

MINUTES
WAYCROSS CITY COMMISSION MEETING
TUESDAY, JANUARY 8, 2019
5:00 PM

The Commission of the City of Waycross held their Regular City Commission Meeting on Tuesday, January 8, 2019 in the Commission Chambers of City Hall. The meeting was called to order by the Honorable Mayor John Knox at 5:00 p.m. Members in attendance were: Mayor John Knox, Mayor Pro Tem Jon Tindall, Commissioners Marian Solomon-Gaines, Norman Davis, John Threat, and Diane Hopkins.

Mayor John Knox asked Public Works Director Wilton Deloach to pray the opening invocation. The Invocation was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Mayor John Knox.

Human Resources Sr. Generalist Kimberly Jewell introduced Paul Crawford, Waycross Police Department January 2019 Employee of the Month.

Mayor John Knox called for nominations for Mayor Pro Tempore for 2019. Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines nominated Commissioner Diane Hopkins; seconded by Commissioner John Threat. Commissioner Jon Tindall nominated John Threat; seconded by Commissioner Norman Davis. Mr. John Threat respectfully declined the nomination. The vote was 3 – 2. After discussion, City Attorney Rick Currie announced that the vote was improper. The Mayor is allowed to vote for Mayor Pro Tempore. Nominations were re-opened with Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines nominating Commissioner Diane Hopkins; seconded by Commissioner Threat. The vote was unanimous in favor of Diane Hopkins becoming the Mayor Pro Tempore for 2019.

Appointments for 2019 were confirmed as follows:

II. EXECUTIVE DUTIES:

B. Pronouncement of City Officers (Presented by Mayor and Confirmed by Commissioners)

City Attorney

Rick Currie

Assistant City Attorney

Huey W. Spearman

Official Organ:

Waycross Journal-Herald

City Depository:

SunTrust Bank

Waycross Bank & Trust

City Auditor:

BYRT CPAs, LLC

Municipal Court Judge

Judge Douglas W. Gibson

Municipal Court Judge Pro-Tempore'

Adrienne Gibson

Insurance Agents:

J Smith Lanier, Insurance Broker

Apex Insurance Services, Public Risk Underwriter

Corvel Corporation, TPA-Workers'Comp

Standard, Group Life

Travelers Liability

UMR, TPA-Health Insurance

City Election Superintendent:

Ware County Board of Elections and Registration

C. Appointment to Executive Positions (One-Year Appointments) Recommended by Mayor and Confirmed by the Commission:

Downtown Waycross Development Authority:

Mayor John Knox

Jim Blackburn, Sr. Public Safety Board:

**Marian Solomon-Gaines
John Threat**

Library Board:

**Dr. Martha Hall, Term to expire
12/31/2023**

Southern Georgia Regional Commission

**Jon Tindall, Ex-Officio , Expires 12/31/2020
Mayor John Knox**

Tourism Board of Directors:

**David Eddins, Interim City Manager
(4 years) Term 1-8-19 – 12-31-2023**

**China Williams, Interim Finance Director
(3 years) Term 1-1--19 – 12-31-2022**

**Diane Hopkins, Commissioner (3 years)
Term 1-1-19 – 12-31-2022**

**Dr. William Clark
(2 years) Term 1-1-19 – 12-31-2021**

Preyen Patel (2 years)
Term 1-1-19 – 12-31-2021

**Transportation Planning Coordinating
Committee:**

Mayor John Knox

Ware County Health Board:

Mayor John Knox

Waycross-Ware Co Development Authority:

Mayor John Knox

Waycross-Ware Co Chamber of Commerce:

Mayor John Knox

(Mayor and/or City Manager are Automatic Appointees to the Southern Georgia Regional Commission, Waycross-Ware Development Authority, Transportation Planning Coordinating Committee, Waycross-Ware County Chamber of Commerce, and Downtown Waycross Development Authority)

Waycross Main Street:

Ken Taft, President

Allie Sweat, Vice President

Pam Taylor, Treasurer

Angela Carsten, Secretary

**Marla Howell, Organization Committee
Chair**

Dodi Moore, Promotion Committee Chair

**John Ganas, Economic Restructuring
Committee**

Jerry Carver, Design

Waycross-Ware Co Land Bank Authority:

Guy Harris (1-8-2019 – 13-31-2019)

Jon Tindall Term 10-2-17 – 12-31-2019

Larry Rood, Term 10-2-217 – 13-31-2020

Bertha Gray, Term 10-2-17 – 13-31-2021

(The members shall be appointed as follows: four (4) members appointed by the Commission of the City of Waycross; and three (3) members appointed by the Ware County Board of Commissioners.)

Pension Committee for Retirement Fund* (Recommended by Mayor and Confirmed by City Commission) (Mayor, City Manager, City Attorney, and Personnel Analyst & Risk Management Employee are Automatic Appointees):

- | | | |
|----|-------------------------------------|--|
| a. | Mayor | John Knox, Mayor |
| b. | City Manager | David Eddins, Interim City Manager |
| c. | City Attorney | Rick Currie, City Attorney |
| d. | Personnel Analyst & Risk Management | Nicole Price |
| e. | Finance Director | China Williams, Interim Finance Director |
| f. | City Commissioner | Diane Hopkins, Commissioner |
| g. | Department Head | Wilton Deloach, Public Works Director |
| h. | Human Resources Director | Trinija Martin, Human Resources |

Zoning Board of Appeals

Three-Year Terms Beginning January 1, 2019 and Ending December 31, 2022

- | | | |
|----|---------|---------------|
| a. | Post 5: | Charlie Moore |
| b. | Post 6: | Larry Lockey |

Southern Georgia Regional Commission: No appointment at this time.

Waycross-Ware County Planning Commission

Three-Year Terms Beginning July 1, 2018 and Ending June 30, 2021

- | | | |
|----|---------|---------------|
| a. | Post 7: | John Stephens |
|----|---------|---------------|

b. Post 8: Michael-Angelo James

Housing Authority of the City of Waycross (*appointments take office March 21*)

a. One-year Resident Term (beginning March 21, 2018 and ending March 21, 2019): Cleo Price

b. Five-Year Term beginning March 21, 2018 and ending March 21, 2023: Marion Blount

Mayor Pro Tem Jon Tindall made the motion to approve and confirm the above noted appointments. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Norman Davis; and approved with a unanimous vote.

Interim City Manager, David Eddins, announced that Station 4 is fully staffed and operational. An Open House is being planned for Thursday, January 17, 2019 from 2 until 4. A Town Hall Meeting is being planned for Thursday January 10, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. at the CC McCray City Auditorium to inform the public about the water mater replacement program.

There were no public remarks on official action.

Mayor Knox presented the Consent Calendar as read by City Clerk Julie Dinkins for consideration of official action as follows:

Approval of Minutes: Waycross City Commission Planning and Information Session and Executive Session, Monday, December 17, 2018; Public Hearings scheduled at 4: 15 and 4:30; and Waycross City Commission Meeting, Tuesday, December 18, 2018.

There were no consent resolutions or second ordinance readings.

The following Privilege License was presented to the Commission for renewal for 2019.

1. Oakstreet Package store, Stacy Berrien, Package Sales, Beer, Wine and Liquor. The Consent Calendar was approved by motion from Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines; seconded by Commissioner Diane Hopkins; and approved with a 5-0 vote.

An Ordinance to Amcnd the Code of the City of Waycross, Georgia, reference the City Auditorium was presented for the first reading.

ORDINANCE NO. O19-01

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF THE CITY OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA; TO AMEND CHAPTER 30 – PARKS AND RECREATION, ARTICLE II. –

CITY AUDITORIUM, SECTION 30-20 – APPLICATION FOR USE, AND SECTION 30-23. – DEPOSIT; TO REPEAL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; TO PROVIDE FOR SEVERABILITY; TO PROVIDE FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines made the motion to approve the Ordinance amending the Code referencing the City Auditorium; the motion was seconded by Commissioner Diane Hopkins; all voted in favor and the motion carried with a 5-0 vote.

An Ordinance Annexing and rezoning certain property at 2730 Aaron St. and 751 Donald St was presented for the first reading:

ORDINANCE NO. O19-02

AN ORDINANCE UNDER AUTHORITY OF GEORGIA LAW TO ANNEX INTO THE EXISTING CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA, CERTAIN PROPERTY AT 2730 AARON STREET AND 751 DONALD STREET; TO ESTABLISH ZONING CLASSIFICATION FOR THE ANNEXED PROPERTY; TO ZONE SAID PROPERTY TO C-2 HIGHWAY COMMERCIAL; TO CHANGE THE LAND USE PLAN; TO SET AN EFFECTIVE DATE; TO PROVIDE FOR SEVERABILITY; TO REPEAL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES.

An Ordinance Annexing and Rezoning certain property at 2730 Aaron St. and 751 Donald St as presented for the first reading was approved by motion from Commissioner Diane Hopkins; seconded by Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines; all voted positively and the motion was approved.

An Ordinance Annexing and rezoning certain property at 230 Memorial Drive and 645 Woodward Avenue was presented for the first reading.

ORDINANCE NO. O19-03

AN ORDINANCE UNDER AUTHORITY OF GEORGIA LAW TO ANNEX INTO THE EXISTING CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA, CERTAIN PROPERTY AT 2630 MEMORIAL DRIVE AND 645 WOODWARD AVENUE; TO ESTABLISH ZONING CLASSIFICATION FOR THE ANNEXED PROPERTY; TO ZONE SAID PROPERTY TO C-2 HIGHWAY COMMERCIAL; TO CHANGE THE LAND USE PLAN; TO SET AN EFFECTIVE DATE; TO PROVIDE FOR SEVERABILITY; TO REPEAL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Commissioner Diane Hopkins made the motion to approve the Ordinance Annexing and Rezoning certain property at 2630 Memorial Drive and 645 Woodward Avenue as presented for the first reading. Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines seconded the motion; all voted in favor and the motion was approved.

An Ordinance to Amend the Code of the City of Waycross, referencing Police Department and disposal of personal property in possession of the PD was presented for the first reading.

ORDINANCE NO. 019-04

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF THE CITY OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA; TO AMEND CHAPTER 22 - LAW ENFORCEMENT, ARTICLE II - POLICE, SECTION 22-19. PERSONAL PROPERTY IN POSSESSION OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT, SECTION 22-21. DISPOSITION OF ABANDONED PROPERTY, AND SECTION 22-23. BICYCLES; TO REPEAL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; TO PROVIDE FOR SEVERABILITY; TO PROVIDE FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE; TO PROVIDE FOR RENUMBERING OR RELETTERING; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

An Ordinance to Amend the Code of the City of Waycross, referencing Police Department and disposal of personal property in possession of the PD was presented for the first reading. Commissioner Norman Davis made the motion to approve the ordinance on the first reading. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines; all voted yes and the motion was approved.

A Resolution of the City of Waycross, Georgia to Set Qualifying Fees for the 2019 Election was presented for approval.

RESOLUTION NO. R19 - 01

A RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH QUALIFYING FEES FOR CITY OF WAYCROSS ELECTIONS FOR 2019; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, O.C.G.A. § requires the governing authority of a municipality, not later than February 1 of any year in which a general primary or general election is to be held, to fix and publish a qualifying fee for candidates for compensated municipal office; and

WHEREAS, O.C.G.A. § 21-2-131 also authorizes the governing authority of a municipality to fix and publish a qualifying fee not to exceed three percent (3%) of the total gross salary of the office paid in the preceding calendar year; and

WHEREAS, Section 13 of the Charter of the City of Waycross sets the salary of a city commissioner in an amount not to exceed \$6,000.00 per annum; and

WHEREAS, Section 13 of the Charter of the City of Waycross sets the salary of the mayor in an amount not to exceed \$9,000.00 per annum; and

WHEREAS, said matter having been considered.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Commission of the City of Waycross that the qualifying fee for candidates for the office of Commissioner for the election to be held in the year 2019 shall be three percent (3%) of the annual compensation of the prospective office and is hereby set at \$180.00.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the qualifying fee for candidates for the office of Mayor for the election to be held in the year 2019 shall be three percent (3%) of the annual compensation of the prospective office and is hereby set at \$270.00.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Clerk shall publish the amount of the qualifying fee for the office of Commissioner of the City of Waycross.

SO RESOLVED, this the 8th day of January, 2019.

CITY OF WAYCROSS
BY: JOHN KNOX, Mayor

ATTEST:
JULIE DINKINS, City Clerk

Commissioner Diane Hopkins made the motion to approve the Resolution of the City of Waycross, Georgia to Award a Contract to Glennville Electric Motors for Emergency Motor Replacement for Effluent Pump at Waste Water Treatment Plant as presented for approval. Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines seconded the motion; all voted in favor and the motion carried.

A Resolution of the City of Waycross, Georgia to Set Qualifying Fees for the 2019 Election was presented for approval.

RESOLUTION NO. R19 - 01

**A RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH QUALIFYING FEES FOR
CITY OF WAYCROSS ELECTIONS FOR 2019; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

WHEREAS, O.C.G.A. § requires the governing authority of a municipality, not later than February 1 of any year in which a general primary or general election is to be held, to fix and publish a qualifying fee for candidates for compensated municipal office; and

WHEREAS, O.C.G.A. § 21-2-131 also authorizes the governing authority of a municipality to fix and publish a qualifying fee not to exceed three percent (3%) of the total gross salary of the office paid in the preceding calendar year; and

WHEREAS, Section 13 of the Charter of the City of Waycross sets the salary of a city commissioner in an amount not to exceed \$6,000.00 per annum; and

WHEREAS, Section 13 of the Charter of the City of Waycross sets the salary of the mayor in an amount not to exceed \$9,000.00 per annum; and

WHEREAS, said matter having been considered.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Commission of the City of Waycross that the qualifying fee for candidates for the office of Commissioner for the election to be held in the year 2019 shall be three percent (3%) of the annual compensation of the prospective office and is hereby set at \$180.00.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the qualifying fee for candidates for the office of Mayor for the election to be held in the year 2019 shall be three percent (3%) of the annual compensation of the prospective office and is hereby set at \$270.00.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Clerk shall publish the amount of the qualifying fee for the office of Commissioner of the City of Waycross.

SO RESOLVED, this the 8th day of January, 2019.

CITY OF WAYCROSS

BY: JOHN KNOX, Mayor

ATTEST:
JULIE DINKINS, City Clerk

A Resolution of the City of Waycross, Georgia to Set Qualifying Fees for the 2019 Election was approved by motion from Commissioner Diane Hopkins; seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Jon Tindall and approved with a unanimous vote.

Following last call, Commissioner Norman Davis made the motion to go into Executive Session to discuss Personnel. Commissioner Diane Hopkins seconded the motion. At the conclusion of the Executive Session, Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines made the motion to return to open session; seconded by Commissioner John Threat. All voted in favor and Mayor Knox adjourned the meeting.

CITY OF WAYCROSS

BY:



JOHN KNOX, Mayor

ATTEST:



JULIE C. DINKINS, City Clerk