

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

The Regular Session of the Commission of the City of Waycross was held on Tuesday, April 7, 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 Marian Solomon-Gaines, Diane Hopkins and Larry Ethridge. Commissioner Norman Davis was absent.

Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines introduced Pastor William D. Simmons, Light of the World Ministries and former Commissioner, who offered the opening invocation. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Wyatt Deal, a third grader, who attends Wacona Elementary School.

Under Executive duties, Mayor Billups appointed William D. Simmons to the Waycross – Ware County Planning Commission, Post 8, to serve a Three Year Term beginning July 1, 2015 and ending June 30, 2018.

Human Resources Director, Trinija Molina-Martin introduced Sgt. Casey Caswell, Waycross Police Department as the Employee of the Month for April, 2015.

During the City Manager's Report, City Manager Raphel Maddox thanked the Deltas for all of the work on the Debutante Ball. He reminded the community that Saturday will be the next Neighborhood Clean-up Day. The City Manager said the Ribbon Cutting and Grand Opening for Ollie's will be April 8, 2015. Mr. Maddox introduced Community Improvement Director, Sloan Fountain who reminded the public that Swampfest will be this weekend, April 10 and 11, noting that there will be many new additions to Swampfest this year.

Mayor Billups reminded the public that Swampfest is this weekend. He encouraged the public to come out and enjoy the family-friendly festivities.

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, City Commission Planning and Information Session, and Executive Session, Monday, March 16; Zoning Public Hearing and City Commission Meeting, Tuesday, March 17; and Called Meeting, March 20, 2015.

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

Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines 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 a request for renewal of the bid for mosquito spray. On April 2, 2013 the City Commissioner approved a bid for mosquito control spray to Adapco. Mr. Maddox requested that the bid for mosquito control spray to Adapco, Inc. of Sanford, Florida for Prentox 4-4 @ \$16.69 per gallon be extended for another year. Adapco has agreed to keep pricing firm for another year until June 30, 2016.

Commissioner Diane Hopkins made the motion to approve the extension of the bid for mosquito spray. Commissioner Larry Ethridge seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

An Ordinance to Amend the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Waycross, Georgia; pertaining to exempt signs was presented:

ORDINANCE NO. 15-06

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA; TO AMEND ARTICLE VIII, SUBSECTION (n) OF SECTION 807.2 PERTAINING TO EXEMPT SIGNS; TO REPEAL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; TO PROVIDE FOR SEVERABILITY; TO PROVIDE FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines made the motion to approve the Ordinance to Amend the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Waycross, Georgia pertaining to exempt signs as presented for the first reading. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Alvin Nelson; all voted unanimously and the motion carried.

An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 3 of the Code of the City of Waycross Pertaining to the placement of signs on public property was presented:

ORDINANCE NO. 15-05

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF THE CITY OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA; TO AMEND CHAPTER 3, ARTICLE I, BY ADDING SECTION 3-2, PERTAINING TO THE PLACEMENT OF POLITICAL SIGNS ON PUBLIC PROPERTY; TO REPEAL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; TO PROVIDE FOR SEVERABILITY; TO PROVIDE FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE; TO PROVIDE FOR RENUMBERING OR RELETTERING; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Ordinance 15-05, an Ordinance to Amend Chapter 3 of the Code of the City of Waycross Pertaining to the placement of signs on public property was approved for the first reading by motion from Commissioner Diane Hopkins. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines and approved with a unanimous vote.

An Ordinance to Abandon and Close an alley between 1307 Mary St. and 1302 Elizabeth St. was presented for the first reading:

ORDINANCE NO. 15-07

AN ORDINANCE TO ABANDON AND CLOSE A PLATTED BUT UNOPENED ALLEY BETWEEN 1307 MARY STREET AND 1302 ELIZABETH STREET; TO AUTHORIZE QUIT CLAIM DEEDS; TO ESTABLISH AN EFFECTIVE DATE; TO REPEAL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines made the motion to approve the Ordinance to Abandon and Close an alley between 1307 Mary St. and 1302 Elizabeth St. for the first reading as presented. Commissioner Alvin Nelson seconded the motion. All Commissioners voted yes and the motion carried.

Resolution No. 15-12, to authorize Execution of Easement for Storm Drain System on Property owned by Richard B. Lee d/b/a Lee Rental and Lee Hardware located at 721 Albany Avenue was presented:

RESOLUTION NO. 15-12

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA,
TO AUTHORIZE EXECUTION OF EASEMENT FOR STORM DRAIN SYSTEM ON
PROPERTY OWNED BY RICHARD B. LEE D/B/A LEE RENTAL, LLC, AND LEE
HARDWARE AND BUILDING SUPPLIES, INC., LOCATED AT 721 ALBANY
AVENUE, WITHIN THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF WAYCROSS,
GEORGIA; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

WHEREAS, Richard B. Lee d/b/a Lee Rental, LLC and Lee Hardware and Building Supplies, Inc., as "Grantor" owns certain real property located at 721 Albany Avenue, within the corporate limits of the City of Waycross, and

WHEREAS, the City of Waycross as "Grantee" desires to acquire certain easements rights over, under, upon and across said real estate for use in connection with the City's storm drain system;

WHEREAS, Richard B. Lee d/b/a Lee Rental, LLC and Lee Hardware and Building Supplies, Inc., is willing to grant such easement rights at no charge to the City subject to the restriction set forth in a document entitled "Easement With Reservation" attached hereto; 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 hereby approves and accepts the "Easement With Reservation" document, in the form attached hereto, at no cost to the City of Waycross, for use in connection with the City's storm drainage system.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor of the City of Waycross and the City Clerk be authorized and allowed to sign any and all documents necessary to accept this "Easement With Reservation" from Richard B. Lee d/b/a Lee Rental, LLC and Lee Hardware and Building Supplies, Inc., hereby ratifying and confirming all the acts and things done in order to give effect to the purposes of this Resolution.

SO RESOLVED this 7th day of April, 2015.

CITY OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA

CLARENCE E. BILLUPS, Mayor

ATTEST:

JULIE DINKINS, City Clerk

Commissioner Diane Hopkins made the motion to approve Resolution No. 15-12 authorizing the Execution of Easement for Storm Drain System on Property owned by Richard B. Lee d/b/a Lee Rental and Lee Hardware located at 721 Albany Avenue as presented. Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines seconded the motion; all voted favorably and the motion carried.

A Resolution to Award a Contract to ADP, LLC for a Payroll Module to address our Financial Reporting Needs was presented.

RESOLUTION NO. 15-13

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA,
TO AWARD A CONTRACT TO ADP, L.L.C. FOR A PAYROLL MODULE
TO ADDRESS OUR FINANCIAL REPORTING NEEDS; AND
FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

WHEREAS, the City of Waycross is presently utilizing ADG payroll module but it is not capturing and populating tax liabilities correctly on quarterly filings thereby creating erroneous Internal Revenue Service complications for the City and cannot assist with other newly required Affordable Care Act reporting mandates; and

WHEREAS, several different benefit administration systems have been reviewed seeking the appropriate balance of price and benefit; and

WHEREAS, ADP, L.L.C., hereinafter referred to as "ADP", provides the best solution for the City of Waycross because their software meets the City's initial goals along with additional features that enhance and collaborate well with the City's current operations; and

WHEREAS, ADP can address the City's immediate financial reporting needs and significantly diminish liabilities of the City related to corporate filings; and

WHEREAS, said matter having been considered.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Commission of the City of Waycross that a contract be awarded to ADP, L.L.C. for an initial cost of \$3,300.00 for a one-time carrier connection fee which will be paid over the term of 36 months at 0% interest, and a total project cost of \$38,027.00 annually which will be paid annually in 26 pay periods with 0% interest; further, the contract is month to month and the City can terminate services without penalty at any time.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and City Clerk be, and are hereby authorized and directed to execute the Contract 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 carry out the purposes and intent of this Resolution.

SO RESOLVED, this 7th day of April, 2015.

CITY OF WAYCROSS
CLARENCE E. BILLUPS, Mayor

ATTEST:
JULIE DINKINS, City Clerk

Resolution 15-13 to Award a Contract to ADP, LLC for a Payroll Module to Address the City's Financial Reporting Needs was approved by motion from Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines; seconded by Commissioner Diane Hopkins, and a unanimous vote.

Ms. Ola Smith, CEO, McKinney Medical Center addressed the Commission inviting them to attend their Pastor's Anniversary Celebration. Ms. Smith also thanked the Commissioners who attended the 20th anniversary celebration for McKinney Medical Center. Ms. Smith asked the Commissioners and the public to contact their legislators in opposition to a proposal to cut funding for federal medical centers. McKinney Medical Center provides an invaluable service to the uninsured and underinsured in four counties in South Georgia.

Pastor William Simmons addressed the Commission thanking them for the thankless job they do. He also made a recommendation that the Commission look into increasing the Commission salaries.

After last call, Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines 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