

**MINUTES
MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
CITY OF DOUGLAS
JULY 16, 2009**

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners was held on Tuesday, July 16, 2009, 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, and Marty Swain present. Olivia Pearson was absent.

INVOCATION

The invocation was given by Commissioner Dennis Josey.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag was led by Commissioner Marty Swain.

MINUTE ADOPTION

The following minutes were unanimously approved:

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Commissioner Bob Moore made the motion for approval and Mayor Pro Tem Ronnie Anderson seconded the motion.

APPROVAL OF THE ORDER OF THE AGENDA

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

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

APPROVAL OF CEMETERY EXPANSION

Upon recommendation from Henry Milhollin, Cemetery Coordinator and the Cemetery Advisory Board the Commission unanimously approved adding an additional single plot sales area to be located in section T-E7 and T-E8. This would add 64 single plots in addition to the 16 remaining in the current single plot sales area.

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

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APPROVAL OF INTERRUPTIBLE GAS CUSTOMERS SALES AGREEMENT

Upon recommendation from Mike Hudson, Gas Director, the Commission unanimously approved the Natural Gas interruptible Gas Sales Contract Agreement which will be signed by IT customers and returned to Mike Hudson and Marty Thornton, Natural Gas Department, for final approval and signature.

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

APPROVAL OF SURPLUS/DISPOSAL OF 1987 PUMPER FIRE TRUCK

Upon recommendation from Tim White, Fire Chief the Commission unanimously approved to 1)declare the 1987 GMC Pumper Fire Truck as surplus and for 2) City Manager, Terrell Jacobs, Fire Chief Tim White, and Vehicle Maintenance Director, Terry Fesperman, to coordinate the sale of a 1987 GMC Pumper Fire Truck to the Coffee County Commissioners.

Mayor Pro Tem Ronnie Anderson made a motion for approval and Commissioner Marty Swain seconded the motion.

APPROVAL OF U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY AMERICAN RECOVERY REINVESTMENT ACT ASSISTANCE TO FIREFIGHTERS FIRE STATION CONSTRUCTION GRANT APPLICATION

Upon recommendation from Ivy Clark, Assistant Community Development Director, the Commission unanimously approved to ratify a resolution authorizing Mayor Jackie L. Wilson to 1) execute the American Recovery Reinvestment Act Assistance to Firefighters Fire Station Construction Grant application with the U.S. Department of Homeland Security in the amount of up to \$135,800 for Station #2 to build another service bay for fire truck and gear storage room, change the existing gear storage room to create a sleeping bay for another firefighter and make an exit door to the new service bay, and 2)that Mayor Jackie L. Wilson be authorized to execute grant documents if awarded the grant.

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

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APPROVAL OF MARTIN CENTRE ROOF REPAIR

Upon recommendation from Georgia Henderson, Central Services Director, the Commission unanimously approved for funds in the amount of \$25,040.00 to be paid to Brantley Roofing Company of Baxley, Georgia to repair the roof at the Martin Centre with \$10,000 of the funds coming from the General Fund Balance and the balance of \$15,040 comes from Facility Activity Account.

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

APPROVAL OF NORTH GASKIN AVENUE RIGHT-OF-WAY DOCUMENTS

Upon recommendation from Ivy Clark, Assistant Community Development Director, the Commission unanimously approved a resolution authorizing Mayor Jackie L. Wilson to execute DOT Right-Of Way certification documents for North Gaskin Avenue upon receipt.

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

GENERAL COMMENTS

Jerome Adams, City Attorney, stated that a concerned citizen was requesting for left turning lanes on Bryan at Shirley and Gaskin Ave.

Commissioner Johnnie Lee Roper requested that a sign stating "No Profanity" be placed in the lobby of City Hall. Mr. Roper also commended the weekend detail workers are doing a great job in keeping the streets of Douglas clean.

Commissioner Josey requested that the city send a letter of appreciation to the CSX Railroad.

Ray Parker, Code Enforcer, informed the citizens that blowing leaves and limbs to the streets is a violation of the City Ordinances, there will be a severe fine for all violators.

Mayor Jackie Wilson stated that an appreciation for the National Guard 848 Engineering Company returning from Iraq will be held Sunday, July 19, noon-4pm at the Central Square Complex Gym B.

Mr. Jacobs stated that applications are available for those that are interested in participating in the Douglas-101 Citizen's Academy Program.

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There are twenty-five slots; applications can be picked up at the Central Services Department or online.

ADJOURNMENT

With there being no further business to discuss, a motion was made to adjourn by Mayor Pro Tem Ronnie Anderson, and seconded by Commissioner Dennis Josey. The Commission unanimously approved to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 7:18 p.m.

Jackie L. Wilson, Mayor

Wynetta J. Bolder, Certified Municipal Clerk