

MINUTES
WAYCROSS CITY COMMISSION MEETING
TUESDAY, APRIL 16, 2019
5:00 PM

The Honorable John Knox, Mayor of the City of Waycross called the Regular City Commission Meeting to order on Tuesday, April 16, 2019 at the C.C. McCrae City Auditorium at 865 Pendleton Street. Members in attendance were: Mayor John Knox, Mayor Pro tem Diane Hopkins, Commissioners Marian Solomon-Gaines, Jon Tindall and Norman Davis. Commissioner John Threat was not in attendance.

Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines introduced Minister Larry Rood, who offered the opening invocation. The Invocation was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Mayor John Knox.

Human Resources Director, Trinija Martin introduced the 30 Georgia Cities week coloring contest winners representing eight local elementary schools. Winners received a plaque, a gift, a photo taken with the Mayor and a group photo for each school.

City Manager, Tonya Miller asked Community Improvement Director, Marc Hawkins to update the Commission on Swampfest. Mr. Hawkins also informed the Commission of the Animal Services pick-up of 25 animals at one residence.

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: Waycross City Commission Planning & Information Session and Executive Session, Monday, April 1 2019; and Waycross City Commission Meeting and Executive Session Tuesday, April 2 , 2019

No Privilege License Renewals, no consent resolutions and no ordinance second readings were presented.

Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines made the motion to approve the Consent Calendar; seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Diane Hopkins; and approved with a 4-0 vote.

Resolution of the City of Waycross, Georgia to pay one-half of costs for Baptist Village Check Valve Removal and Sanitary Sewer Repair Project as presented

RESOLUTION NO. R19-20

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA, TO PAY ONE-HALF OF COSTS FOR BAPTIST VILLAGE CHECK VALVE REMOVAL AND SANITARY SEWER REPAIR PROJECT; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, there are sewer issues at Baptist Village Retirement Communities (hereinafter “Baptist Village”) which necessitated Baptist Village having to pump out sewage and wastewater because of sewer flow issues and then transport the wastewater and sewage to the City’s Waste Water Treatment Plant; and

WHEREAS, Baptist Village was prepared to remove one check valve in the sewer line (where the sewer line owned by Baptist Village joins the City’s sewer system and located on the southern margin of Albany Avenue at intersection with Red Keen Road) and, if that did not remedy the problem, the City would be required to remove the next check valve in the City’s sewer line (being on the northern margin of Albany Avenue at intersection with Red Keen Road) which would then be the City’s entire financial responsibility; and

WHEREAS, Baptist Village has taken the initiative to rectify this problem and simply asks the City of Waycross to contribute one-half of the costs of repairs to cover cost of removal of check valve in the City’s sewer system; and

WHEREAS, this work needs to be completed on an emergency basis due to the potential disruption of sewer service to Baptist Village; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the Code of Ordinances of the City of Waycross, section 2-320 (b), all actions taken by the city manager or her designee were pursuant to Code section 2-320 and were otherwise reasonable under the circumstances; and

WHEREAS, said matter being considered.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Commission of the City of Waycross that the City of Waycross approves the emergency procedures used by the city manager and/or her designee and that the City of Waycross pay one-half of the costs incurred in said project, presently estimated to cost a total of \$16,200.00; thus, the City of Waycross agrees to pay \$8,100.00 to Baptist Village for the removal of the check valve located on the City sewer line running from Albany Avenue toward Cherokee Street and further, said check valve removal and repair project shall not grant any additional connections to the City sewer line.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor, City Manager, City Clerk and City Finance Director be, and are, authorized and directed to do all the acts and things necessary in

order to carry out the purposes of this Resolution, hereby ratifying and confirming all actions taken and to be taken .

SO RESOLVED, this 16th day of April, 2019.

CITY OF WAYCROSS
BY: JOHN KNOX, Mayor

ATTEST:
JULIE DINKINS, City Clerk

Commissioner Jon Tindall made the motion to approve the Resolution of the City of Waycross, Georgia to pay one-half of costs for Baptist Village Check Valve Removal and Sanitary Sewer Repair Project as presented. Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines seconded the motion. The motion was approved with a 4-0 vote.

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CITY OF WAYCROSS
BY: JOHN KNOX, Mayor

ATTEST:
JULIE DINKINS, City Clerk

A Resolution of the City of Waycross to Amend the FY2019 Budget by approving the transfer of appropriations among Departments for approval was submitted to the Commission.

RESOLUTION NO. R19-19

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA, TO
AMEND THE FISCAL YEAR 2019 BUDGET BY APPROVING THE
TRANSFER OF APPROPRIATIONS AMONG DEPARTMENTS;
AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

WHEREAS, the City Commission of the City of Waycross adopted a balanced Budget of \$15,071,600.00 (General Fund) for Fiscal Year 2019 on June 5, 2018; and

WHEREAS, O.C.G.A. Section 36-81-3 (d) allows a local governing authority to amend its budget so as to adapt to changing governmental needs during a budget period; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission deems it necessary, in order to pay for unforeseen repairs to 2007 John Deere Excavator in the public works department, to amend the Fiscal Year 2019 Budget by transferring the following amount from the following account, to wit:

**\$9,667.00 from the Elections Professional Services Account
(Account no. 100-52-1-530-73-1200)**

and transferring and adding the following amount to the following account, to wit:

**\$9,667.00 to Public Works – Highways and Streets
(Account no. 100-55-4-200-52-1300)**

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the above mentioned adjustments to the Fiscal Year 2019 Budget be made and a copy of the amended Budget be attached hereto and made a part hereof for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2018, and ending June 30, 2019.

SO RESOLVED this 16th day of April, 2019.

CITY OF WAYCROSS
BY: JOHN KNOX, Mayor

ATTEST:
JULIE DINKINS, City Clerk

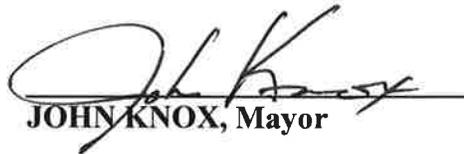
A Resolution of the City of Waycross to Amend the FY2019 Budget by approving the transfer of appropriations among Departments for approval. Commissioner Norman Davis made the motion to approve the resolution. Mayor Pro Tem Diane Hopkins seconded the motion; all voted yes and the motion was approved.

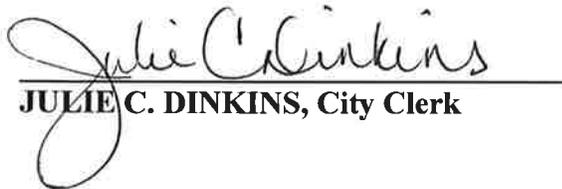
Following last call, Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines made the motion to go into Executive Session to discuss litigation; seconded by Jon Tindall, with all voting yes. Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines made the motion to return to open meeting; seconded by Commissioner Norman Davis; all voted positively and Mayor Knox adjourned the meeting.

CITY OF WAYCROSS

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BY:


JOHN KNOX, Mayor


JULIE C. DINKINS, City Clerk