

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

The Regular Session of the Commission of the City of Waycross was held on Tuesday, March 3, 2015 in the Commission Chambers of City Hall. Mayor Clarence E. Billups called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Those in attendance with Mayor Billups were Mayor Pro Tem Alvin Nelson; Commissioners Diane Hopkins, Norman Davis and Larry Ethridge. Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines was absent.

Commissioner Larry Ethridge introduced Reverend Ralph Bess, Pastor, Gaines Chapel AME Church who offered the opening invocation. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Abrielle Lancaster, who is 4 years old and attends Our Little Blessings Day Care.

Under Executive duties, Mayor Billups introduced a Special Presentation in celebration of Founder's Day, March 3, 1874 with special appearances by the Reverend Frank Hazzard (Jimmie Burke) and Philip Coleman Pendleton (Larry Gattis).

Finance Director Danny Lamonte presented the Distinguished Budget Presentation Award to Budget Officer Dana Chancey, stating that this is the 9<sup>th</sup> consecutive year Ms. Chancey has received this award.

Human Resources Director, Trinija Molina-Martin introduced Detective Melissa Thrift as the recipient of the March 2015 Employee of the Month award.

During the City Manager's Report, City Manager Raphael Maddox thanked Mr. Gattis and Mr. Burke for a great presentation. Mr. Maddox stated that one of his first tasks as City Manager was to begin preparing for Founders Day. He recruited Mr. Gattis and Mr. Burke and stated he was pleased with the way they completed the task. Mr. Maddox congratulated Dana Chancey on her 9<sup>th</sup> Budget award and Melissa Thrift, March, 2015 on being appointed Employee of the month.

Mayor Billups gave kudos to Larry Gattis and Jimmie Burke for their Founders Day Presentation. He thanked Melissa Thrift and Dana Chancey for a job well done, stating keep on doing the great job you do.

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, February 16; and Zoning Public Hearings and Waycross City Commission Meeting, Tuesday, February 17.

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

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

Finance Director Danny Lamonte presented Bid FY15-08 Knuckle Boom Loader. Purchasing received 8 bids from 5 vendors and after staff review, staff recommends that the bid be awarded to TransPro Equipment Sales, LLC of Albany, Georgia for a total price of \$122,914.00. This is for a Kenworth T370 Truck and a Peterson TL3 Loader body with an option for an electric tarp system and an extended 5 year warranty.

Commissioner Norman Davis made the motion to approve the purchase of the Knuckle Boom Loader from TransPro Equipment Sales for the total price of \$122,914.00. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Diane Hopkins; all voted yes and the motion carried with a 4 – 0 vote.

An Ordinance Amending the Zoning Ordinance, Article IV, §§ (d) (e) of § 908.2 pertaining to initiation of amendments as presented for the first reading.

#### **ORDINANCE NO. 15-04**

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA; TO AMEND ARTICLE IX, SUBSECTIONS (d) AND (e) OF SECTION 908.2 PERTAINING TO INITIATION OF AMENDMENTS; TO REPEAL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; TO PROVIDE FOR SEVERABILITY; TO PROVIDE FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES**

The motion was approved for the first reading by motion from Commissioner Diane Hopkins; seconded by Commissioner Norman Davis, and unanimously approved.

An Ordinance Amending the Zoning Ordinance and Map to rezone 2089 and 2191 Golf Course Road was presented for the first reading.

#### **ORDINANCE NO. 15-03**

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA, AND THE ZONING MAP; TO REZONE THE PROPERTY DESCRIBED HEREIN LOCATED AT 2089 AND 2191 GOLF COURSE ROAD AND CERTAIN ADJOINING PROPERTIES FROM RS RESIDENTIAL TO R-90 RESIDENTIAL; TO SET AN EFFECTIVE DATE; TO REPEAL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

Commissioner Diane Hopkins made a motion to approve the Ordinance Amending the Zoning Ordinance and Map to rezone 2089 and 2191 Golf Course Road as presented for the first reading. Commissioner Larry Ethridge seconded the motion; all voted yes and the motion carried.

A Resolution to Submit an Application to Apply for a FY2015 Community Development Block Grant was presented:

**RESOLUTION NO. 15-09**

**RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF WAYCROSS  
TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO OBTAIN  
FY 2015 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FUNDS  
FOR WATER, SEWER, STREET, AND FLOOD & DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Waycross has identified a lack of sufficient funds to address the need for adequate Water, Sewer, Street, and Flood & Drainage Improvements; and

**WHEREAS**, FY 2015 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds are sufficient to address this need; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Waycross has selected Coastal Engineering Consultants, Inc. as the project engineer to perform the planning, design, engineering, and construction oversight of the CDBG Project; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Waycross has requested that the staff of the Southern Georgia Regional Commission assist in the preparation of the CDBG Application and administration of the CDBG Project; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Waycross has agreed to provide sufficient matching funds and in-kind services to complete this project;

**THEREFORE**, be it resolved that the City of Waycross will submit a FY 2015 CDBG application to address the identified needs.

**SO RESOLVED** this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of March, 2015.

**CITY OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA**

**CLARENCE E. BILLUPS, MAYOR**

**ATTEST:**  
**JULIE C. DINKINS**  
City Clerk

Commissioner Norman Davis made the motion to approve the Resolution to Submit an Application to Apply for a FY2015 Community Development Block Grant as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Diane Hopkins; all voted unanimously and the motion carried.

Mr. Maurice Mungin appeared before the Commission to thank the Commission, the Police Department and all other City staff who supported his career efforts. Mr. Mungin provided everyone present with a CD of his first recorded single.

After last call, Commissioner Norman Davis 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