

MINUTES
WAYCROSS CITY COMMISSION MEETING
TUESDAY, APRIL 4, 2017
5:00 PM

The Commission of the City of Waycross held their Regular Meeting on Tuesday, April 4, 2017 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 Marian Solomon-Gaines, Larry Ethridge, and Norman Davis. Commissioner Diane Hopkins was not present.

Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines introduced Rev. Richard Gifford, Pastor of the Pentecostals of Waycross who offered the opening invocation. The Invocation was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Mayor Knox.

Under Executive Duties, Finance Director, Dana Chancey presented the Finance Officers Association (GFOA) Recognition for the City of Waycross Budget for the 11th consecutive year to China Williams, Finance Department.

Human Resource Director Trinija Martin introduced Anthony McInvale of the Public Works Department as April, 2017 Employee of the Month.

City Attorney Rick Currie announced two public hearings scheduled for Tuesday, May 2, 2017 for (1) Zoning Designation of Bluffs of Satilla (4:15 pm) and (2) Waycross Wastewater Treatment Property in Price County (4:30 p.m.).

Mayor John Knox and Mayor Pro Tem Jon Tindall presented a Proclamation promoting National Autism Awareness Month.

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Autism is a pervasive developmental disorder affecting the social, communication and behavioral skills of those affected by it; and

WHEREAS, As more health professionals become proficient in diagnosing autism, more children are being diagnosed on the autism spectrum; and

WHEREAS, While there is no cure for autism, it is well-documented that if individuals with autism receive early and intensive treatment throughout their lives, they lead significantly improved lives; and

WHEREAS, Individual with autism often require a lifetime of specialized and community support services to ensure their health and safety and to support families' resilience as they manage the psychological and financial burdens autism can present.

NOW THEREFORE, I John Knox, Mayor of the City of Waycross, do hereby encourage our residents to participate in the National Autism Awareness Month activities, in order to come better educated about autism and create a better community for individuals with autism.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto signed this document on the 4th day of April, 2017

JOHN KNOX, Mayor

The City Manager's Report included a Reminder about Rise and Shine on April 11, 2017 at 7:45 am at the City Auditorium. He called Community Improvement Director Sloan Fountain to update the Commission on Swampfest. Police Chief Tony Tanner stated that Kid's Camp went great this year. Mr. Maddox shared that at the Georgia City County Manager's Meeting, the discussion was about community policing, giving him an opportunity to brag on our police department and their successful interaction with the community.

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: Approval of the Waycross City Commission Planning & Information Session, Monday, March 20, 2017; Waycross City Commission Meeting, Tuesday, March 21, 2017.

No Ordinance Second Readings, Consent Resolutions or privilege licenses renewals were presented.

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

An Ordinance to Amend the Code of the City of Waycross, Georgia pertaining to Pierce County was presented for the emergency first reading.

ORDINANCE NO. 017-05

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF THE CITY OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA; TO AMEND CHAPTER 103 – BUILDINGS AND BUILDING REGULATIONS, SECTION 103-21, PERTAINING TO EXISTING BUILDINGS; TO AMEND CHAPTER 113 – SUBDIVISIONS, SECTION 113-2, PERTAINING TO JURISDICTION; SECTIONS 113-79 AND 113-80, PERTAINING TO ADMINISTRATION AND ENFORCEMENT; AND SECTION 113-112, PERTAINING TO PLAT PROCEDURE AND DATA; TO REPEAL CONFLICTING

ORDINANCES; TO PROVIDE FOR SEVERABILITY; TO PROVIDE FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE; TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Commissioner Norman Davis made the motion to approve the Ordinance to Amend the Code of the City of Waycross, Georgia pertaining to Pierce County as presented for the first emergency reading. Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines seconded the motion; all voted yes and the motion was approved with a 4-0 vote.

An Ordinance to Amend the Code of the City of Waycross, Georgia pertaining to Pierce County was presented for the emergency second reading.

ORDINANCE NO. 017-05

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF THE CITY OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA; TO AMEND CHAPTER 103 – BUILDINGS AND BUILDING REGULATIONS, SECTION 103-21, PERTAINING TO EXISTING BUILDINGS; TO AMEND CHAPTER 113 – SUBDIVISIONS, SECTION 113-2, PERTAINING TO JURISDICTION; SECTIONS 113-79 AND 113-80, PERTAINING TO ADMINISTRATION AND ENFORCEMENT; AND SECTION 113-112, PERTAINING TO PLAT PROCEDURE AND DATA; TO REPEAL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; TO PROVIDE FOR SEVERABILITY; TO PROVIDE FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE; TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Commissioner Jon Tindall made the motion to approve the Ordinance to Amend the Code of the City of Waycross, Georgia pertaining to Pierce County as presented for the second emergency reading. Commissioner Larry Ethridge seconded the motion; all voted yes and the motion was approved with a 4-0 vote.

Following last call, Commissioner Norman Davis made the motion to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Commissioner Larry Ethridge; a unanimous vote; and Mayor Knox adjourned the meeting.

CITY OF WAYCROSS

BY: 
JOHN KNOX, Mayor

ATTEST:


JULIE C. DINKINS, City Clerk