

## MINUTES

### WAYCROSS CITY COMMISSION MEETING

TUESDAY, APRIL 5, 2011

7:00 P.M.

The regular meeting of the Commission of the City of Waycross was held in the Commission Chambers of City Hall on Tuesday, April 5, 2011. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Clarence Billups at 7:00 p.m. with Commissioners Marian Solomon-Gaines, William Simmons, Norman Davis, Diane Hopkins and Daniel Yarbrough present for the meeting.

City Attorney Huey Spearman presented Pastor Carlos White of Kingdom Dominion Ministries who offered the invocation which was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Mayor Billups presented Pastor White with a Certificate of Appreciation.

Under Executive Duties, Mayor Billups appointed James Tucker to the Waycross Housing Authority for a Five-Year Term beginning March 21, 2011 and ending March 21, 2016. Ms. Norma Clark was also appointed to the Housing Authority to serve a one year term beginning March 21, 2011 an ending March 21, 2012.

Mayor Pro Tem Diane Hopkins recognized the Waycross Middle School Girls Tennis Team for their Fifth Consecutive Year in winning the Southeast Georgia Middle School Athletic Conference Championship. Each girl was presented with a certificate acknowledging their accomplishment by Ms. Hopkins and City Manager King. The members of the team are as follows:

1. Mackenzie Bloch, 8<sup>th</sup> Grade
2. Brittany Burton, 8<sup>th</sup> Grade
3. Hannah Wheeler, 8<sup>th</sup> Grade
4. Elizabeth McClain, 8<sup>th</sup> Grade
5. Morgan Pyrzenski, 8<sup>th</sup> Grade
6. China Clark, 8<sup>th</sup> Grade
7. Annie Smith, 8<sup>th</sup> Grade
8. Nilyeah Godwin, 7<sup>th</sup> Grade
9. Zoie Barnhill, 7<sup>th</sup> Grade
10. Kyndall Webster, 7<sup>th</sup> Grade
11. Lindsay Shirah, 7<sup>th</sup> Grade
12. Lexie Shirah, 7<sup>th</sup> Grade
13. Chelsea Croom, 7<sup>th</sup> Grade
14. Jayme Russell, 6<sup>th</sup> Grade
15. Kiersten Moye, 6<sup>th</sup> Grade
16. Katie-Beth Strickland, 6<sup>th</sup>

Mayor Billups introduced the members of the Second Annual Easter Egg Hunt Committee as follows: William Simmons, Barbara King, Maria Mata, Ramona Battle, Carlos Nelson and Ms. McAllister. The Committee invited all children under 13 to attend the Annual Easter Egg Hunt on April 16, 2011 beginning at 11:00 at Memorial Stadium. Commissioner Simmons thanked the committee members and all of the volunteers.

Human Resource Director, Raphel Maddox introduced Mr. Leonard Dale Pack, II as employee of the Month for the month of April.

Deron W. King, City Manager, presented the City Manager's Report. The City Manager reported that the Plant Avenue resurfacing project is underway. Lee Avenue Water and Sewer Improvements are continuing and will be completed in April. On the Darling Avenue project, construction will continue on this project into May. Citizens are urged to exercise caution when traveling in construction areas.

Mr. King invited citizens to come out to the Waycross Exchange Club Friday night for the Relay for Life beginning at 7:00 p.m. He thanked the City employees who were responsible for a successful Swampfest, Main Street Director Sloan Fountain and Larry Gattis, as well as employees who worked and supported the project including the Police Department, Fire Department, and Public Works. Mr. King congratulated the Waycross Middle School Girls Tennis Team on their championship.

Mayor Clarence Billups presented the Mayor's Report. Mayor Billups thanked everyone involved with Swampfest. Mayor Billups reported that construction is moving along and should be completed soon on the City Auditorium and the Police Department.

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:

Approve of Minutes: Concept Hearing for Transportation Enhancement Project for Multi-Use Trail Head in Waycross; Zoning Text Amendment Hearing; Waycross City Commission Meeting, Tuesday, March 22, 2011; and Work Session Executive Session, Monday, March 21, 2011.

Three Ordinances were presented for Second Reading as follows:

**ORDINANCE NO. 11-01**

**AN ORDINANCE TO ABANDON AND CLOSE AN UNOPENED ALLEY BETWEEN JAMES STREET AND DELIA STREET IN BLOCK 16 OF THE FORAKER HEIGHTS SUBDIVISION; TO AUTHORIZE QUITCLAIM DEEDS TO ADJOINING PROPERTY OWNERS FOR THE ABANDONED UNOPENED ALLEY; TO ESTABLISH AN EFFECTIVE DATE; TO REPEAL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

**ORDINANCE NO. 11-02**

**AN ORDINANCE TO ABANDON AND CLOSE BAILEY DRIVE (FORMERLY KNOWN AS MIDDLE STREET) RIGHT-OF-WAY; TO AUTHORIZE QUITCLAIM DEEDS TO ADJOINING PROPERTY OWNERS FOR THE ABANDONED STREET AND RIGHT-OF-WAY; TO ESTABLISH AN EFFECTIVE DATE; TO REPEAL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

**ORDINANCE NO. 11-04**

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF THE CITY OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA; TO AMEND CHAPTER 15, ARTICLE IV PERTAINING TO SMOKING PROHIBITED IN CERTAIN AREAS WITHIN BUILDINGS AND INDOOR FACILITIES OF THE CITY; TO PROHIBIT SMOKING IN MOTOR VEHICLES OWNED OR LEASED BY THE CITY; TO REPEAL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; TO PROVIDE FOR SEVERABILITY; TO PROVIDE FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE; TO PROVIDE FOR RENUMBERING OR RELETTERING; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

Commissioner Diane Hopkins made the motion to approve the Consent Calendar as presented. Commissioner Daniel Yarbrough seconded the motion; all Commissioners voted favorably and the motion carried with a 5-0 vote.

A Privilege License for Marla Howell d/b/a Plant Café, 504 Plant Avenue, Waycross, Georgia, Consumption on Premises / Beer and Wine was presented.

Commissioner Diane Hopkins made the motion to approve the Privilege License for Plant Café; seconded by Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines. All Commissioners voted positively and the motion carried with a 5-0 vote.

A Privilege License for Ankur Patel, d/b/a Wally's Food Mart, 1565 State Street, Waycross, Georgia, Consumption on Premises / Beer and Wine was presented.

Commissioner Norman Davis made the motion to approve the Privilege License for Wally's Food Mart; seconded by Commissioner Diane Hopkins. All Commissioners voted yes and the motion carried with a 5-0 vote.

An Ordinance to Amend the Waycross Zoning Ordinance Text, To Amend Section 706.2 with the Creation of Section 706.2(m) Allowing Printing Establishments to be a Permitted Use in C-1 Neighborhood Commercial Zoning District was presented for the first reading as follows:

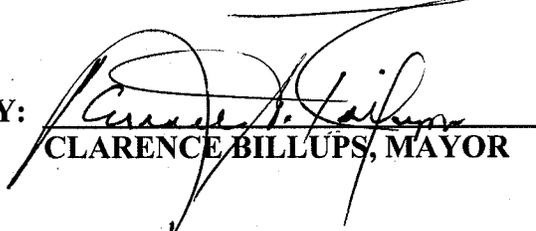
**ORDINANCE NO. 11-05**

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE WAYCROSS ZONING ORDINANCE TEXT; TO AMEND SECTION 706.2 WITH THE CREATION OF SECTION 706.2(m) ALLOWING PRINTING ESTABLISHMENTS TO BE A PERMITTED USE IN C-1 NEIGHBORHOOD COMMERCIAL ZONING DISTRICT.**

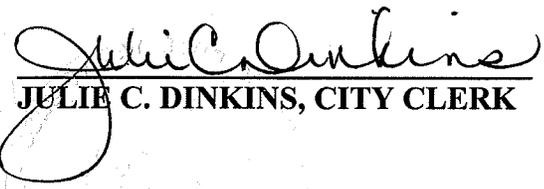
Commissioner Norman Davis made the motion to approve the Ordinance to Amend the Waycross Zoning Ordinance Text, To Amend Section 706.2 with the Creation of Section 706.2(m) Allowing Printing Establishments to be a Permitted Use in C-1 Neighborhood Commercial Zoning District as presented for the first reading. Commissioner Daniel Yarbrough seconded the motion. The Commissioners all voted affirmatively and the motion carried 5-0.

Following the Mayor and Commissioner's reports, Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines made the motion to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Commissioner Daniel Yarbrough; all voted in favor and Mayor Billups adjourned the meeting.

**CITY OF WAYCROSS**

BY:   
**CLARENCE BILLUPS, MAYOR**

**ATTEST:**

  
**JULIE C. DINKINS, CITY CLERK**