

**MINUTES**  
**WAYCROSS CITY COMMISSION MEETING**  
**TUESDAY, JANUARY 17, 2017**  
**5:00 PM**

The City Commission of the City of Waycross held their Regular Session on Tuesday, January 17, 2017 in the Commission Chambers of City Hall. The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. Members in attendance were: Mayor John Knox, Mayor Pro Tem Jon Tindall, Commissioners Marian Solomon-Gaines, Larry Ethridge, and Norman Davis. Commissioner Diane Hopkins was absent.

Fire Chief David Eddins offered the opening invocation. The Invocation was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Mayor Knox.

Mayor John Knox introduced Mr. Jerry Pope, Ware County Commission, who addressed the Commissioners concerning working relations between the City of Waycross and Ware County, expressing his desire to work together.

Under Executive Duties, City Attorney Rick Currie scheduled a public hearing to Annex and Establish Zoning for 1930 Brunswick Highway for Tuesday, February 7, 2017 at 4:30 pm

Mayor John Knox announced the appointment of Joe Ramsey to Post 1 of the Zoning Board of Appeals for a two-year term to begin January 1, 2017 and ending December 31, 2019. And the appointment of Mr. Leonard Burse Jr. to Post 2 of the Zoning Board of Appeals for a two-year term to begin January 1, 2017 and ending December 31, 2019.

City Manager Raphael Maddox recognized two City of Waycross managers as follows: Fire Chief David Eddins was recognized for his Adopt our Street program. The employees at each fire station are being good neighbors and picking up the trash and litter surrounding their fire stations. Police Chief Tony Tanner has the distinction of being the only City Employee to be nominated and selected to the Sports Hall of Fame. Mr. Maddox thanked the community for the show of unity during Martin Luther King Jr. weekend.

There were no public remarks on official action.

Mayor Knox presented the Consent Calendar as read by Human Resource Director Trinija Martin for consideration of official action as follows:

Approval of Minutes: Approval of the Waycross City Commission Special Called Meeting and Executive Session, December 27, 2016; Planning & Information Session, Waycross Public Hearing to Close an Alley, and Waycross City Commission Meeting, Tuesday, January 3, 2017

No Consent Resolutions, ordinance second readings or privilege licenses renewals were presented.

The Consent Calendar was approved by motion from Commissioner Norman Davis; seconded by Commissioner Jon Tindall; all voted in favor and the motion carried.

An Ordinance Abandoning and Closing an Unopened Alley in a Portion of Block 11 and 12 of Walters Subdivision was presented for the first reading.

**ORDINANCE NO. O17-03**

**AN ORDINANCE TO ABANDON AND CLOSE AN UNOPENED ALLEY IN A PORTION OF BLOCKS 11 & 12 OF WALTERS SUBDIVISION; TO AUTHORIZE A QUIT CLAIM DEED; TO ESTABLISH AN EFFECTIVE DATE; TO REPEAL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

An Ordinance Abandoning and Closing an Unopened Alley in a Portion of Block 11 and 12 of Walters Subdivision was approved on the first reading by Commissioner Norman Davis. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Jon Tindall; and approved by unanimous vote.

A Resolution to Establish Qualifying Fees for City of Waycross Elections for 2017 was presented.

**RESOLUTION NO. R17-04**

**A RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH QUALIFYING FEES FOR CITY OF WAYCROSS ELECTIONS FOR 2017**

**WHEREAS**, O.C.G.A. Section 21-2-131 requires the governing authority of each 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. Section 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 \$6000.00 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 of the City of Waycross for

the election to be held in the year 2017 shall be three percent (3%) of the annual compensation of the prospective office and is hereby set at \$180.00.

**BE IT FUTHER 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 17<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2017.

**CITY OF WAYCROSS**

**JOHN KNOX, Mayor**

**ATTEST: JULIE DINKINS, City Clerk**

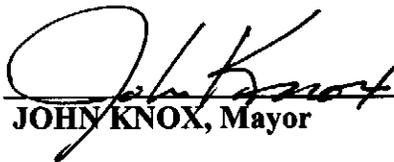
Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines made the motion to approve the Resolution to Establish Qualifying Fees for City of Waycross Elections for 2017 as presented. Commissioner Larry Ethridge seconded the motion; all voted yes and the motion was approved with a 4-0 vote.

During last call Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines thanked all who assisted with the events for the Martin Luther King Jr holiday. Mayor Pro Tem Jon Tindall shared with the Commission regarding his personal goals for 2016, including movement in economic development; Alice Street project; personal professional integrity (appointed to Business Advisory Council); and responding and listening to his constituents.

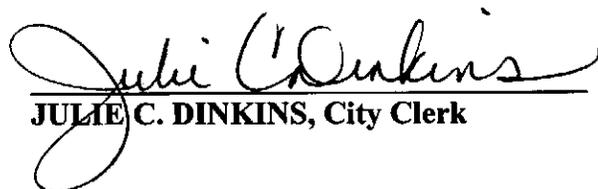
Following last call, Commissioner Norman Davis made the motion to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Commissioner Jon Tindall; a unanimous vote; and Mayor Knox adjourned the meeting.

**CITY OF WAYCROSS**

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**JOHN KNOX, Mayor**

**ATTEST:**

  
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