

MINUTES
WAYCROSS CITY COMMISSION MEETING
TUESDAY, JANUARY 15, 2013
7:00 P.M.

The regular meeting of the Commission of the City of Waycross was held in the Commission Chambers of City Hall on Tuesday, January 15, 2013. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Clarence E. Billups at 7:00 p.m. with Mayor Pro Tem William Simmons, Commissioners Norman Davis Marian Solomon-Gaines, Diane Hopkins, and Alvin Nelson present for the meeting.

Deaconess Patricia Williams, Northside Temple, offered the invocation which was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Clarence Billups scheduled a Called Meeting for the purpose of awarding the General Contractor bid for Hazzard Hill Head Start Addition for Tuesday, January 22, 2013 at 5:00 p.m. in the Commission Chambers of City Hall.

Mayor Billups made the following appointments to the Okefenokee Area Development Authority:

Ronnie Shepard – 1 year appointment – January 1, 2013 to December 31, 2013
Carlos Nelson – 1 year appointment - January 1, 2013 to December 31, 2013

Mayor Clarence E. Billups presented the State of the City address for 2013.

Deron W. King, City Manager, presented the City Manager's Report. Mr. King asked Chief Tony Tanner to inform the Commission and residents about Shop with a Cop and the Blood Drive. Chief Tanner said 35 children were served this year by the Shop with a Cop Program. Chief Tanner said the Waycross Police Department teamed up with the Ware County Sheriff's Department for a joint blood drive which will become a yearly event.

Mr. King congratulated the Ware County High School wrestling team and coaches who guided the wrestling team to number one in the region and 4th in the State tournament. Mr. King thanked the Engineering Department and the Traffic Engineering Staff for the new paint and striping throughout the City of Waycross. He wished a speedy recovery to Joyce Keen's mother.

There were no public remarks on official actions.

Mayor Clarence Billups 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 & Information Session and Execution Session, Monday, January 7, 2013; and Waycross City Commission Meeting, Tuesday, January 8, 2013.

There were no consent resolutions, ordinance second readings or privilege license renewals.

Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines made the motion to approve the Consent Calendar as presented. Commissioner Diane Hopkins seconded the motion; all Commissioners voted favorably and the motion carried with a 5-0 vote.

An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 20, Article VII, and Section 20-124 of the Code of Waycross, Georgia Pertaining to Parking Restrictions was presented for the first reading. This Ordinance will approve an amendment to the Waycross Parking Restrictions Ordinance by amending Section 20-124 prohibiting parking on Tebeau Street, East, from State Street to the City Limits from 10:00 p.m. to 5:00 a.m.

ORDINANCE NO. 13-01

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF THE CITY OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA; TO AMEND CHAPTER 20, ARTICLE VII, SECTION 20-124 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA PERTAINING TO PARKING RESTRICTIONS; TO PROVIDE FOR RENUMBERING; TO REPEAL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; TO PROVIDE FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE; TO PROVIDE FOR SEVERABILITY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Commissioner William Simmons made the motion to adopt the Ordinance to Amend Chapter 20, Article VII, and Section 20-124 of the Code of Waycross, Georgia Pertaining to Parking Restrictions as presented for the first reading. Commissioner Diane Hopkins seconded the motion; all voted positively and the motion carried with a 5-0 vote.

A Resolution to Establish Qualification Fees for the City of Waycross Elections for 2013 was presented for approval:

RESOLUTION 13-04

**A RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH QUALIFICATION
FEES FOR CITY OF WAYCROSS ELECTIONS FOR 2013**

WHEREAS, *O.C.G.A.* Section 21-2-131 (Georgia Municipal Election Code) requires the governing authority of each municipality to establish qualification fees for candidates for compensated municipal offices; and

WHEREAS, *O.C.G.A.* Section 21-2-131 of the Georgia Municipal Election Code authorizes the local governing authority to fix and publish a qualification fee not to exceed three percent of the income derived from such office.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Commission of the City of Waycross that the qualification fee for candidates for Mayor of the City of Waycross for the election to be held in the year 2013 shall be three percent (3%) of the annual compensation of the prospective office and is hereby set at \$240.00.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Commission of the City of Waycross that the qualification fee for candidates for the Commission of the City of Waycross for the election to be held in the year 2013 shall be three percent (3%) of the annual compensation of the prospective office and is hereby set at \$180.00.

SO RESOLVED, this the 15th day of January, 2013.

**CITY OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA
CLARENCE E BILLUPS, Mayor**

**ATTEST:
JULIE C. DINKINS, City Clerk**

Commissioner Diane Hopkins made the motion to approve a Resolution to Approve Payment for Microsoft Licensing for 2013. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines. All Commissioners voted positively and the motion carried with a 5-0 vote.

Dr. Richard Hudson addressed the Mayor and Commissioners concerning his previous Open Record Requests. He read a letter which set forth his complaints which are in part as follows: the City has not provided the requested documents, the City is charging him in advance for the requested materials, and why the City will not waive the fees.

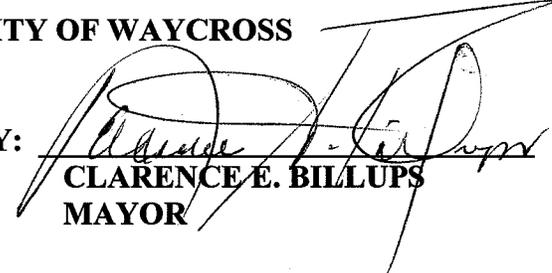
Reverend Ferr-Rell Malone, Sr. Macedonia Baptist Church addressed the Commission concerning his request to rename the Northside Park after his father the late Reverend John S. Malone, Sr., the “John S. Malone, Jr. Northside Community Park” to be effective January, 2013. Rev. Malone read a letter from his late father; John S. Malone, Jr. and then he withdrew his request to rename the Northside Park after his father.

Mr. C. Deen Strickland addressed the Commission informing them that a new president has been voted in to the Okefenokee Humane Society, Dr. Jim Morton. He thanked the City and County all of the support and assistance that has been given over the last few years.

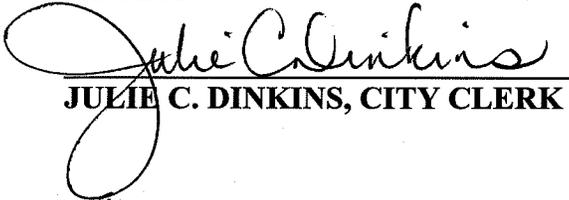
Following closing remarks, Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines made the motion to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Commissioner Diane Hopkins, all voted in favor and Mayor Billups adjourned the meeting.

CITY OF WAYCROSS

BY:


CLARENCE E. BILLUPS
MAYOR

ATTEST:


JULIE C. DINKINS, CITY CLERK