



MINUTES
WAYCROSS CITY COMMISSION MEETING
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2022 – 5:00 PM
WAYCROSS CITY COMMISSION CHAMBERS

I. CALL TO ORDER:

The Waycross City Commission Meeting was called to order on Tuesday, December 6, 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, Mayor Pro Temp Diane Hopkins, Commissioners Henry Strickland, Sheinita Bennett and Norman Davis

A. Invocation:

Invocation was led by City Interim Marc Hawkins, Interim City Manager

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

Attorney Rick Curry, asked for a motion to amend Section 2-a before approval. Motion made by Commissioner Davis and seconded by Commissioner Strickland. All voted in favor and the motion passed to amend and approve agenda.

II. PUBLIC REMARKS ON OFFICIAL ACTIONS

There were know remarks made.

III. EXECUTIVE DUTIES:

A. Employee of the Month:

Employee of the month was presented by Public Works Director, James Smart to Mrs. Betty Pressley.

B. Appointments to Boards, Agencies and Authorities:

1. Waycross Board of Zoning and Appeals:

- a. Post 1: Joe Ramsey
- b. Post 2: Shawn Taylor

Commissioner Davis made a motion to approve these appointments seconded by Commissioner Strickland. All voted in favor and the motion passed.

2. Waycross-Ware County Land Bank Authority:

- a. Post 1: Commissioner Bennett nominated Commissioner Norman Davis

There was a motion made by Commissioner Bennett to approve this appointment, seconded by Commissioner Davis. All voted in favor and the motion passed.

3. Waycross-Ware County Public Library Board of Trustees:

- a. Trustee: Dr. Martha Hall

There was a motion made by Commissioner Davis seconded by Commissioners Strickland and Bennett. All voted in favor and the motion passed.

4. Waycross Convention & Visitors Bureau:

- a. Board Member: Rena Vining

There was a motion made by Mayor Pro Temp, Diane Hopkins seconded by Commissioner Bennett. All voted in favor and the motion passed.

IV. OFFICIAL REPORTS:

A. City Manager's Report

City Manager Interim, Marc Hawkins thanked the city commissioners for the opportunity to serve as Interim City Manager.

B. Mayor's Report (To Include Any Public Service Announcements).

The mayor spoke briefly on the activities that are going on in the community. Christmas Parade, Saturday at 6:30pm, High School Football in Atlanta Georgia, starting at 3:30, it will be televised on GPB. The Okefenokee Light Show from 6:00pm to 9:00pm throughout the holidays.

V. CONSIDERATION OF OFFICIAL ACTIONS:

A. Consent Calendar:

1. Approval of Minutes:

- a. Waycross City Commission Planning and Information Session, Monday, November 14, 2022, 5:00 P.M.
- b. Waycross City Commission Meeting, Tuesday, November 15, 2022, 5:00 P.M.

2. Ordinance Second Readings:

- a. An Ordinance of the Waycross City Commission To Amend the Zoning Map of the City of Waycross, Georgia; To Re-zone the Property Described Herein Located at 121 Victory Drive for IP – Industrial Park to C – 2 Highway Commercial; To Set an Effective Date; To Repeal Conflicting Ordinances; and for Other Purposes. (This is the incorrect ordinance)

(Correct Ordinance) An Ordinance to Abandon and Close a Portion of College Street Right-of-Way from Knight Avenue in a Northeasterly Direction as Described Herein; To Authorize a Quit Claim Deed to an Adjoining Property Owner with the City Retaining Ownership of the Remaining Portion; To Establish an Effective Date; To Repeal Conflicting Ordinances; and for Other Purposes.

3. Privilege License Renewals:

- a. Cracker Barrel Old Country Store, Inc. /DBA Cracker Barrel #744, N.J. Mactier, 2501 Memorial Drive, Waycross, GA 31503, Beer and Wine, Consumption on Premises
- b. KD's Café, K. Woods, 504 Elizabeth Street, Waycross, GA 31501, Beer and Wine, Consumption On Premises
- c. SNS 1302, LLC. /DBA Waycross Food & Beverage, S. Shah, 1302 Brunel Street, Waycross, GA 31501, Beer and Wine, Package Sales Only
- d. GMRI, Inc. /DBA The Olive Garden Italian Restaurant #5814, K.R. Smith, 2497 Memorial Drive, Waycross, GA 31503, Beer and Wine Consumption on Premises

The commission questioned whether Olive Garden still serves liquor. After review of application, it was found that there was an error in the listing. Olive Garden does in fact still serves liquor.

- e. Quick Mart, Rushiqm Inc. – R. Patel, 800 Ossie Davis Pkwy, Waycross, GA 31501, Beer and Wine, Package Sales Only
- f. The Vibe Events, R. Patel, 215 Knight Avenue, Waycross, GA 31501, Beer, Wine and Liquor, Consumption on Premises
- g. Booze Outlet, Booze Outlet Inc.-R. Patel, 1930 Brunswick Hwy, Waycross, GA 31501, Beer, Wine and Liquor, Package Sales Only
- h. Topsy's, Topsy's Inc.-P. Patel, 1711 Ossie Davis Pkwy, Waycross, GA 31501, Beer, Wine and Liquor, Package Sales Only
- i. Plant Café, LLC, M. Howell, 504 Plant Avenue, Waycross, GA 31501, Beer and Wine, Consumption on Premises
- j. OM Shree Ambe Inc. /DBA Bunky's, H. Patel, 1545 Ossie Davis Pkwy, Waycross, GA 31501, Beer and Wine, Package Sales Only
- k. SNS 508 LLC. /DBA Cheers Package Store, S. Shah, 508 S City Blvd, Waycross, GA 31501, Beer, Wine and Liquor, Package Sales Only
- l. N.S. Traders LLC. /DBA Johnny's Food Store, M. Nadeem, 819 Glenmore Avenue, Waycross, GA 31503, Beer and Wine, Package Sales Only
- m. C.C. Stephens AMVETS Post 621, C. Nelson, 773 Ossie Davis Pkwy, Waycross, GA 31501, Beer, Wine and Liquor, Consumption on Premises

- n. Wiley's Too Shelf LLC, D.R. Wiley Jr, 409 Alice Street, Waycross, GA 31502, Beer, Wine, and Liquor, Consumption on Premises
Daksh Oil LLC. /DBA Petro Station, H. Bawa, 1001 South Georgia Pkwy, Waycross, GA 31501, Beer and Wine, Package Sales Only
- p. OM Shree Laxmi Inc. /DBA Wallys, H. Patel, 1565 Ossie Davis Pkwy, Waycross, GA 31501, Beer and Wine, Package Sales Only
- q. Ruby Tuesday Operations LLC. /DBA Ruby Tuesday #4801, K.M. Williams, 2263 Memorial Drive, Waycross, GA 31501, Beer, Wine, and Liquor, Consumption on Premises
- r. 1803 Knight LLC. /DBA King Claw, Y. Fu, 1803 Knight Avenue Suite I, Waycross, GA 31501, Beer, Wine, and Liquor, Consumption on Premises
- s. Georgia CVS Pharmacy LLC. /DBA CVS/Pharmacy #3348, C. Goode, 1800 Brunswick Hwy, Waycross, GA 31501, Beer and Wine, Package Sales Only
- t. Rodeo Mexican Restaurant, L. Escalera, 2020 Memorial Drive, Waycross, GA 31501, Beer, Wine, and Liquor, Consumption on Premises
- u. Food Lion, LLC. /DBA Food Lion # 2844, M.L. Hoyle, 1312 Plant Avenue, Waycross, GA 31501, Beer and Wine, Package Sales Only
- v. Walgreens #9277, M.A. Smart Sr., 1740 Memorial Drive, Waycross, GA 31501, Beer and Wine, Package Sales Only

Mayor Pro Temp, Diane Hopkins made the motion to approve the Consent Calendar. Seconded by Commissioner Davis. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

B. Privilege Licenses: n/a

C. Bids:

1. WAYX 23-08 Land Sale 0.21 Acres Brunswick Ave (Parcel WA0803 085A)

Commissioner Davis made the motion to approve. Seconded by Commissioner Hopkins. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

2. FY23-05 Three (3) Extractor Washing Machines for Fire Department

Mayor Pro Temp, Diane Hopkins made the motion to approve. Seconded by Commissioner Davis. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

D. Ordinances: n/a

E. Resolutions:

1. A Resolution of the City of Waycross, Georgia, To Hold the City Commission Work Session Set for the Monday Before the First Tuesday in the Month of January 2023 on January 3, 2023, and for Other Purposes.

Mayor Pro Temp, Diane Hopkins made the motion to approve the Resolution. Seconded by Commissioner Bennett. All voted in favor and the motion carried

2. A Resolution of the City of Waycross, Georgia, To Hold the City Commission Work Session Set for the Monday Before the Third Tuesday in the Month of January 2023 on January 17, 2023, and for Other Purposes.

Mayor Pro Temp, Diane Hopkins made the motion to approve the Resolution. Seconded by Commissioner Bennett. All voted in favor and the motion carried

3. A Resolution of the City of Waycross, Georgia, To Appoint Tommy Cox to be Acting City Manager for the City of Waycross for a Period of Time Not More than Six Months; To Fix Compensation; and for Other Purposes.

Commissioner Davis made the motion to approve the Resolution. Seconded by Commissioner Strickland. All voted in favor and the motion carried

4. A Resolution of the City of Waycross, Georgia, To Approve Purchase of Extractor Washing Machines for the Waycross Fire Department; and for Other Purposes.

Commissioner Davis made the motion to approve the Resolution. Seconded by Mayor Pro Temp, Diane Hopkins. All voted in favor and the motion carried

5. A Resolution of the City of Waycross, Georgia, To Approve the Sale and Transfer of Certain Surplused Real Property Described Herein and Located Between Albany Avenue and Brunswick Avenue; and for Other Purposes.

Mayor Pro Temp, Diane Hopkins made the motion to approve the Resolution. Seconded by Commissioner Bennett. All voted in favor and the motion carried

6. A Resolution of the City of Waycross, Georgia, To Approve Fiscal Year 2022 Wastewater Treatment Facility Upgrades Project; and for Other Purposes.

Mayor Pro Temp, Diane Hopkins made the motion to approve the Resolution. Seconded by Commissioner Strickland. All voted in favor and the motion carried

7. A Resolution of the City of Waycross, Georgia, To Approve Purchase of a New Pierce Saber Pumper Fire Truck; and for Other Purposes.

Commissioner Davis made the motion to approve the Resolution. Seconded by Mayor Pro Temp, Diane Hopkins. All voted in favor and the motion carried

VI. LAST CALL and/or ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

Commissioner Davis-spoke about the excitement in the neighborhood about the charging stations that are coming to the park. James Smart informed Commissioner Davis that the charging station are in and will be installed soon. Measurements for the basketball court he is working on that. Commissioner Davis congratulated Mrs. Pressley on a well-deserved employee of the month. He gave condolences to the E. Miles family.

Commissioner Bennett- thanked Mrs. Pressley for her dedication and being the employee of the month. Reminded all about the transportation that is available for going to the high school football game, one person of contact being Phyllis Poller and Minnie Williams. She thanked James Smart for the update on trash pick and its delays. She thanked Chief Cox.

Commissioner Strickland-thanked Mrs. Pressley for her presence and dedication. Thanked all the city workers for a job well done. Thanked everyone for coming out.

Mayor Pro Temp, Diane Hopkins- Thanked the staff especially Ms. Jackson, our purchasing director for doing a great job. She also addressed Chief Cox, as the upcoming Interim City Manager, assuring him that he will do a great job for the City of Waycross. Thanked the Chamber for their planning of the Christmas Parade.

Mayor James- spoke briefly on the Christmas Parade information. Reminding all that it starts at 11:00 at the Action Pact. Thanked Marc for a job well done as Interim City Manager. Thanked Public Works for all they do. Thanked Mrs. Pressley for all she does. Thanked all staff for their hard work. Thanked Chief Cox for stepping into the Interim City Managers position. He is grateful for his commissioners.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

The mayor moved for a motion to adjourn, motion was made by Commissioner Davis and seconded by Mayor Pro Temp, Diane Hopkins. And the meeting was adjourned at 6:01 pm

CITY OF WAYCROSS

BY:


MICHAEL-ANGELO JAMES, Mayor

ATTEST:


JACQUALINE POWELL, City Clerk

