

MINUTES
MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
CITY OF DOUGLAS, GEORGIA
SEPTEMBER 14, 2015

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners was held on Monday, September 14, 2015 at 7:00 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 and Ronnie Anderson present. Commissioner Olivia Pearson absent due to illness. (Wynetta Bolder, City Clerk and Kristi Morgan, Deputy Clerk were absent due to Clerk's Training in Athens)

CALLED TO ORDER

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

INVOCATION

Shanteryl Graham, Youth Minister of Macedonia Baptist Church gave 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.

Work Session..... August 24, 2015

Commission Meeting..... August 24, 2015

A **MOTION** to **unanimously** approve the minutes as printed was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Richard Hutchinson and seconded by Commissioner Marty Swain. The motion **unanimously** carried (5-0).

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 Mayor Pro Tem Richard Hutchinson and seconded by Commissioner Ronnie Anderson. The motion **unanimously** carried (5-0).

ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE AIRPORT COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS

Dale Batten, Community Development Director, announced that there are three (3) positions expiring September 30, 2015 on the Douglas-Coffee County Airport Commission. These appointments will be advertised for two (2) weeks with appointments being made at the September 28, 2015 City Commission meeting. Anyone desiring to serve on the Airport Commission may pick up an application from City Hall or the Airport Terminal. Those applying are encouraged to have aviation knowledge.

For Informational Purposes

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APPROVAL OF THE OPERATING HOURS OF AIRPORT TERMINAL

Upon recommendation from Dale Batten, Community Development Director, the Commission approved changing the hours of operation of the airport terminal from 8 AM till 6 PM Monday through Sunday, to 8 AM to 5 PM Monday through Friday for a six (6) month trial period. A **MOTION** was made by Commissioner Marty Swain and seconded by Commissioner Ronnie Hutchinson. Motion carried **(5-0)**.

PRESENTATION OF THE STORMWATER UTILITY AND MAINTENANCE PROGRAM

PRESENTATION OF THE COMMERCIAL LEAF AND LIMB PROGRAM

APPROVAL OF NAME CHANGE, RELOCATION, AND OTHER REQUESTS OF BIKES, BLUES, & BBQ FESTIVAL

Upon recommendation from Georgia Henderson, Public Information Director, the Commission approved the name change of the Bikes, Blues, & BBQ Festival to the South Georgia BBQ Festival; that the location be approved to relocate from the Municipal Airport to the downtown area; that private partners be allowed to contract out alcoholic beverage vendors for events to be held in conjunction with the festival; that streets are allowed to be blocked from Madison Avenue to Coffee Street and Pearl Street to railroad track; and that City Hall be allowed to close on Friday to support the festival. A **MOTION** was made by Commissioner Marty Swain and seconded by Commissioner Ronnie Hutchinson. Motion carried **(5-0)**.

APPROVAL OF THE PURCHASE OF ONE (1) NEW 2016 POLE TRAILER (8-24-15)

Upon recommendation from Stanley Merritt, Purchasing Agent, the Commission approved the purchase of one (1) New 2016 Light Pole Trailer, as discussed in tonight's work session meeting, to the low bidder meeting all specifications submitted by Altec Industries of Birmingham, Alabama for a total cost of \$17,855.00. A **MOTION** was made by Commissioner Marty Swain and seconded by Commissioner Ronnie Hutchinson. Motion carried **(5-0)**.

FIRST READING OF THE PURCHASING CARD POLICY (CREDIT CARDS)

A **MOTION** was made by Commissioner Ronnie Anderson and seconded by Commissioner Bob Moore. Motion carried **(5-0)**.

MINUTES**MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS****CITY OF DOUGLAS, GEORGIA****SEPTEMBER 14, 2015****FIRST READING OF GMA RETIREMENT PLAN REVISION**

Terrell Jacobs, City Manager recommended, City Attorney, Jerome Adams conducted the first reading of the GMA Revision of the 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”** The second reading will be held September 28, 2015 at a regular meeting of the Mayor and Commission.

A **MOTION** was made by Commissioner Richard Hutchinson and seconded by Commissioner Bob Moore. Motion carried (5-0).

STAFF COMMENTS

Georgia Henderson, Director of Public Information stated the following:

Thanked everyone for their participation for the success of the South Georgia Expo. She stated that a financial report will be presented at the next meeting.

- Community Junk Drop-Off Day, Saturday, September 19, 2015, 8 a.m. – noon located at Bryan Street Circle

Coffee County Historical Society:

- Country Store relics will be displayed at the Historical Museum.
- Museum hours: Thursday & Friday 10 a.m. -4 p.m. and Saturday 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

Community Events

- Qualifying for the Mayor and Commission elections will be held September 2nd – 4th.
- Hometown Harvest will be held October 29th, from 4 p.m. -7 p.m.
- Annual Christmas parade December 5th, at 6:30 p.m. the theme “Santa’s Workshop”
- City Hall will be closed Monday, September 7th for the observance of Labor Day.

MAYOR AND COMMISSION COMMENTS

Commissioner Ronnie Anderson announced his candidacy for re-election of Commission Ward 5.

Commissioner Dennis Josey complimented the food and the turn out of the Wild Game Supper.

Commissioner Marty Swain congratulated Georgia Henderson, Public Information Director and her staff for a job well done with the South Georgia Expo.

Commissioner Bob Moore announced his candidacy for re-election of Commission Ward 6.

Mayor Pro-Tem Richard Hutchinson stated that the Wild Game Supper was a success. He also stated that he appreciated the supporters of the South Georgia Expo.

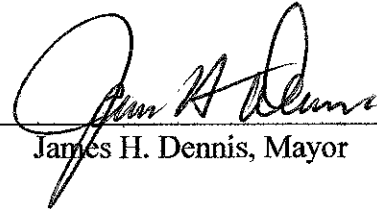
MAYOR'S COMMENTS

Mayor James Dennis stated the following:

- ✓ Extended his condolences to Chief Casteloes and his family on the loss of his father.
- ✓ Encouraged all citizens to participate with the See Something, Say Something Campaign.
- ✓ Announced that the City of Douglas was awarded \$325,000.00 CDBG Grant from the Department of Community Affairs for water and sere improvements for the city streets.
- ✓ Extended his thanks to the volunteers, participants, sponsors, city employees and Georgia Henderson and her staff for a great efforts of the South Georgia Expo.

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 Ronnie Anderson. The meeting was adjourned at 7:24 P.M.



James H. Dennis, Mayor



Amanda Gilliard, Customer Service Specialist