

MINUTES
WAYCROSS CITY COMMISSION MEETING
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2015
7:00 P.M.

The Regular Session of the Commission of the City of Waycross was held on Tuesday, February 3, 2015 in the Commission Chambers of City Hall. Mayor Pro Tem Alvin Nelson called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Those in attendance with Mayor Pro Tem Nelson were; Commissioners Marian Solomon-Gaines, Diane Hopkins, and Larry Ethridge. Mayor Clarence E. Billups and Commissioner Norman Davis were not present for the meeting.

Pastor Richard Gifford, Pentecostals of Waycross, opened the meeting with prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Pro Tem Alvin Nelson introduced Dr. Tamara Huff, a General Practice Orthopedic Surgeon at Mayor Clinic Health System. Dr. Huff stated that she and Dr. Alice O'Connell have received a grant and are starting a "Start Moving, Start Living" grant study. This study will concentrate on black women who have knee issues.

Ms. Annalease Gibson was introduced by Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines. Ms. Gibson is a Social Work Instructor and Program and Field Coordinator – Waycross Campus for Albany State University. Ms. Gibson brought several members of her current class to observe the City Commission meeting.

Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines nominated Commissioner Larry Ethridge to serve as the Ex-officio member of the Waycross-Ware County Development Authority for a one-year term to expire December 31, 2015.

Human Resources Director, Trinija Molina-Martin introduced Ms. Nicole Price as the Employee of the Month for February, 2015.

During the City Manager's Report, Raphel Maddox congratulated Ms. Nicole Price for her Employee of the Month honor. Mr. Maddox also challenged the citizens to remember Brother Gifford's prayer, where he referenced the City as "we". Mr. Maddox said that if everyone would adopt that attitude and buy into Waycross, the City would greatly benefit.

Mayor Pro Tem Nelson asked that the Commission and citizens read up on the fuel tax the State of Georgia is proposing. Mr. Nelson also stated that the Martin Luther King Celebration events were well attended and thanked the organizers and community for a great event.

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, Executive Session, and Waycross City Commission Meeting, Tuesday, January 20, 2015.

There were no Consent Resolutions, Privilege License Renewals or Ordinance second readings.

Commissioner Diane Hopkins made the motion to approve the Consent Calendar as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines. All Commissioners voted in favor and the motion was approved with a 4 – 0 vote.

One Privilege License was presented for review:

Privilege License Renewals: Ngwebifor M. Fobi d/b/a Soul Shop Art Guild, Inc. 312 Pendleton Street, Liquor / Private Club, Liquor On Premise Consumption.

Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines made the motion to approve the Privilege License for Ngwebifor M. Fobi d/b/a Soul Shop Art Guild, Inc. 312 Pendleton Street, Liquor / Private Club, Liquor On Premise Consumption. Commissioner Diane Hopkins seconded the motion. The motion was approved with a 4 – 0 vote.

Purchasing Director Linda Jones presented Bid #FY15-03 for a Backhoe for Engineering. Three proposals were received and after evaluation the staff recommended awarding the bid to Flint Equipment Co. of Brunswick, Georgia for a John Deere 310 SL Backhoe. The purchase price of \$80,700.00 includes a 5 year / 5000 hour full warranty. Commissioner Diane Hopkins made the motion to approve the purchase of a John Deere 310 SL Backhoe for \$80,700.00. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines; all voted in favor and the motion carried.

Bid FY15-11 Front End Loader came in with three proposals, with the staff recommending awarding the bid to Flint Equipment Co of Brunswick, Georgia for a John Deere 624K. The purchase price of \$144,600 includes a 5 year / 5000 hour full warranty. The City will trade in 2 pieces of equipment which will be replaced with the new equipment. Commissioner Diane Hopkins made the motion to approve the purchase of a John Deere 624K for the purchase price of \$144,600. Commissioner Larry Ethridge made the motion to second the motion to purchase the John Deere Front End Loader. The motion was approved with a 4-0 vote.

A list of items (WAYX 15-09) no longer needed in any City department or confiscated by the Waycross Police Department was presented for consideration of declaring the property Surplus Property to be sold on GovDeals.com. Commissioner Diane Hopkins made the motion to approve the Surplus Property list. Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines seconded the motion; all voted affirmatively and the motion was approved.

Ms. Linda Jones presented a request from Mr. Free Walker to purchase two parcels on Alpha Street. These parcels are 1052 Alpha Street, B18 LC, WA0405 021 (0.14 Acres) and Alpha Street, B1006L11, WA404 044 (0.18 acre). If declared surplus by the City Commission, Purchasing will issue bid packages on these properties and notify all adjoining property owners of the opportunity to bid. Commissioner Diane Hopkins made the motion to approve the surplus property, seconded by Commissioner Larry Ethridge; all voted in favor and the motion carried.

Mr. Albert Bussey, Ware County High School Band Director addressed the Commission about Arts in Our School Month. A concert (“Visions of Love”) by the Valdosta Symphony Orchestra will be held on Sunday, February 15, 2015 at the Ware Middle School Auditorium at 3:00 p.m.

After last call, Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Diane Hopkins seconded the motion. All voted in favor and Mayor Billups adjourned the meeting.

CITY OF WAYCROSS

BY: _____
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MAYOR

ATTEST: _____
JULIE C. DINKINS, City Clerk