



MINUTES
WAYCROSS CITY COMMISSION MEETING
TUESDAY, AUGUST 16, 2022 – 5:00 PM
WAYCROSS CITY COMMISSION CHAMBERS

I. CALL TO ORDER:

The Waycross City Commission Meeting was called to order on Tuesday, August 16, 2022, at 5:00 pm by Mayor Michael-Angelo James. The meeting was held in the Commission Chambers of City Hall. Present was Mayor James, Commissioners Norman Davis, Katrena Felder, Henry Strickland, Sheinita Bennett.

A. Invocation

The Invocation was led by Public Works Director, James Smart.

B. Pledge of Allegiance

C. City Clerk to Read Section 2-66 (a) – Decorum

Read by Jacqueline Powell, City Clerk

D. Request Motion to Approve Agenda

Commissioner Davis made the motion to approve the agenda. Commissioner Bennett seconded all voted in favor and the motion passed.

II. PUBLIC REMARKS ON OFFICIAL ACTIONS

Michael Hargrove-

Was down to speak on the Street Gang Ordinance but spoke on the way the verbiage is laid out in the Ordinances'. He gave his opinion on ways that he felt would benefit the citizens. The City Attorney Rick Curry stated that a way to have the entire commission workbook viewed on line was being looked into to see if that is possible.

III. EXECUTIVE DUTIES:

There were no executive duties

IV. OFFICIAL REPORTS:

- A. City Manager's Report
Interim City Manager, Marc Hawkins, thanked all employee for what they do.
- B. Mayor's Report (To Include Any Public Service Announcements).

V. CONSIDERATION OF OFFICIAL ACTIONS:

A. Consent Calendar:

1. Approval of Minutes:

- a. Waycross City Commission Planning and Information Session, July 18, 2022, 5:00 P.M.
- b. Waycross City Commission Public Hearing, Tuesday, July 19, 2022, 4:45 P.M.
- c. Waycross City Commission Meeting, Tuesday, July 19, 2022, 5:00 P.M.

2. Ordinance Second Readings:

- a. An Ordinance To Abandon and Close a Portion of Colquitt Street Right-of-Way Between South Georgia Parkway and Mary Street as a City Street; To Reserve the right to Authorize Quit Claim Deeds at a Future Date to Adjoining Property Owners with City Retaining Ownership and Access to Storm Drainage Portion of Right of Way; To Establish an Effective Date; To Repeal Conflicting Ordinances; and for Other Purposes.
- b. An Ordinance to Amend the Code of the City of Waycross, Georgia; To Amend Chapter 28 – Offenses, By Adding a New Article IV. – Street Gang Terrorism and Prevention; To Repeal Conflicting Ordinances; To Provide for Severability; To Provide for an Effective Date; To Provide for Codification, Renumbering or Relettering; and for Other Purposes.

3. Privilege License Renewals: n/a

Commissioner Davis made the motion to approve the Consent Calendar. Commissioner Strickland seconded. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

B. Privilege Licenses:

- 1. 1803 Knight LLC /DBA King Claw, Yuk Fan Chan Fu, 1803 Knight Ave. Suite I, Waycross, Ga 31501, Consumption on Premises, Beer, Wine, and Liquor

Commissioner Strickland made the motion to approve the privilege license for King Claw. Commissioner Davis seconded. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

C. Bids:

1. FY23-01 Tactical Communication Headers

Commissioner Bennett made the motion to approve the bid. Commissioner Davis seconded. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

2. Surplus Property WAYX 23-04 Metal Slides, Concrete Forms, Tower Joints

Commissioner Felder made the motion to approve the surplus item. Commissioner Bennett seconded. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

D. Ordinances: n/a

E. Resolutions:

1. A Resolution Regarding Local Option Sales Tax Distribution; and for Other Purposes.

Commissioner Strickland made the motion to approve the Resolution. Commissioner Felder seconded. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

2. A Resolution of the City of Waycross Georgia, to Authorize Approval of Application and Acceptance of Grant from the Bureau of Justice Assistance Fiscal Year 2022 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program; and for Other Purposes.

Commissioner Bennett made the motion to approve the Resolution. Commissioner Davis seconded. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

3. A Resolution of the City of Waycross, Georgia, To Approve Purchase of Tactical Communication Headsets for the Waycross Police Department, and for Other Purposes.

Commissioner Bennett made the motion to approve the Resolution. Commissioner Davis seconded. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

VI. LAST CALL and/or ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

Commissioner Davis-

The Commissioner asked for prayers for anyone who lost loved ones. He thanked Mr. James and the public workers for all their hard work. He also thanked the HR department, for the tedious job of handling the search for City Manager position. He addressed the City Clerk asking if the city clerk was good with staying on the seconded floor of City Hall. He asked the Finance Director, Greg Smith to get some clarity on the GEFA presentation. He stated that he wanted all city workers to have a raise increase of 15%. He wants the commission to be aware of that and keep that in remembrance so as to make that happen. He thanked everyone for coming out.

Commissioner Bennett-

She thanked all citizens for coming out to be a part of the commission meeting. She stated that employees needed to be encouraged to take time off, to stay healthy mentally as well as physically. She expressed her enjoyment in having the opportunity to work with this commission and mayor. She wants the City of Waycross to grow and would like to encourage everyone to work together to make that happen.

Commissioner Felder-

Thanked everyone for coming out. She wanted to thank her district for expressing their concerns for the community.

Commissioner Strickland-

Thanked the mayor for all he does for the city and the commission. He stated that the mayor was a very compassionate person and does a great job. He thanked all citizens for coming out to express their concerns about their community.

Interim City Manager, Marc Hawkins-

Reminded the commissioners of the Called Meeting on Monday, August 29, 2022 at 2:00 p.m.

Mayor James-

Thanked everyone to include the commissioners for all they do. He stated he appreciates the opportunity to serve.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor James adjourned the meeting at 5:43 pm.

CITY OF WAYCROSS

BY:

Michael Angelo James

MICHAEL-ANGELO JAMES, Mayor

ATTEST:

Jacqueline Powell

JACQUALINE POWELL, City Clerk

