

**MINUTES  
MAYOR AND COMMISSION CITY OF DOUGLAS  
CALLED WORK SESSION  
CITY OF DOUGLAS  
DECEMBER 10, 2009**

**A Called Meeting of the Board of Commissioners was held on Thursday, December 10, 2009 at 2:00 P.M. in the Council Chambers of City Hall with Mayor Jackie L. Wilson presiding and Mayor Pro Tem Ronnie Anderson, Commissioners Johnnie L. Roper, Marty Swain, Bob Moore Dennis Josey and Olivia Pearson present.**

**DISCUSS SPLOST PROJECT/ PRIORITIES**

Terrell Jacobs, City Manager, updated the Commission on the SPLOST Revenues. Currently there are two outstanding revenue sources, SPLOST 2000 and the current 2005 totaling \$1.7 million. He stated that the jail is 99% completed which will be occupied the first of the year. Mr. Jacobs explained that he and Mayor Wilson met with the County Manager Wesley Vickers and County Commissioner Chairman Kitchens, the jail was originally \$20 million dollars, but due to the significant change in population of the current jail the cost of the size increased to \$30 million dollars. The 2005 SPLOST was projected to be around \$40 million dollars, however due to the down economy collection may come in around 33 million dollars. Mr. Jacobs suggested that the Commission prioritize what projects the Commission would like to consider for the 1.7 millions from SPLOST 2000 and 2005.

Dale Batten, Community Development Director presented the Commission with a report of the Road Improvement Projects. Ms. Batten explained that the balance of the 2000 SPLOST Road Fund is \$505,193.00, North Gaskin Ave. Department of Transportation contract is \$500,000 and Pleasant Lane proposed DOT Funds are \$55,000. Ms. Batten also stated that DOT has Briarwood and Golf Club Road DOT has this on their priority list but has not been contracted.

Mayor and Commission consensus was to bid North Gaskin Ave. and proceed with College Ave and June Street and prioritize the remaining streets under Georgia Department of Transportation Contract.

**DISCUSS WATER/WASTEWATER PROJECTS/PRIORITIES**

Ernest Crussel, Water and Wastewater Director, Erick Hancock, and Erick Nease with JJ&G discussed the city's wastewater treatment facility is designed to handle flows of six million gallon per day. Mr. Hancock explained that because of the city's flows the facility can only process about four and a half million gallons of wastewater per day, by rehabilitate the current facility and to purchase addition processing equipment that would allow more treatment capacity. Therefore, the plant would then be able to process six million gallons of flows per day which we are permit from Ga. EPD.

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Eric Nease, JJ&G, stated that it would be in the best interest of the city to replace or rehabilitate the city's major trunk line. He stated that when it rains, there's a lot of extra water in the system. Mr. Nease also stated that the city should use the closed-circuit TV system, which will allow them to view the trunk lines to see where and how storm water is making its way into the system.

Ernest Crussel, Water and Wastewater Director, stated that a manhole located by the Burger King on Madison and 441 collapsed due to deterioration. This will cost the city approximately \$20,000.00.

Mr. Jacobs explained that in order to pay for the work at the facility, the city will consider a possible rate increase. Mr. Jacobs stated that 10% increase would increase the average residential customer's bill around \$3.00 per month. An increase of 20% will also be considered. Mr. Jacobs also stated the reason for bringing this before the Mayor and Commission is because of low cost of construction and low flows that we are experience as well.

After much discussion, Mr. Jacobs concluded that staff would research the funding, by looking at inclusive of \$10 million adding the \$1.7 million for road improvement and sewer problems. The consensus of the Commission was to move forward with the Task Order #25 as it stands with part 1 and 2 at \$36,980.00 and Task 3, if needed, costing 5,480.00. Mr. Jacobs also stated there is an Engineering plan for Southside sewer replace are completed with only some small environmental work need with a small environmental cost.

**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 Called Meeting at 5:30 p.m.

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Jackie L. Wilson, Mayor

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Wynetta J. Bolder, City Clerk