

**MINUTES
MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
CITY OF DOUGLAS
JANUARY 11, 2010**

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners was held on Monday, January 11, 2010, at 7:00P.M. in the Council Chambers of City Hall with Mayor Jackie L. Wilson presiding and Mayor Pro Tem Ronnie Anderson, Commissioners Johnnie Lee Roper, Robert Moore, Dennis Josey, Marty Swain and Olivia Pearson present.

INVOCATION

The invocation was given by Chris Sheffield, Youth Minister of First Baptist Church.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag was led by Ensign Moya, Cadet Spivey, Seaman Reliford and Seaman Green of the Coffee County JROTC.

MINUTE ADOPTION

The following minutes were unanimously approved:

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Commissioner Bob Moore made the motion for approval and Commissioner Johnnie Lee Roper seconded the motion.

APPROVAL OF THE ORDER OF THE AGENDA

The Commission unanimously approved to accept the order of the agenda.

Mayor Pro Tem Ronnie Anderson made the motion for approval and Commissioner Dennis Josey seconded the motion.

**APPROVAL OF THE DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
APPOINTMENTS**

Upon recommendation from Dale Batten, Community Development Director, the Mayor and Commission unanimously approved to reappoint Mr. Elsworth Swanson, Sr., and Mr. David Norris to the Downtown Development Authority with terms reiterative back to January 1, 2010 and expiring December 31, 2014.

Mayor Pro Tem Ronnie Anderson made a motion for approval and Commissioner Johnnie Lee Roper seconded the motion.

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APPROVAL OF THE UTILITY BILL PRINT PROCESS CHANGE

Upon recommendation from Charles Davis, Assistant City Manager, the Mayor and Commission approved the switch from internal bill print process to the external bill print process through Municipal Code Corporation, approved printer replacement purchase, and approved the new Pitney Bowes lease of the DM525 digital mail machine.

Commissioner Marty Swain made a motion for approval and Commissioner Olivia Pearson seconded the motion.

GENERAL COMMENTS

Mr. Joe Lewis Reliford Sr. 306 E. Pine Street, expressed concerns of the dilapidation, and loitering, of the Trailer Park located on Gaskin and Pine Street. Mr. Reliford stated that it is becoming dangerous and he is encouraging for the City and the owner of the property (not trailers) Mr. Rob Hurst Jr. to help resolve the issues that is allowing the neighborhood to be unsafe.

Mayor Jackie Wilson requested for Randall Parker, City Inspector and City Manager Terrell Jacobs to investigate the situation and report back to Mr. Reliford, and the Board of Commission.

Mr. Richard King Sr. 708 Street stated that he asked the Enforcement Officers to provide him a permit to allow him to protest in front of Harpers Furniture Store. Mr. King stated that that before his three days ended, a city police officer requested that he end the protest. Mr. King was very upset due to his time had not expired.

Mr. Richard King presented the commission with a second incident that occurred with an employee in Customer Service. Mr. King continued to state that a city employee disclosed his place of residence to another civilian without his consent. Mr. King concluded in stating that this City employee has harassed him for a number of years and he would like this issue to be resolved.

Mayor Wilson suggested that Mr. King follow the city procedures by completing a complaint form.

Commissioner Roper and Commissioner Pearson encouraged citizens to participate in the recycling program.

Charles Davis, Assistant City Manager informed the citizens and the Commission that the recycling carts will be distributed this week and the regular garbage schedule will be next week and the new schedule will start the following week.

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ADJOURNMENT

With there being no further business to discuss, a motion was made to adjourn by Commissioner Bob Moore, and seconded by Commissioner Dennis Josey. The Commission unanimously approved to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 7:40 p.m. The meeting was adjourned to utility appeals hearing.

UTILITY APPEALS

CITY OF DOUGLAS POULTRY INCENTIVES

Terrell Jacobs, City Manager, discussed with Mayor and Commission information regarding some utility issues.

ADJOURNMENT

With there being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned.

Jackie L. Wilson, Mayor

Wynetta J. Bolder, City Clerk