

**MINUTES
MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
CITY OF DOUGLAS
MARCH 9, 2009**

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners was held on Monday, March 9, 2009, at 7:00 P.M. in the Council Chambers of City Hall with Mayor Jackie L. Wilson presiding and Commissioners Johnnie Lee Roper, Robert Moore, Dennis Josey, Olivia Pearson and Marty Swain present. Absent was Mayor Pro Tem Ronnie Anderson.

INVOCATION

The invocation was given by Harry Andrews, former Maintenance Director for the City of Douglas.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag was led by Ensign Reives, and Lt. Jr. Grade Harrison with the Coffee County JROTC School System.

MINUTE ADOPTION

Upon recommendation from Mayor Jackie L. Wilson, the Commission unanimously approved to postpone the adoption of the minutes from the February 23rd Work Session and Commission Meeting until the March 23rd Meeting due to revisions.

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

APPROVAL OF THE ORDER OF THE AGENDA

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

Commissioner Dennis Josey made the motion for approval and Commissioner Olivia Pearson seconded the motion.

APPROVAL OF THE ANNUAL UTILITY ELECTRICAL SUPPLY BID

Upon recommendation from Jerald Guthrie, Purchasing Director, the Commission unanimously approved the following low bids for the annual Utility Electrical Supplies for a grand total of \$ 31,734.85:

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<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Low Bid Items</u>	<u>Total Low Bids</u>
Coley Electric	Group F - #8, #13, #15, #19 & #39	\$ 745.03
Gresco Utility	Group B, Group D, Group E & Group F - #1, #3, #5, #6, #7, #9, #10, #11, #12, #18, #20, #21, #22, #25, #26, #27, #29, #30 & #31	\$ 14,189.77
HD Supply Electrical	Group C & Group F - #14, #16 #17, #24, #28, #32, #33, #37 & #38	\$ 11,098.20
Tri-State Utility	Group F - #34, #35 & #36	\$ 1,652.50
Wesco Distribution	Group A & Group F - #4 & #23	\$ 4,049.35

Commissioner Marty Swain made a motion for approval and Commissioner Johnnie Roper seconded the motion.

APPROVAL OF ALTERNATE VOTING DELEGATE FOR ELECTRIC CITIES

Upon recommendation from Donald Carver, Electric Director, the Commission unanimously approved the appointment of Commissioner Bob Moore as the Electric Cities of Georgia alternate voting delegate. Mayor Wilson also stated that Donald Carver, Electric Director, represents the City of Douglas as the voting delegate.

Commissioner Olivia Pearson made the motion for approval and Commissioner Johnnie Roper seconded the motion.

APPROVAL OF APPOINTMENT TO CEMETERY INDIGENT SELECTION COMMITTEE

Upon recommendation from Henry Milhollin, Director of Cemetery Operations, and the City of Douglas Cemetery Committee, the Commission unanimously approved the appointment of Minister Judith Smith, a certified minister and a resident of the City of Douglas, to the Cemetery Indigent Selection Committee.

Commissioner Olivia Pearson made the motion for approval and Commissioner Bob Moore seconded the motion.

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**APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FOR BELL LAKE
APARTMENT HOMES**

Upon recommendation from Ray Parker, Code Enforcement Officer, the Commission unanimously approved a Resolution of Support for the proposed development of Bell Lake Apartment Homes at Old Bell Lake Road and SE Bowens Mill Road by Bell Lake Douglas LP.

Commissioner Johnnie Roper made the motion for approval and Commissioner Marty Swain seconded the motion.

**APPROVAL OF SECOND READING/PUBLIC HEARING ON AMENDMENTS
TO ZONING ORDINANCE**

Following the second reading of Amendments to Zoning Ordinance by City Attorney Jerome Adams, a public hearing was held. Mr. Sage Barnwell of Broxton, Georgia, representing Fleetwood Homes, cited from Department of Community Affairs policies regarding the restrictions to allow industrialized buildings/modular homes only in certain zoning districts as noted in the proposed amendment to the City of Douglas Zoning Ordinance.

Following further discussion, it was unanimously approved by Commission to amend the City's Zoning Ordinance addressing industrialized buildings to be allowed only in M1 or M2 Districts and modular homes to be allowed only in R-3 or R-3MH Districts and adopted as follows: **AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CITY OF DOUGLAS ZONING ORDINANCE, AND REPEAL ALL OTHER ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH.**

Commissioner Bob Moore made the motion for approval and Commissioner Marty Swain seconded the motion.

APPROVAL TO IMPLEMENT COST OF SERVICE STUDY

Upon recommendation from Donald Carver, Electric Director, the Commission unanimously approved the implementation of the new Cost of Service Study effective April 1, 2009 with the exception of the LP rate which would be effective January 1, 2010.

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

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APPROVAL OF APPOINTMENT TO THE HOUSING AUTHORITY BOARD

Upon recommendation from Mayor Jackie L. Wilson, the Commission unanimously approved the appointment of Keith Newell to the Douglas Housing Authority Board with term retroactive to January 20, 2009 and expiring January 20, 2014.

Commissioner Olivia Pearson made the motion for approval and Commissioner Bob Moore seconded the motion.

COMMENTS

Commissioner Olivia Pearson recommended that GDOT be contacted to conduct study of the increasing number of accidents that have happened at the intersection of State Route 32/E. Ward Street and McDonald Road and determine what can be done for the safety of the traveling public along this highway.

Commissioner Johnnie Roper encouraged citizens to continue to bring items that can be recycled to specified containers in our city to help keep our community clean. Also, be mindful of those individuals that have lost or will be losing their jobs in our community due to plant closings or lay-offs.

Mayor Jackie L. Wilson announced that Henry Milhollin, Director of Cemetery Operations, was appointed to the State Board of Directors for Georgia Municipal Cemeteries for Region 8.

Mayor Jackie L. Wilson recognized Scott Roberts and Boy Scout Troop 860 from Southview Church of God for attending Commission Meeting in preparation for their Citizenship Community Project.

ADJOURN- EXECUTIVE SESSION

The meeting was adjourned to Executive Session to discuss Personnel Issues.

Commissioner Olivia Pearson made the motion for approval to enter into Executive Session and Commissioner Johnnie Roper made the second, it was unanimously approved.

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EXECUTIVE SESSION

PERSONNEL ISSUE

City Manager Terrell Jacobs discussed personnel issues with Mayor and Commissioners.

Commissioner Bob Moore made the motion to return back to the regular meeting from Executive Session and second by Commissioner Marty Swain and approved by all.

APPROVED RECOMMENDED PERSONNEL CHANGES

Commissioner Olivia Pearson made the motion to accept the recommended personnel changes by City Manager, Terrell Jacobs, to demote Police Chief Clifford Thomas to Deputy Chief and Public Works Director Anthony Kirkland to Assistant Public Works Director effective immediately. Commissioner Marty Swain seconded the motion and was approved by all present.

ADJOURNMENT

With there being no further business to discuss, Commissioner Dennis Josey made the motion to adjourn and second by Commissioner Olivia Pearson and approved by all at 7:50 p.m.

Jackie L. Wilson, Mayor

Pat A. Baker, Deputy Clerk