

MINUTES
WAYCROSS CITY COMMISSION MEETING
TUESDAY, JANUARY 21, 2014
7:00 P.M.

On Tuesday, January 21, 2014, the Commission of the City of Waycross met in Regular Session in the Commission Chambers of City Hall. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Clarence E. Billups at 7:00 p.m. Those in attendance were Mayor Pro Tem Diane Hopkins, Commissioners Alvin Nelson, Marian Solomon-Gaines, Norman Davis and Larry Ethridge.

Commissioner Norman Davis introduced Bishop Michael-Angelo James of Emmanuel International Cathedral of The Holy Spirit Church and an instructor at Emmanuel Bible College who offered the opening invocation. The invocation was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance which was led by Miss Elizabeth Mullis, a 5th Grade Student at Memorial Drive Elementary School.

The first order of business under Executive Duties was the State of the City 2014 presented by Mayor Clarence E. Billups.

Mayor Billups scheduled a Zoning Hearing for M Street, Parcel WA0704 004 Tract 4, GI General Industrial to R50MH Residential Mobile Home District for Tuesday, February 18, 2014 at 6:30 p.m.

Mayor Clarence E. Billups announced the following appointments:

1. **United States Department of Justice, Weed N'Seed/Waycross Operation, Co-Chairman:** Norman Davis

2. **Zoning Board of Appeals (Two Three-Year Terms/January 1, 2014-December 31, 2016):**
 - a. Post 1, Three-Year Term/January 1, 2014 -- December 31, 2016:
Bishop Michael Angelo James
 - b. Post 2, Three-Year Term / January 1, 2014 – December 31, 2016:
Leonard Burse, Jr.

3. **Waycross-Ware County Development Authority:**
 - a. One four-year term beginning January 1, 2014 and ending December 31, 2017: Frank Banamon
 - b. One unexpired four-year term ending December 31, 2015: Lance Adamson

4. **Revolving Loan Fund (RLF est. August 2006:)** Criteria: Banker, CPA, City Attorney, Commercial Real Estate, Local Business:
 - a Kevin Woods, Gen Mgr, KD's Restaurant
 - b Chenille White, Accountant/Business Consultant, Elite Business Consulting
 - c Reggie Green, Smooth Cuts Barber Shop
 - d Crissy Patterson, Sales & Service Specialist, Bank of America
 - e Josey McQuaig, Manager, Badcock Home Furnishings
 - f City Attorney Permanent Appointee: Huey Spearman
 - g City Finance Director Permanent Appointee: Danny Lamonte

5. **City of Waycross Investment Committee (COWIC est. October 20, 2012) (Five-Member Board Comprised of City Manager, Finance Director, One Department Head, Two City Commissioners)**
 - a. Deron King, City Manager
 - b. Danny Lamonte, Finance Director
 - c. David Eddins, Fire Chief
 - d. Commissioner Diane Hopkins
 - e. Commissioner, Larry Ethridge

The above stated appointments were affirmed by motion from Mayor Pro Tem Diane Hopkins; seconded by Commissioner Alvin Nelson, and approved by unanimous vote of the Commission.

During the City Manager's Report, Mr. King remarked on the great time had by everyone who attended any part of the Martin Luther King Jr. Day Celebration. Mr. King commended everyone involved as well as the Martin Luther King Jr. Committee who planned the events. He also thanked the City staff who helped with the event.

Mayor Clarence Billups opened the Mayor's report by commenting on the great turn-out for the Martin Luther King Jr. Day Celebration saying it was the best crowd ever. Mayor Billups also commented on Okefenokee Occasion saying that the Commission made some good contacts with the new Economic Development Director and Ann Purcel and GDOT. He said GDOT said Hwy 84 is still on track for paving.

There were no public remarks on official action.

Mayor 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 Executive Session, Monday, January 6, 2014 and Waycross City Commission Zoning Public Meeting and Commission Meeting, Tuesday, January 7, 2014.

There were no Ordinance Second Readings, Consent Resolutions or Privilege License Renewals.

Commissioner Norman Davis made the motion to approve the Consent Calendar as presented. Mayor Pro Tem Diane Hopkins seconded the motion; all Commissioners voted favorably and the motion carried with a 5-0 vote.

A Privilege License Adding Liquor for Kristy King d/b/a Pond View Fine Dining, 311 Pendleton Street, Consumption on Premises, Beer, Wine and Liquor was presented.

Mayor Pro Tem Diane Hopkins made the motion to approve the Privilege License; seconded by Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines; all voted in favor and the motion carried.

Purchasing Director Linda Jones presented an Extension to Bid FY11-15 Telecommunications approving a 2.5 year extension making it a 5 year contract to Access ATC for our Internet and telephone services. The City is in need of additional fiber connection as we are exceeding our 8Mb. Access ATC has offered to increase our internet fiber connection from the current 8 Mb up to 16 Mb and to offer 311 calling service at no additional cost.

Commissioner Norman Davis made the motion to approve the Contract Extension to Access ATC. Commissioner Alvin Nelson seconded the motion. The Resolution passed with a 5-0 vote.

Purchasing Director Linda Jones presented WAYX 14-07 Surplus Property. A list of items that are no longer needed in any City Department was presented for review. Ms. Jones requested that these items be declared surplus so that they may be sold on GovDeals.com.

Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines made the motion to approve the Surplus Property. Mayor Pro Tem Diane Hopkins seconded the motion; all voted in favor and the motion was approved.

An Ordinance to Amend the Code, Chapter 23, Article IV, pertaining to the City Auditorium was presented for the **EMERGENCY FIRST READING**:

ORDINANCE NO. 14-03

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF THE CITY OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA; TO AMEND CHAPTER 23, ARTICLE IV, PERTAINING TO THE CITY AUDITORIUM; TO REPLACE SECTIONS 23-81 THROUGH SECTION 23-88 PERTAINING TO MANAGEMENT, FEES AND RULES FOR USE AND OCCUPANCY OF THE CITY AUDITORIUM; TO REPEAL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; TO PROVIDE FOR SEVERABILITY; TO PROVIDE FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE; TO PROVIDE FOR RENUMBERING OR RELETTERING; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines made the motion to approve the **EMERGENCY FIRST READING** of the Ordinance to Amend the Code, Chapter 23, Article IV, pertaining to the City Auditorium contingent upon the changes discussed by the Commission in their Work Session. Mayor Pro Tem Diane Hopkins seconded the motion. The Commissioners all voted positively and the motion carried with a 5-0 vote.

An Ordinance to Amend the Code, Chapter 23, Article IV, pertaining to the City Auditorium was presented for the **EMERGENCY SECOND AND FINAL READING**:

ORDINANCE NO. 14-03

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF THE CITY OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA; TO AMEND CHAPTER 23, ARTICLE IV, PERTAINING TO THE CITY AUDITORIUM; TO REPLACE SECTIONS 23-81 THROUGH SECTION 23-88 PERTAINING TO MANAGEMENT, FEES AND RULES FOR USE AND OCCUPANCY OF THE CITY AUDITORIUM; TO REPEAL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; TO PROVIDE FOR SEVERABILITY; TO PROVIDE FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE; TO PROVIDE FOR RENUMBERING OR RELETTERING; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Mayor Pro Tem Diane Hopkins made the motion to approve the **EMERGENCY SECOND READING** of the Ordinance to Amend the Code, Chapter 23, Article IV, pertaining to the City Auditorium contingent upon the changes discussed by the Commission in their Work Session. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Alvin Nelson and the motion passed unanimously.

An Ordinance to Amend the Code, Chapter 18, Article I, pertaining to Licenses and Business Regulations Concerning Lawyers was presented for the **EMERGENCY FIRST READING**:

ORDINANCE NO. 14-02

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF THE CITY OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA; TO AMEND CHAPTER 18, ARTICLE I, PERTAINING TO LICENSES AND BUSINESS REGULATIONS; TO ADD A NEW SECTION 18-22 (d) PERTAINING TO OCCUPATION TAXES LEVIED ON BUSINESS TO BE TRANSACTED DURING CURRENT CALENDAR YEAR RELATING TO LAWYERS; TO REPEAL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; TO PROVIDE FOR SEVERABILITY; TO PROVIDE FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE; TO PROVIDE FOR RENUMBERING OR RELETTERING; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Commissioner Norman Davis made the motion to approve the **EMERGENCY FIRST READING** of the Ordinance to Amend the Code, Chapter 18, Article I, pertaining to Licenses and Business Regulations Concerning Lawyers. Commissioner Alvin Nelson seconded the motion. The Commissioners all voted positively and the motion carried with a 5-0 vote.

An Ordinance to Amend the Code, Chapter 18, Article I, pertaining to Licenses and Business Regulations Concerning Lawyers was presented for the **EMERGENCY SECOND AND FINAL READING** as follows:

ORDINANCE NO. 14-02

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF THE CITY OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA; TO AMEND CHAPTER 18, ARTICLE I, PERTAINING TO LICENSES AND BUSINESS REGULATIONS; TO ADD A NEW SECTION 18-22 (d) PERTAINING TO OCCUPATION TAXES LEVIED ON BUSINESS TO BE TRANSACTED DURING CURRENT CALENDAR YEAR RELATING TO LAWYERS; TO REPEAL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; TO PROVIDE FOR SEVERABILITY; TO PROVIDE FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE; TO PROVIDE FOR RENUMBERING OR RELETTERING; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

The motion approving the **EMERGENCY SECOND READING** of the Ordinance to Amend the Code, Chapter 18, Article I, pertaining to Licenses and Business Regulations Concerning Lawyers was made by Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines. Commissioner Alvin Nelson seconded the motion. All Commissioners voted in favor of the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

A Resolution Approving the Microsoft Licensing for 2014 was presented.

RESOLUTION NO. 14-07

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA
TO APPROVE PAYMENT FOR MICROSOFT LICENSING FOR 2014;
AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

WHEREAS, the City of Waycross makes use of Microsoft computer software on all City computers; and

WHEREAS, by purchasing a licensing agreement, the City is able to load the software lawfully onto all computers; and

WHEREAS, the rate for the licensing agreement for 2014 is 18,877.72 (same as 2013) under the state enterprise agreement; and

WHEREAS, said matter having been considered.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Commission of the City of Waycross that the City of Waycross approve the annual payment for the Microsoft License Agreement.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Mayor, City Clerk, Finance Director and City Manager be and are hereby authorized, directed and empowered to execute the agreement on behalf of the City.

SO RESOLVED, this 21st day of January, 2014.

CITY OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA

BY: CLARENCE E. BILLUPS, Mayor

ATTEST:

JULIE DINKINS, City Clerk

The motion to approve the Resolution Approving the Microsoft Licensing for 2014 was made by Mayor Pro Tem Diane Hopkins. Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines seconded the motion. All Commissioners voted yes and the motion was approved with a 5-0 vote.

A Resolution Approving the Amendment to the FY 2014 Budget for the Waycross Police Department was presented for review:

RESOLUTION NO. 14-05

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA
TO AMEND THE FISCAL YEAR 2014 BUDGET BY APPROVING THE TRANSFER OF
EXCESS FUNDS FROM ONE ACCOUNT TO ANOTHER TO PROVIDE FOR
REPLACEMENT OF A COMPUTER SERVER AND PHONE SYSTEM FOR THE WAYCROSS
POLICE DEPARTMENT; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

WHEREAS, O.C.G.A. Section 36-81-3(d) allows a local government to amend its budget so as to adapt to changing governmental needs during a budget period; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission of the City of Waycross adopted a balanced Budget of \$25,313,854 for Fiscal Year 2014 on June 18, 2013; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission deems it necessary to amend the Fiscal Year 2014 Budget by:

1. Using available funds collected from fines within the Police Department which can only be spent on information and technology expenditures, to increase the operating budget of the Waycross Police Department by \$5,000.00, in order to replace a computer server and phone system that went bad.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the above said adjustments to the Fiscal Year 2014 Budget be made and a copy of the amended Budget be attached hereto and made a part hereof for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2013, and ending June 30, 2014.

SO RESOLVED this 21st day of January, 2014.

CITY OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA

BY: CLARENCE E. BILLIPS, Mayor

ATTEST:

JULIE DINKINS, City Clerk

The motion to approve the Resolution Approving the Amendment to the FY 2014 Budget for the Waycross Police Department was made by Mayor Pro Tem Diane Hopkins. Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines seconded the motion. The motion carried with a positive 5-0 vote.

A Resolution Approving the Proposed Contract Extension with ACCESS ATC for Internet and Telephone Services was presented for approval:

RESOLUTION NO. 14-06

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA
TO APPROVE PROPOSED CONTRACT EXTENSION WITH ACCESS ATC FOR INTERNET
AND TELEPHONE SERVICES; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

WHEREAS, on June 24, 2011, the City Commission approved a five (5) year contract with Access ATC ("ATC") for the City's Internet and Telephone services; and

WHEREAS, the City is in need of additional fiber connections from the current 8Mb up to 16Mb, and ATC has offered to provide said needed increase, and in addition thereto, has offered 311 calling service at no additional cost; and

WHEREAS, ATC has requested a 2.5 year extension to its existing contract from and after the date of this approved Resolution, making it a current 5 year contract, with a provision that the 311 calling feature may be brought online at any time; and

WHEREAS, said matter having been considered.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Commission of the City of Waycross that the Commission hereby approves the Contract extension with Access ATC for Internet and Telephone Services for an additional 2.5 years from and after the date of this approved Resolution, making it a current five (5) year contract, to include an increase in the City's internet fiber connections from the current 8Mb up to 16Mb, and 311 calling service at no additional cost.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and City Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to execute the Contract on behalf of the City of Waycross, hereby ratifying and confirming all the acts and things done by said City Officials, in order to give effect to the purposes and intent of this Resolution.

SO RESOLVED, this 21st day of January, 2014.

CITY OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA

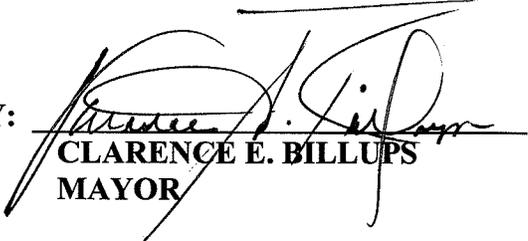
BY: CLARENCE E. BILLIPS, Mayor

ATTEST:
JULIE DINKINS, City Clerk

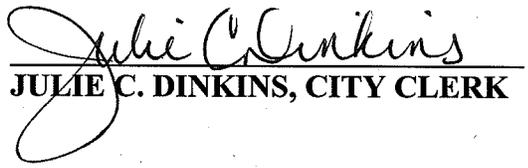
Mayor Pro Tem Diane Hopkins made the motion to approve the Resolution Approving the Proposed Contract Extension with ACCESS ATC for Internet and Telephone Services as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines. All Commissioners voted yes and the motion was approved with a 5-0 vote.

After closing remarks, Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines made the motion to adjourn the meeting; Commissioner Alvin Nelson seconded the motion. All voted in favor and Mayor Billups adjourned the meeting.

CITY OF WAYCROSS

BY: 
CLARENCE E. BILLUPS
MAYOR

ATTEST:


JULIE C. DINKINS, CITY CLERK