

MINUTES

WAYCROSS CITY COMMISSION MEETING

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2010 - 7:00 P.M.

The Waycross City Commission held their regular meeting on Tuesday, February 2, 2010, in the Commission Chambers of City Hall. Present with Mayor Clarence Billups were Commissioners Marian Solomon-Gaines, Norman Davis, William Simmons, Diane Hopkins, and Daniel Yarbrough.

Mayor Clarence Billups called the meeting to order.

Mayor Billups introduced Minister Caleb Lancaster, Minister of Music, New Life Assembly of God, and Code Enforcement Officer for the City of Waycross, who offered the invocation, which was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Billups announced the appointment of the following individuals to the Okefenokee Area Development Authority (OADA) Board of Directors as follows: William Simmons, a one-year term beginning January 1, 2010 and ending December 31, 2010; Roger Williams, a two-year term beginning January 1, 2010 and ending December 31, 2011; Ronnie Shepard, a three-year term beginning January 1, 2010 and ending December 31, 2012; and Jimmie Burke, a three-year term beginning January 1, 2010 and ending December 31, 2012.

Commissioner Daniel Yarbrough presented a certificate to Mary Beth Kennedy, Main Street Director from the Georgia Department of Community Affairs recognizing 30 years in the Georgia Main Street Program. The certificate reads as follows "As one of the original five cities designated the Waycross Main Street Program's overwhelming success is due to the City's perseverance in revitalizing downtown and preserving its historic character. We extend our gratitude and congratulations for your role in this exceptional effort. January 2010."

The Government Finance Officers Association's Distinguished Budget Presentation Award was presented to Dana Chancey, Budget Officer and Larry Gattis, Finance Director by City Manager, Pete Pyrzenski. Mr. Pyrzenski noted that due to the efforts of Ms. Chancey and Mr. Gattis, the City of Waycross has received this award for the last three years.

Mayor Clarence Billups presented his "State of the City 2010" address.

Mr. Pete Pyrzenski presented the City Manager's Report. Mr. Pyrzenski informed the public that The Police Department's Senior Safety Day will be held Friday, February 12 from 10 – 2 at Waycross Middle School. Work will begin Wednesday on Euclid Ave. to replace 800 feet of failed sewer. Congratulations to Chief Eddins for the Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AG) in the amount of \$38,000. This grant will be used to purchase 4 thermal imaging cameras and 2 multi-gas detectors. Our annual Inventory Audit has been completed revealing an inventory of \$67,455. This is a .63% loss thanks to Cynthia Cochran and Marcia Bryson of ESG.

Congratulations to Frank Baugh for 4 years with the City of Waycross. This is the last meeting for City Attorney Scott Crowley. Mayor Billups and the Commissioners presented a plaque to Rebecca Crowley in honor of their service to the City of Waycross.

There were no public remarks on official actions.

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 Meeting, January 19, 2010. There were no Ordinances Second Reading, Resolutions or Privilege License Renewals to be approved.

Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines made the motion to approve the Consent Calendar as presented. Commissioner Daniel Yarbrough seconded the motion; all Commissioners voted in favor and the motion carried unanimously.

A Resolution to Approve a Contract to Mill and Resurface Portions of Satilla Boulevard was presented:

RESOLUTION 10-05

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA TO APPROVE A CONTRACT TO MILL AND RESURFACE PORTIONS OF SATILLA BOULEVARD; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

WHEREAS the City of Waycross, Georgia desires to mill that length of Satilla Boulevard from Ava Street to Screven Avenue and to resurface that portion of Satilla Boulevard from Euclid Avenue to Screven Avenue;

WHEREAS the City of Waycross offered the project for bid and received and opened bids tendered for the project;

WHEREAS Dixie Roadbuilders had the lowest and best bid for the project that met all of the specifications in the amount of \$59,430.35;

WHEREAS the matter has been fully considered.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Commission of the City of Waycross, Georgia that the Mayor, City Clerk and the City Manager be and are hereby authorized, directed and empowered to execute the documents necessary to award the contract and complete the project.

SO RESOLVED, this 2nd day of February, 2010.

CITY OF WAYCROSS
BY: CLARENCE BILLUPS, MAYOR

ATTEST:
JULIE C. DINKINS, CITY CLERK

Commissioner Diane Hopkins made the motion to approve the Resolution to Approve a Contract to Mill and Resurface Portions of Satilla Boulevard as presented. Commissioner Daniel Yarbrough seconded the motion. All Commissioners voted yes and the motion carried with a 5-0 vote.

A Resolution to Approve an Easement on West Oneida Street was presented:

RESOLUTION 10-06

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA
TO AUTHORIZE AN EASEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA
AND AFA PROPERTIES & INVESTMENTS, LLC TO CLEAR A TITLE
IRREGULARITY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES**

WHEREAS the City of Waycross, Georgia now maintains a right of way on an unopened portion of Pendleton Street at its intersection with West Oneida Street;

WHEREAS the existing structure at this location encroaches on that right of way and said encroachment is a cloud on the title;

WHEREAS AFA Properties & Investments, LLC, the current owner of the structure and property upon which the structure sits, has need to clear the associated title issues and has therefore asked the City of Waycross to grant an easement of the right of way equal in size to the encroachment; and

WHEREAS, said matter has been fully considered.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Commission of the City of Waycross, Georgia that the City of Waycross, Georgia enter into an easement with AFA Properties & Investments, LLC to grant an easement on an unopened portion of Pendleton Street of 5.0 ft. by 85.06 ft. as more fully and specifically described in the attached Easement. Further, the Mayor and City Clerk are authorized to execute the Easement in the form attached hereto.

SO RESOLVED, this 2nd day of February, 2010.

CITY OF WAYCROSS
BY: CLARENCE BILLUPS, MAYOR

ATTEST:
JULIE C. DINKINS, CITY CLERK

Commissioner Diane Hopkins made the motion to approve the Resolution to Approve an Easement on West Oneida Street as presented. Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines seconded the motion. The motion carried with a unanimous vote.

A Resolution to Approve a Contract for Timber Harvesting Located in the Waycross-Ware County Industrial Park was presented:

RESOLUTION 10-07

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA
TO APPROVE A CONTRACT FOR TIMBER HARVESTING
LOCATED IN THE WAYCROSS-WARE COUNTY INDUSTRIAL PARK
AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

WHEREAS, the City has been asked to enter a contract with the Okefenokee Area Development Authority, the Waycross and Ware County Development Authority, and Ware County for the sale of timber and forest products to Varn Wood Products, LLC (collectively “the parties”); 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 enter into the attached agreement with the aforementioned parties for the sale of timber and forest products located within the Waycross-Ware County Industrial Park.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and City Clerk and/or City Manager be and are hereby authorized, directed and empowered to execute the attached agreement and any other documents necessary for this project.

SO RESOLVED, this 2ND day of February, 2010

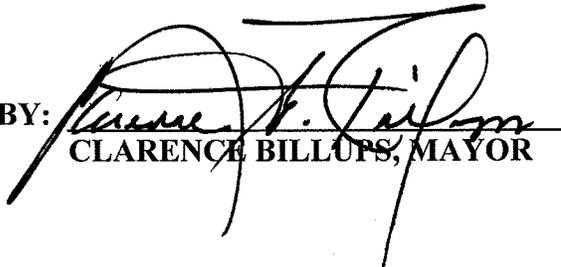
CITY OF WAYCROSS
BY: CLARENCE BILLUPS, MAYOR

ATTEST:
JULIE C. DINKINS, CITY CLERK

Commissioner Daniel Yarbrough made the motion to approve the Contract for Timber Harvesting Located in the Waycross-Ware County Industrial Park as presented. Commissioner William Simmons seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the motion carried with a unanimous vote.

After closing remarks from the Commissioners and Mayor Billups, the meeting was adjourned by motion from Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines, seconded by Commissioner Yarbrough, all voted in favor and Mayor Billups declared the meeting adjourned.

CITY OF WAYCROSS

BY: 
CLARENCE BILLUPS, MAYOR

ATTEST:


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