

MINUTES
WAYCROSS CITY COMMISSION MEETING
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2018
5:00 PM

The Commission of the City of Waycross held their Regular City Commission Meeting on Tuesday, February 6, 2018 in the Commission Chambers of City Hall. The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by the Honorable Mayor John Knox. Members in attendance were: Mayor John Knox, Mayor Pro Tem Jon Tindall, Commissioners Norman Davis, John Threat, Diane Hopkins and Marian Solomon-Gaines.

Mayor Pro Tem Jon Tindall introduced Mr. Ricky Mills, Member of Destination Church, who offered the opening invocation. The Invocation was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Mayor John Knox.

The Honorable Mayor John Knox opened the 2018 State of the City address by stating that “our community is properly positioned for seeing enhanced economic opportunities coming to our city.” The address that followed was a positive message for the Commissioners, staff, audience and viewers at home.

Human Resources Director Trinija Martin introduced Lt. Terrell Murphy of the Police Department and Community Improvement Department as the February Employee of the Month.

During the City Manager’s Report, City Manager Raphel Maddox commended the Mayor for a great State of the City address. Mr. Maddox also applauded Lt. Terrell Murphy and stated that Lt. Murphy is a great employee and a great person.

There were no public remarks on official action.

Mayor Knox presented the Consent Calendar as read by City Clerk Julie Dinkins for consideration of official action as follows:

Approval of Minutes: Planning and Information Session, Executive Session, and Waycross City Commission Meeting, Tuesday, January 16, 2018 and Called Meeting, Wednesday, January 24, 2018.

One Ordinance was presented for second reading:

ORDINANCE NO. 018-01

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF THE CITY OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA; TO AMEND CHAPTER 34 – TAXATION, LICENSES AND BUSINESS REGULATIONS, ARTICLE XI - TRANSIENT MERCHANTS, PEDDLERS AND SOLICITORS; TO AMEND SECTIONS 34-316, 34-317, 34-321 AND 34-326 THROUGH 34-329, INCLUSIVE, PERTAINING TO PROHIBITING PEDDLERS AND TRANSIENT MERCHANTS FROM GOING TO PRIVATE RESIDENCES AND PERTAINING TO REMOVING RESTRICTIONS ON SOLICITORS FOR CHARITABLE AND RELIGIOUS ORGANIZATIONS; TO PROVIDE FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

There were no Consent Resolutions or Privilege License Renewals.

The Consent Calendar was approved by motion from Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Jon Tindall, all voted in favor and the motion carried.

Purchasing Director Linda Jones presented Bid FY18-08 Fire Station #4. The City of Waycross has approved SPLOST Funds to construct a new Fire Station #4 at 701 Haines Avenue. Purchasing received 4 bids on this project. After staff and architect review, staff recommended awarding the bid to Harper & Company Builders of Douglas, GA for a price not to exceed \$1,420,000. This price is the base bid less deduct #2 replace floor tile with stained concrete and deduct #5 replace wall tiles with GLASBORD in kitchen and baths, all other walls to be painted. Commissioner Norman Davis made the motion to approve the bid Fire Station #4. Mayor Pro Tem Jon Tindall seconded the motion. All Commissioners voted yes and the motion passed.

A Resolution of the City of Waycross, Georgia to Award a Contract to Thrift Brothers, LLC for Waste Water Treatment Plant Emergency Influent Pipe Replacement Project was presented for approval.

RESOLUTION NO. R18-02
A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA,
TO AWARD A CONTRACT TO THRIFT BROTHERS, LLC FOR WASTE WATER
TREATMENT PLANT EMERGENCY INFLUENT PIPE REPLACEMENT PROJECT;
AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, there is approximately 120 linear feet of 20" ductile iron influent pipe between the splitter box and primary clarifiers at the Waste Water Treatment Plant; and

WHEREAS, this pipe is aged and has had point repairs made in past but high flows experienced during Hurricane Irma resulted in failure of those repairs; and

WHEREAS, this work needs to be completed on an emergency basis since any additional rainfall will further burden the influent pipes and there was inadequate time to properly bid the project; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the Code of Ordinances of the City of Waycross, section 2-320 (b), the city manager or his designee used best efforts to obtain competitive pricing for said emergency services and all actions taken by the city manager or his designee were pursuant to Code section 2-320 and were otherwise reasonable under the circumstances; and

WHEREAS, bids were requested from five (5) local contractors and two (2) local contractors responded with bids, with Thrift Brothers LLC submitting the lowest and best bid for the project at a cost of \$50,700.00, to be paid out of Water and Sewer funds; and

WHEREAS, said matter being considered.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Commission of the City of Waycross that the City of Waycross approves the emergency procedures used by the city manager or his designee and that a contract be awarded to Thrift Brothers LLC for the contract price of \$50,700.00 for the Waste Water Treatment Plant Influent Pipe Replacement project, to be paid out of Water and Sewer funds.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor, City Manager and City Clerk be authorized and directed to execute the Contract on behalf of the City of Waycross, and to do all the acts and things necessary in order to carry out the purposes of this Resolution, hereby ratifying and confirming all actions taken and to be taken .

SO RESOLVED, this 6th day of February, 2018.

CITY OF WAYCROSS

BY: JOHN KNOX, Mayor

ATTEST:

JULIE DINKINS, City Clerk

Mayor Pro Tem Jon Tindall made the motion to approve a Resolution of the City of Waycross, Georgia to Award a Contract to Thrift Brothers, LLC for Waste Water Treatment Plant Emergency Influent Pipe Replacement Project as presented for approval. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Norman Davis and approved with a 5-0 vote.

Awarding a contract to Smith Electric Motor Service for Waste Water Treatment Plant Emergency Influent Pump Repair Project was the next resolution presented.

RESOLUTION NO. R18-08

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA,
TO AWARD A CONTRACT TO SMITH ELECTRIC MOTOR SERVICE, INC. FOR
WASTE WATER TREATMENT PLANT EMERGENCY INFLUENT PUMP REPAIR
PROJECT; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

WHEREAS, there are three (3) influent pumps which pump preliminary effluent from the headworks up to the primary clarifiers at the Waste Water Treatment Plant; and

WHEREAS, normal operation allows for two (2) pumps to operate in a lead/lag arrangement to handle normal flows with the third pump acting as standby; and

WHEREAS, high flows experienced during Hurricane Irma resulted in Influent Pumps 1 and 2 running continuously for an extended period of time and, during the peak flow period of the storm, all three (3) pumps ran continuously and subsequently, Pumps 2 and 3 developed problems due to bearing or seal failure; and

WHEREAS, these repairs had to be completed on an emergency basis since any additional rainfall will further burden the influent pumps and there was inadequate time to properly bid the project; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the Code of Ordinances of the City of Waycross, section 2-320 (b), the city manager or his designee used best efforts to obtain competitive pricing for said emergency services and all actions taken by the city manager or his designee were pursuant to Code section 2-320 and were otherwise reasonable under the circumstances; and

WHEREAS, Pumps 2 and 3 were sent off as an emergency rebuild to Smith Electric Motor Service, Inc. of Thomasville, Georgia, at a cost of \$20,613.65 to repair and rebuild Pump #3 as per invoice number 60785, and at a cost not to exceed \$20,613.65 for pump #2 (not yet repaired and rebuilt), to be paid from Water and Sewer funds; and

WHEREAS, said matter being considered.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Commission of the City of Waycross that the City of Waycross approves the emergency procedures used by the city manager or his designee and that a contract be awarded to Smith Electric Motor Service, Inc. of Thomasville, Georgia, for a total cost of \$20,613.65 to repair and rebuild Pump #3 as per invoice number 60785, and at a cost not to exceed \$20,613.65 for pump #2, to be paid from Water and Sewer funds.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor, City Manager and City Clerk be authorized and directed to execute the Contract on behalf of the City of Waycross, and to do all the acts and things necessary in order to carry out the purposes of this Resolution, hereby ratifying and confirming all actions taken and to be taken .

SO RESOLVED, this 6th day of February, 2018.

CITY OF WAYCROSS

BY: JOHN KNOX, Mayor

ATTEST:

JULIE DINKINS, City Clerk

Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines made the motion to approve Awarding a contract to Smith Electric Motor Service for Waste Water Treatment Plant Emergency Influent Pump Repair Project. Mayor Pro Ten Jon Tindall seconded the motion; all voted in approval and the motion passed.

A Resolution of the City of Waycross, Georgia to Approve Payment for Microsoft Licensing for Calendar Year 2018 was presented for review.

RESOLUTION NO. R18-06

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA,
TO APPROVE PAYMENT FOR MICROSOFT LICENSING FOR CALENDAR
YEAR 2018; 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 Calendar Year 2018 is \$19,094.90 under the State of Georgia 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 approves the annual payment for the Microsoft License Agreement for Calendar Year 2018 in the amount of \$19,094.90.

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 6th day of February, 2018.

CITY OF WAYCROSS

BY: JOHN KNOX, Mayor

ATTEST:

JULIE DINKINS, City Clerk

The Resolution of the City of Waycross, Georgia to Approve Payment for Microsoft Licensing for Calendar Year 2018 was approved with the motion from Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines, second from Mayor Pro Tem Jon Tindall and a unanimous vote.

A Resolution of the City of Waycross, Georgia to Authorize an Agreement with the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia, by and on behalf of Valdosta State University and Fort Valley State University, for the City of Waycross to Host a Football Game between Valdosta State University and Fort Valley State University at Memorial Stadium was presented.

RESOLUTION NO. R18-07

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA,
TO AUTHORIZE AN AGREEMENT WITH THE BOARD OF REGENTS OF THE
UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF GEORGIA, BY AND ON BEHALF OF VALDOSTA STATE
UNIVERSITY AND FORT VALLEY STATE UNIVERSITY, FOR THE CITY OF
WAYCROSS TO HOST A FOOTBALL GAME BETWEEN VALDOSTA STATE
UNIVERSITY AND FORT VALLEY STATE UNIVERSITY AT MEMORIAL
STADIUM; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

WHEREAS, there have been negotiations between the City of Waycross, Valdosta State University and Fort Valley State University for the City of Waycross to host at Memorial Stadium in Waycross, Ware County, Georgia, a National Collegiate Athletic Association Division II football game between Valdosta State University (hereinafter referred to as "VSU") and Fort Valley State University (hereinafter referred to as "FVSU") on Saturday, September 8, 2018; and

WHEREAS, VSU and FVSU are of the opinion that the City of Waycross has the necessary qualifications, experience, abilities and capacity to provide certain services to VSU and FVSU for hosting said above-described football game; and

WHEREAS, Section 2.1 of the Charter of the City of Waycross gives the City of Waycross the power and authority to "enter into contracts and agreements with other governmental entities and with private persons, firms and corporations"; and

WHEREAS, the City of Waycross, VSU and FVSU have negotiated certain specific details, rights, obligations, duties and responsibilities pertaining to the above-described football game as set forth in the Agreement Between the City of Waycross, Georgia, Valdosta State University and Fort Valley State University, a copy of which is attached hereto and incorporated herein as if fully set forth; and

WHEREAS, said matter having been considered.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Commission of the City of Waycross that the City Commission approves said Agreement, in the form attached and incorporated herein as if fully set forth, for the City to host at Memorial Stadium a National Collegiate Athletic Association football game between VSU and FVSU on Saturday, September 8, 2018.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor, City Manager and City Clerk be, and are hereby authorized, empowered and directed to execute said Agreement on behalf of the City of Waycross, and to ratify and confirm the execution of said Agreement, and to do all the acts and things necessary in order to ratify, confirm and carry out the purposes and intent of this Resolution.

SO RESOLVED, this 6th day of February, 2018.

CITY OF WAYCROSS

BY: JOHN KNOX, Mayor

ATTEST:

JULIE DINKINS, City Clerk

Commissioner Norman Davis made a motion to approve the Resolution of the City of Waycross, Georgia to Authorize an Agreement with the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia, by and on behalf of Valdosta State University and Fort Valley State University, for the City of Waycross to Host a Football Game between Valdosta State University and Fort Valley State University at Memorial Stadium as presented. Mayor Pro Tem Jon Tindall seconded the motion; all voted affirmatively.

A Resolution of the City of Waycross, Georgia to Enter into a Lease Agreement with Young Men's Christian Association of Waycross was presented.

RESOLUTION NO. R18-05

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA,
TO ENTER INTO A LEASE AGREEMENT WITH**

**YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA, INC.; AND FOR
OTHER PURPOSES.**

WHEREAS, the Commissioners of the City of Waycross deem it in the best public interest and general welfare of the City to make public property available so that non-profit groups can provide non-profit services to members of the community; and

WHEREAS, the City of Waycross owns certain property located generally behind the Young Men's Christian Association of Waycross, Georgia (hereinafter, the "YMCA") property at 1634 Plant Avenue, formerly known as the "Girl Scout property"; and

WHEREAS, the YMCA has a need and desire to lease said property; and

WHEREAS, said matter having been considered.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Commissioners of the City of Waycross that the City Commission hereby approves the Lease Agreement between the City of Waycross and the Young Men's Christian Association of Waycross, Inc., in the form attached hereto as an Exhibit and incorporated herein as if fully set forth, so that the property can use utilized by the YMCA for providing non-profit services.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and City Clerk be empowered, authorized and directed to execute the aforementioned Lease Agreement, and to do all the acts and things necessary in order to carry out the purposes of this Resolution, hereby ratifying and confirming all actions taken and to be taken.

SO RESOLVED, this 6th day of February, 2018.

CITY OF WAYCROSS

BY: JOHN KNOX, Mayor

ATTEST:

JULIE DINKINS, City Clerk

Mayor Pro Tem Jon Tindall made a motion to Enter into a Lease Agreement with Young Men's Christian Association of Waycross as presented. Commissioner Norman Davis seconded the motion; all voted positively and the motion carried.

A Resolution of the City of Waycross, Georgia to Award Bid Contract to Harper & Company Builders of Douglas, Georgia, to Construct New Fire Station Number 4 as presented.

RESOLUTION NO. R18-09

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA, TO AWARD BID CONTRACT TO HARPER & COMPANY BUILDERS OF DOUGLAS, GEORGIA, TO CONSTRUCT NEW FIRE STATION NUMBER 4; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, to meet the needs of the citizens of this City, land has been purchased upon which to construct and build Waycross Fire Station # 4; and

WHEREAS, Section 2.1 of the Charter of the City of Waycross gives the City of Waycross the power and authority to “enter into contracts and agreements with other governmental entities and with private persons, firms and corporations”; and

WHEREAS, the City of Waycross has approved the use of SPLOST funds for said construction of a new Fire Station # 4; and

WHEREAS, the City of Waycross Purchasing Department offered the project through competitive bidding, and received and opened four (4) bids tendered; and

WHEREAS, Harper & Company Builders of Douglas, Georgia, submitted the lowest and best bid for the project, being the base bid of \$1,442,000.00 minus Alternate No. 2 (- \$11,500.00) and minus Alternate No. 5 (- \$10,500.00), meeting all specifications and requirements, for a total project amount not to exceed \$1,420,000.00.

WHEREAS, said matter having been considered.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Commission of the City of Waycross that the Bid Contract for the construction of a new Fire Station # 4 be awarded to Harper & Company Builders of Douglas, Georgia, in an amount not to exceed \$1,420,000.00 and to be paid from SPLOST funds.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized and directed to execute the Bid Contracts on behalf of the City of Waycross, and to do all the acts and things necessary in order to carry out the purposes and intent of this Resolution.

SO RESOLVED, this 6th day of February, 2018.

CITY OF WAYCROSS

BY: JOHN KNOX, Mayor

ATTEST:

JULIE DINKINS, City Clerk

A Resolution of the City of Waycross, Georgia to Award Bid Contract to Harper & Company Builders of Douglas, Georgia, to Construct New Fire Station Number 4 was approved as presented by motion from Commissioner Norman Davis; seconded by Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines; and unanimous vote.

A Resolution of the City of Waycross, Georgia to Authorize An Agreement with CSRA Probation Services to Provide Probation Services to the Municipal Court of the City of Waycross was presented.

RESOLUTION NO. R18-10

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA,
TO AUTHORIZE AN AGREEMENT WITH CSRA PROBATION SERVICES, INC. TO
PROVIDE PROBATION SERVICES TO THE MUNICIPAL COURT OF THE CITY OF
WAYCROSS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

WHEREAS, CSRA Probation Services, Inc., hereinafter referred to as “CSRA”, is the entity currently providing probation services for the Municipal Court of the City of Waycross; and

WHEREAS, Georgia law previously required that the agreement for providing private probation services was an agreement between the judge of municipal court and the private probation provider, with the municipality merely approving of the contract; and

WHEREAS, in July 2016, O.C.G.A. § 42-8-101 was amended such that the agreement is now between the municipality and the private probation provider, with the express written consent of the municipal court judge; and

WHEREAS, the Georgia Municipal Association (hereinafter, “GMA”) created and prepared a template for the proposed agreement for private probation services in municipal courts; and

WHEREAS, said agreements are “required to meet the standards in [Department of Community Services] rules and OCGA 42-8-101 by January 1, 2018”; and

WHEREAS, Section 2.1 of the Charter of the City of Waycross gives the City of Waycross the power and authority to “enter into contracts and agreements with other governmental entities and with private persons, firms and corporations”; and

WHEREAS, O.C.G.A. § 42-8-101 (b) (1) requires that the agreement shall be attached to the governing authority's approval as an exhibit; and

WHEREAS, said matter having been considered.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Commission of the City of Waycross that the City Commission approves the Probation Services Agreement, in the form attached hereto as an Exhibit and incorporated herein as if fully set forth, and that CSRA Probation Services, Inc. will continue to be the entity that provides probation supervision services to the Municipal Court.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and City Clerk be, and are hereby authorized, empowered and directed to execute said Contract for Probation Supervision Services on behalf of the City of Waycross, and to ratify and confirm the execution of said Contract, and to do all the acts and things necessary in order to ratify, confirm and carry out the purposes and intent of this Resolution.

SO RESOLVED, this 6th day of February, 2018.

CITY OF WAYCROSS

BY: JOHN KNOX, Mayor

ATTEST:

JULIE DINKINS, City Clerk

Mayor Pro Tem Jon Tindall made the motion to approve the Resolution of the City of Waycross, Georgia to Authorize An Agreement with CSRA Probation Services to Provide Probation Services to the Municipal Court of the City of Waycross as presented. Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines seconded the motion. All Commissioners voted to approve the Resolution.

A Resolution of the City of Waycross, Georgia to Authorize An Agreement with Richard Bell d/b/a Bell Realty to List Certain Property for Sale as presented.

RESOLUTION NO. R18-11

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA, TO AUTHORIZE AN AGREEMENT WITH RICHARD BELL D/B/A R BELL REALTY TO LIST CERTAIN PROPERTY FOR SALE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, Richard Bell, doing business as R Bell Realty, is a Georgia licensed real estate broker; and

WHEREAS, the City presently does not hold marketable title to the Bailey Street property but has an interest in the property through tax liens and taxes owed on the property; and

WHEREAS, an Order Authorizing Tax Foreclosure Sale has been signed by a Superior Court judge and the City anticipates that a tax foreclosure sale will soon be scheduled and held; and

WHEREAS, the City, desirous of determining the marketability of said property in case the City is able to obtain clear title through the tax foreclosure sale, seeks to enter into an agreement with Richard Bell d/b/a R Bell Realty, in the form attached hereto as an Exhibit and incorporated herein as if fully set forth; and

WHEREAS, Section 2.1 of the Charter of the City of Waycross gives the City of Waycross the power and authority to “enter into contracts and agreements with other governmental entities and with private persons, firms and corporations”; and

WHEREAS, said matter having been considered.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Commission of the City of Waycross that the City Commission approves the Exclusive Sales Listing Agreement, in the form attached hereto as an Exhibit and incorporated herein as if fully set forth.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and City Clerk be, and are hereby authorized, empowered and directed to execute said Agreement with Richard Bell d/b/a R Bell Realty and to ratify and confirm the execution of said Agreement, and to do all the acts and things necessary in order to ratify, confirm and carry out the purposes and intent of this Resolution.

SO RESOLVED, this 6th day of February, 2018.

CITY OF WAYCROSS

BY: JOHN KNOX, Mayor

ATTEST:

JULIE DINKINS, City Clerk


Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines made the motion to approve a Resolution of the City of Waycross, Georgia to Authorize An Agreement with Richard Bell d/b/a Bell Realty to List Certain Property for Sale as presented. Mayor Pro Tem Jon Tindall seconded the motion; all voted to approve the motion as presented.

Mayor John Knox acknowledged two students who attended the Commission meeting to receive extra credit in their History class. Ms. Tammy Young attended the meeting as a part of her Class project.

Ms. Victoria Sallet addressed the Commission to invite the public to attend a Fashion Show on February 11, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. at the City Auditorium.

After last call, Commissioner Norman Davis made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Mayor Pro Tem Jon Tindall seconded the motion. All voted in favor and Mayor Knox adjourned the meeting.

CITY OF WAYCROSS

BY: 

JOHN KNOX, Mayor

ATTEST:



JULIE C. DINKINS, City Clerk