

**MINUTES**  
**WAYCROSS CITY COMMISSION MEETING**  
**TUESDAY, APRIL 15, 2014**  
**7:00 P.M.**

The Commission of the City of Waycross met in Regular Session on Tuesday, April 15, 2014 in the Commission Chambers of City Hall. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Clarence E. Billups at 7:00 p.m. Those in attendance with Mayor Billups were Mayor Pro Tem Diane Hopkins, Commissioners Alvin Nelson, Marian Solomon-Gaines, Norman Davis and Larry Ethridge.

Interim City Manager Raphael Maddox introduced Pastor Johnny Arnold, Greater St. Paul Missionary Baptist Church who offered the opening invocation. Mayor Billups led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Under Executive Duties, Mayor Clarence E. Billups made the following appointments to the Housing Authority of the City of Waycross, Georgia.

1. One Five-year term beginning March 21, 2014 and ending March 21, 2019:  
Vernelle Green
2. One Five-year term beginning March 21, 2014 and ending March 21, 2019:  
Bennie Reed
3. One One-year term beginning March 21, 2014 and ending March 21, 2015: Cleo Price

A Proclamation recognizing former resident Author Tami Regina Carter was presented by Mayor Billups.

CITY OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA

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OFFICE OF THE MAYOR



***Proclamation***

**Whereas**, Author Tami Regina Carter is presenting the Book Signing and Fashion Show Event in Waycross on May 3, 2014, and she is proud that citizens of Waycross present and former will be attending and participating in the festivities of the event when it is held this year in Waycross; and

**Whereas**, Author Tami Regina Carter is releasing her second book in the series of books entitled Free Yourself. The first book which was released in July of 2013 was a tribute to her hometown of

Waycross and successfully sold out. Subsequent book releases are designed to reach a worldwide audience but all will represent her roots as they are tied to the City of Waycross; and

**Whereas,** Author Tami Regina Carter was educated in the Ware County Public School System and is proud of her humble beginnings and excited as she is reaching a multitude of people with a message of faith, courage and hope; and

**Whereas,** Author Tami Regina Carter is an outstanding and proud former citizen of the Waycross community and is honored to represent Waycross through the positive, uplifting and inspiring writings in her current and future books; and

**Whereas,** Tami Regina Carter is proud to bring a classy, beautiful and positive event back to her hometown of Waycross. It is her goal to honor God, herself, her family and the City of Waycross in the most positive way.

**Now, therefore,** in honor and in recognition of Author Tami Regina Carter presenting the Book Signing and Fashion Show Event in Waycross, I, Clarence E. Billups, Mayor of the City of Waycross, do hereby proclaim May 3, 2014, as ***Author Tami Regina Carter Book Signing and Fashion Show Spring Event 2014*** in the City of Waycross and I call upon our citizens to appropriately recognize Author Tami Regina Carter, the participants and the guests as they celebrate this beautiful event.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Waycross to be affixed this day of April 15, 2014.

***Clarence E. Billups, Mayor***

The seventh consecutive Distinguished Budget Presentation Award and Certificate of Recognition for Budget Presentation were presented to Dana Chancey; Budget Officer for the City of Waycross by Finance Director, Danny Lamonte.

Mayor Billups and Interim City Manager Maddox introduced former Mayor John Knox, and former Commissioner Leonard Burse and acknowledged former Commissioner William Simmons who attended the Reception but was unable to stay for the meeting. Mr. Knox and Mr. Burse were recognized as a part of GMA Georgia Cities Week and presented with a gift bag.

Interim City Manager Raphel Maddox congratulated Dana Chancey for her seventh consecutive Distinguished Budget Presentation Award and Certificate of Recognition for Budget Presentation and thanked her for the great job she does for the City of Waycross. Mr. Maddox noted that Swampfest was terrific this year and expects it to be even bigger in 2015. He thanked everyone for their support. A meet and greet will be held on Monday, April 21, 2014 at 6:00 at the City Auditorium for the new football coach, Dr. Franklin Stevens. He urged citizens to come out and meet him.

Mayor Clarence Billups also commented on how great Swampfest was this year. The car show was bigger and better than ever and commended staff for a job well done. Mayor Billups noted that Public Works worked hard keeping the City clean. The Fire Department and Police Department provided excellent support. Thanks for the great job to all employees!

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, March 31, 2014; and Waycross City Commission Meeting, Tuesday, April 1, 2014.

Ordinance 14-04 was presented for a second reading as part of the Consent Calendar.

#### **ORDINANCE NO. 14-04**

**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 M STREET TRACTS 4 AND 3, AND L STREET REAR PORTION FROM G-I GENERAL INDUSTRIAL TO R-50MH RESIDENTIAL MOBILE HOME DISTRICT; TO SET AN EFFECTIVE DATE; TO REPEAL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

There were no Consent Resolutions or Privilege License Renewals.

Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines made the motion to approve the Consent Calendar as presented. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Diane Hopkins. Commissioners all voted yes and the motion was approved with a 5 – 0 vote.

An Ordinance Amending the Code of the City of Waycross to Amend Chapter 35, Article II, Operator's Permit and Taxicab's Owner's Business License was presented for the first reading. The Commission declared an emergency so that the proposed Amended Ordinance could be read twice and adopted at the same meeting.

**ORDINANCE NO. 14 - 05**

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF THE CITY OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA; TO AMEND CHAPTER 35, ARTICLE II, PERTAINING TO OPERATOR'S PERMIT AND TAXICAB OWNER'S BUSINESS LICENSE; TO PROVIDE FOR CITY MANAGER APPROVAL OF BUSINESS LICENSE; TO REPEAL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; TO PROVIDE FOR SEVERABILITY; TO PROVIDE FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE; TO PROVIDE FOR RENUMBERING OR RELETTERING; TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

An Ordinance Amending the Code of the City of Waycross to Amend Chapter 35, Article II, Operator's Permit and Taxicab Owner's Business License as presented for the first reading was approved by motion from Mayor Pro Tem Diane Hopkins; seconded by Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines; and approved with a 5-0 vote.

An Ordinance Amending the Code of the City of Waycross to Amend Chapter 35, Article II, Operator's Permit and Taxicab's Owner's Business License was presented for the second and final reading. The Commission declared an emergency so that the proposed Amended Ordinance could be read twice and adopted at the same meeting.

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The Ordinance Amending the Code of the City of Waycross to Amend Chapter 35, Article II, Operator's Permit and Taxicab's Owner's Business License was presented for the second and final reading and approved by motion from Commissioner Norman Davis. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines; all voted in favor and the motion carried.

A Resolution of the City of Waycross Rejecting all Bids for FY14-23 Hydraulic Mobile Stage was presented.

**RESOLUTION NO. 14-32**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA  
TO REJECT ALL BIDS FOR FY14-23 HYDRAULIC MOBILE STAGE;  
AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Waycross Purchasing Department solicited bids for FY14-23 Hydraulic Mobile Stage; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Waycross Purchasing Department offered the project through competitive bidding and received and opened bids tendered for the project; and

**WHEREAS**, the three (3) bids received for the project grossly exceeded the estimated project costs, and has been determined not to be economically feasible at this time, in comparison to continuing to lease a Hydraulic Mobile Stage for City public gatherings; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Purchasing Department recommends that all bids received for said project be rejected at this time; and

**WHEREAS**, said matter having been considered.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Commission of the City of Waycross that all bids received for FY14-23 Hydraulic Mobile Stage be, and the same are hereby rejected.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Purchasing Department continue to pursue leasing options for provision of a Hydraulic Mobile Stage for City public gatherings.

**SO RESOLVED**, this 15<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2014.

**CITY OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA**

**BY: CLARENCE E. BILLUPS, Mayor**

**ATTEST:**  
**JULIE DINKINS, City Clerk**

The motion to approve the Resolution of the City of Waycross Rejecting all Bids for FY14-23 Hydraulic Mobile Stage was approved by motion from Commissioner Norman Davis. Mayor Pro Tem Diane Hopkins seconded the motion. All Commissioners voted yes and the motion was approved with a 5-0 vote.

A Resolution to Extend the Bid for FY13-08 Mosquito Spray was presented:

**RESOLUTION NO. 14-33**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA  
TO EXTEND BID FOR FY13-08 MOSQUITO SPRAY;  
AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

**WHEREAS**, on April 2, 2013, the Commission of the City of Waycross approved a bid for Mosquito Control Spray to Adapco, Inc of Sanford, Florida for Prentox 4-4, for \$16.69 per gallon; and

**WHEREAS**, said bid approval provided for three (3) one year extensions; and

**WHEREAS**, Adapco has agreed to keep the pricing firm until June 30, 2015; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Purchasing Department recommends extending the Mosquito Control Spray bid with Adapco, Inc. for FY2015; and

**WHEREAS**, said matter having been considered.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Commission of the City of Waycross that the FY13-08 Mosquito Control Spray bid with Adapco, Inc, of Sanford, Florida, be extended for FY2015 at the same pricing for the current year.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized and directed to execute the Extension Contract 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 15<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2014.

**CITY OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA**

**BY: CLARENCE E. BILLUPS, Mayor**

**ATTEST:**

**JULIE DINKINS, City Clerk**

Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines made the motion to approve the Resolution to Extend the Bid for FY13-08 Mosquito Spray as presented. Mayor Pro Tem Diane Hopkins seconded the motion; the vote was unanimous and the resolution was approved with a 5-0 vote.

A Resolution of the City of Waycross to approve FY 2013 Homeland Security Grant Program Grantee-Subgrantee Agreement for the Waycross Police Department was presented.

**RESOLUTION NO. 14-31**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA  
TO APPROVE FY 2013 HOMELAND SECURITY GRANT PROGRAM  
GRANTEE-SUBGRANTEE AGREEMENT FOR THE WAYCROSS POLICE  
DEPARTMENT; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

**WHEREAS**, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS), Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), Grant Programs Directorate (GPD), approved the application and awarded grant funding from the FY 2013 Homeland Security Grant Program to the Georgia Emergency Management Agency (GEMA); and

**WHEREAS**, GEMA will maintain overall responsibility and accountability to the federal government for the duration of the grant program; and

**WHEREAS**, GEMA, as Grantee, has awarded a grant amount of \$6,000.00 to the **Waycross Police Department, as Subgrantee**, in accordance with the FY2013 Homeland Security Grant Program (HSGP), State Homeland Security Grant Program; and

**WHEREAS**, the Subgrantee agrees to use allocated funds to build and enhance capabilities to prevent, protect against, respond to, and recover from terrorist attacks, major disasters and other emergencies in accordance with goals and objectives of the State Strategic Plan; and

**WHEREAS**, the Subgrantee's authorized representative is requested to sign the attached Agreement on behalf of the interest of the Subgrantee; and

**WHEREAS**, said matter having been read and considered.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Commission of the City of Waycross that the City of Waycross hereby approves the FY 2013 Homeland Security Grant Program Grantee-Subgrantee Agreement in the form attached hereto for the purposes stated therein.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Mayor and City Clerk be, and the same are hereby authorized, directed and empowered to execute the Agreement in the name of the City of Waycross on behalf of the Waycross Police Department, hereby ratifying and confirming the execution of said Agreement by the Mayor and City Clerk, and approving the act and things done as necessary to give effect to said Agreement.

**SO RESOLVED**, this 15<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2014.

**CITY OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA**

**BY: CLARENCE E. BILLUPS, Mayor**

**ATTEST:**  
**JULIE DINKINS, City Clerk**

Mayor Pro Tem Diane Hopkins made the motion to approve A Resolution of the City of Waycross to approve FY 2013 Homeland Security Grant Program Grantee-Subgrantee Agreement for the Waycross Police Department as presented. Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines seconded the motion. The Commissioners all voted positively and the motion was approved.

A Resolution of the City of Waycross to approve FY 2013 Homeland Security Grant Program Grantee-Subgrantee Agreement for the Waycross Fire Department was presented.

**RESOLUTION NO. 14-30**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA  
TO APPROVE FY 2013 HOMELAND SECURITY GRANT PROGRAM  
GRANTEE-SUBGRANTEE AGREEMENT FOR THE WAYCROSS FIRE  
DEPARTMENT; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

**WHEREAS**, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS), Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), Grant Programs Directorate (GPD), approved the application and awarded grant funding from the FY 2013 Homeland Security Grant Program to the Georgia Emergency Management Agency (GEMA); and

**WHEREAS**, GEMA will maintain overall responsibility and accountability to the federal government for the duration of the grant program; and

**WHEREAS**, GEMA, as Grantee, has awarded a grant amount of \$29,989.96 to the **Waycross Fire Department, as Subgrantee**, in accordance with the FY2013 Homeland Security Grant Program (HSGP), State Homeland Security Grant Program; and

**WHEREAS**, the Subgrantee agrees to use allocated funds to build and enhance capabilities to prevent, protect against, respond to, and recover from terrorist attacks, major disasters and other emergencies in accordance with goals and objectives of the State Strategic Plan; and

**WHEREAS**, the Subgrantee's authorized representative is requested to sign the attached Agreement on behalf of the interest of the Subgrantee; and

**WHEREAS**, said matter having been read and considered.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Commission of the City of Waycross that the City of Waycross hereby approves the FY 2013 Homeland Security Grant Program Grantee-Subgrantee Agreement in the form attached hereto for the purposes stated therein.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Mayor and City Clerk be, and the same are hereby authorized, directed and empowered to execute the Agreement in the name of the City of Waycross on behalf of the Waycross Fire Department, hereby ratifying and confirming the execution of said Agreement by the Mayor and City Clerk, and approving the act and things done as necessary to give effect to said Agreement.

**SO RESOLVED**, this 15th day of April, 2014.

**CITY OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA**

**BY: CLARENCE E. BILLUPS, Mayor**

**ATTEST:**  
**JULIE DINKINS, City Clerk**

A Resolution of the City of Waycross to approve FY 2013 Homeland Security Grant Program Grantee-Subgrantee Agreement for the Waycross Police Department was approved as presented by motion of Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Diane Hopkins. All Commissioners voted yes and the vote was unanimous.

A Resolution of the City of Waycross to Assist the Okefenokee Humane Society Partial With Payment of Its Water and Sewer Bill at the City Owned Facility Located on Blackwell Street was presented.

**RESOLUTION NO. 14-34**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA  
TO ASSIST THE OKEFENOKEE HUMANE SOCIETY WITH PAYMENT OF ITS WATER  
AND SEWER BILL AT THE CITY OWNED FACILITY LOCATED ON BLACKWELL  
STREET; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

**WHEREAS**, the Okefenokee Humane Society provides Animal Control Services for the City of Waycross, and utilizes the City owned facilities located at 1501 Blackwell Street in connection with providing said services; and

**WHEREAS**, the Okefenokee Humane Society has requested assistance from the City of Waycross to help pay for Water and Sewer services for said facility on Blackwell Street; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Waycross is willing to help pay for said Water and Sewer services in connection with the provision of Animal Control Services for the City of Waycross, up to a maximum amount of \$90.00 per month; 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 shall help pay for Water and Sewer services for the Okefenokee Humane Society in connection with its provision of Animal Control Services for the City of Waycross, in an amount not to exceed \$90.00 per month, until further notice by the Commission of the City of Waycross.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized and directed to execute this Resolution, and that the Finance Director for the City of Waycross be authorized and directed to pay the Water and Sewer bill for the Okefenokee Humane Society at 1501 Blackwell Street as provided by the terms of this Resolution.

**SO RESOLVED**, this 15<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2014.

**CITY OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA**

**BY: CLARENCE E. BILLUPS, Mayor**

**ATTEST:**

**JULIE DINKINS, City Clerk**

Mayor Pro Tem Diane Hopkins made the motion to approve A Resolution of the City of Waycross to Assist the Okefenokee Humane Society With Payment of Its Water and Sewer Bill at the City Owned Facility Located on Blackwell Street as presented. Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines seconded the motion; all voted yes and the motion carried.

Mr. David Kirby, 600 Summit St. addressed the Commission with regard to an incident with the Police Department and also said he enjoyed Swampfest very much.

Ms. Carolyn Hayes, 1516 Myers Avenue reminded the Commission that the Feed the Homeless event will be Saturday, April 19 from 12 – 5 at EE Moore Park.

Mr. Maurice Mungin, 1516 Myers Avenue invited the public to attend the Passion of the Christ program this weekend. Mr. Mungin will be portraying a Roman Centurion. Mr. Mungin apologized to Mayor Billups and the public for his outburst at the last meeting.

Ms. Shirley Swackard, 2304 South Avenue said she will be portraying Veronica in the Passion of the Christ program and urged the public to attend.

Ms. Natalie McKnight, 1007 Isabella Street, will be Mary, mother of Jesus during the Passion of the Christ.

Ms. Bettye Everett, 617 Izler Street, will be portraying Mary Magdalene.

Mr. Richard Lawson, 1130 Tanner Circle will be portraying John in the Passion of the Christ.

Ms. Patricia Griffin, 625 Palmetto Drive, addressed the Commission concerning explicit videos being sold in Waycross. Ms. Griffin said her 13 year old son purchased this video in a local store and asked what the City Commission was going to do about it.

Mr. John Summerlin addressed the Commission regarding Hazzard Hill, saying that the grass needs cutting. Mr. Summerlin also requested a response to an Open Records Request which has not be responded to for two weeks.

Reverend Fer-Rell Malone, 709 Jones Street addressed the Commission concerning the upcoming Passion of the Christ.

After last call Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines made the motion to adjourn the meeting; Mayor Pro Tem Diane Hopkins seconded the motion. All voted in favor and Mayor Billups adjourned the meeting.

**CITY OF WAYCROSS**

**BY:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**CLARENCE E. BILLUPS**  
**MAYOR**

**ATTEST:**

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**JULIE C. DINKINS, CITY CLERK**