini Exhibit-Douglas First United Methodist Church Exhibit November 12th- January 30th
- Parks & Recreation is accepting registrations for a Christmas Baking and Crafts class being offered on December 12th for ages 4 to 12

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Commissioner Olivia Pearson wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving. She also commended Mr. Donnie Graham for his many years of service on the Parks & Recreation Commission.

Commissioner Ronnie Anderson wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving and asked that everyone be safe.

Commissioner Dennis Josey wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

Commissioner Marty Swain wished everyone a safe and Happy Thanksgiving.

Commissioner Bob Moore wished everyone a safe and Happy Thanksgiving.

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COMMISSIONER COMMENTS – CONTINUED

Mayor Pro-Tem Richard Hutchinson wished everyone a safe and Happy Thanksgiving.

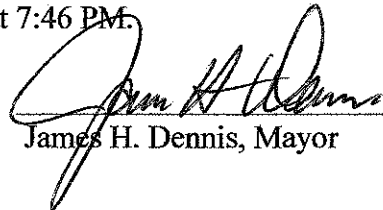
MAYOR'S COMMENTS

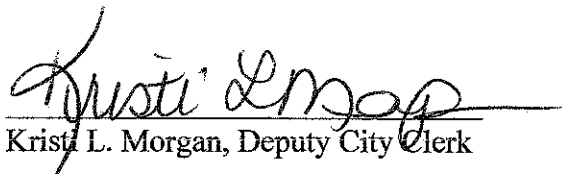
Mayor James Dennis stated the following:

- Encouraged all citizens to participate with the See Something, Say Something Campaign
- Keep Douglas Clean and encouraged everyone to participate with the Junk Drop-Off Day
- Encouraged everyone to help merchants by shopping locally
- Invited everyone to attend the Christmas Parade
 - Be safe and aware of rules
- Thanked all staff and workers for their hard work
- Reminded everyone that kids are out of school this week and to be aware of them being outside playing
- Wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, Commissioner Dennis Josey made the **MOTION** to adjourn the Regular Meeting and enter into Executive Session. The **MOTION** was seconded by Commissioner Ronnie Anderson. The Commission unanimously approved **(6-0)** to adjourn the regular meeting and enter into Executive Session at 7:46 PM.


James H. Dennis, Mayor


Kristi L. Morgan, Deputy City Clerk