

MINUTES
WAYCROSS CITY COMMISSION MEETING
TUESDAY, APRIL 17, 2018
5:00 PM

The Commission of the City of Waycross held their Regular City Commission Meeting on Tuesday, April 17, 2018 at the City Auditorium. 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 Norman Davis, John Threat and Diane Hopkins. Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines was absent.

City Attorney Rick Currie introduced Reverend Otis Mooring, Assistant Pastor, Zion Rock Missionary Baptist Church who offered the opening invocation. The Invocation was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Mayor John Knox.

Human Resources Director Trinija Martin announced the Georgia Cities Week Coloring Contest Award Winners. Winners of all ages from all of the Ware County elementary schools gladly came forward to receive their certificate and gift bag.

A Zoning and Annexation Public Hearings was scheduled for Parcels WA2504, 005, 006, 008, 009, 010, and 013 on Memorial Drive and Aaron Street from CDD Zoning in County and A Agriculture to C-2 Highway Commercial – City was scheduled for May 15, 2018 at 4:30 p.m. at the City Hall.

City Manager Raphel Maddox thanked all of the participants in the Georgia Cities Week Coloring Contest and the schools for participating. He thanked the City Employees who worked so hard to put the contest together including Ms. Trinija Martin, Felton Baker, Kimberly Jewell and Nicole Price, as well as Ms. Maria Kilmark and Dawn Strickland and many others. Mr. Maddox gave a special thank you to his wife, Yolanda, who is his greatest supporter.

There were no public remarks on office action.

Mayor Knox presented the Consent Calendar as read by City Clerk Julie Dinkins for consideration of official action as follows:

Approval of Minutes: Planning and Information Session and Executive Session, Monday, April 2, 2018, and Waycross City Commission Meeting, Tuesday, April 3, 2018. There were no Ordinances, Consent Resolutions or Privilege License renewals.

The Consent Calendar was approved by motion from Commissioner Diane Hopkins, second by Mayor Pro Tem Jon Tindall; and approved with a 4-0 vote.

One Privilege License for new owner, Ketan Patel, d/b/a Fast Lucky Lottery, 610 Memorial Drive, Package Sales Beer and Wine. The privilege license was approved by motion from Commissioner Diane Hopkins; seconded by Commissioner Norman Davis; all voted yes.

Purchasing Director Linda Jones presented Bid FY18-16 Street Sweeper Public Works has an approved FY18 line item budget to purchase a new mechanical street sweeper. Purchasing received two bids and staff recommends awarding the bid to Global Environmental Products of Sumter, SC for \$196,518.00 as being the lowest and best bid meeting all specifications for a Global M3 Street Sweeper. Commissioner Norman Davis made the motion to approve the bid for the Global M3 Street Sweeper for \$196,518.00. The bid was seconded by Commissioner Diane Hopkins; all voted in favor and the motion passed.

Purchasing Director Linda Jones presented Bid FY18-19 Insurance Broker. The City of Waycross issued a request for our Insurance Broker Services on Health/Property/Casualty/Workers Compensation insurances. Three proposals were received with 1 vendor not meeting our requirements. After reviewing two proposals, staff recommends awarding the bid to J Smith Lanier as being the best proposal to meet all of the City needs and best pricing. Contract includes broker services to J Smith Lanier for a contract period starting calendar year January 1, 2019 through December 31, 2019, with four additional one year extensions. Commissioner Diane Hopkins made the motion to approve the contract for insurance brokerage services. Mayor Pro Tem Jon Tindall seconded the motion; the motion was approved with a 4-0 vote.

Purchasing Director Linda Jones presented Surplus Property WAYX 18-11. Ms. Jones presented a list of items no longer needed in any City department and is requesting that these items be declared surplus property so that they may be sold on GovDeals.com. Mayor Pro Tem Jon Tindall made the motion to sell surplus items on GovDeals.com. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Diane Hopkins; all voted positively and the motion carried.

The City of Waycross received a grant from GDOT for the FY17 Multimodal Safety & Access Project that would partially fund the extension of sidewalk down both sides of SR520 / Corridor Z from Garlington Heights to Victory Dr. Bids were received and due to bid bond requirements only 1 bid was received. Larry Thrift Construction, LLC bid was \$350,280.50. Grant funds will cover \$187,891.50 and SPLOST will cover the remaining \$162,388.95. Mayor Pro Tem Jon Tindall made the motion to approve the GDOT Multimodal Safety and Access Project. Commissioner Diane Hopkins seconded the motion; the vote was 4-0 to approve.

City Engineer Jessica Deal informed the Commission of the status of the City Boulevard project. City Boulevard storm drain pipe is deteriorating and with pavement caving in outside southbound lane. Ms. Deal stated that final design plans were received April 13, 2018 and sent to 5 contractors for a Tuesday, April 17, 2018 3:00 pm bid opening and award at 5:00 pm meeting. Project includes using 3 60" RCP pipe and lowering the upstream elevation. Every effort is being made to shorten this project from 90 days to closer to 2 months Commissioner Diane Hopkins made the motion to award the bid to Thrift Construction in the amount of \$315,761.00 to be paid from SPLOST funds. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Jon Tindall and approved with a 4-0 vote.

A Resolution of the City of Waycross, Georgia to Recognize Georgia Cities Week, April 22 – 28, 2018 was presented for approval.

RESOLUTION NO. R18-31

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA, RECOGNIZING
GEORGIA CITIES WEEK, APRIL 22 - 28, 2018, AND ENCOURAGING ALL
CITIZENS TO SUPPORT THE CELEBRATION AND CORRESPONDING
ACTIVITIES; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

WHEREAS, city government and municipalities are the closest public entity to most citizens, and the one with the most direct daily impact upon its residents; and

WHEREAS, city government is administered for and by its citizens, and is dependent upon public commitment to and understanding of its many responsibilities; and

WHEREAS, city government officials and employees share the responsibility to pass along their understanding of public services and their benefits; and

WHEREAS, Georgia Cities Week is a very important time to recognize the important role played by city government in our lives; and

WHEREAS, this week offers an important opportunity to spread the word to all the citizens of Georgia that they can shape and influence this branch of government which is closest to the people; and

WHEREAS, the Georgia Municipal Association and its member cities have joined together to teach students and other citizens about municipal government through a variety of different projects and information; and

WHEREAS, Georgia Cities Week offers an important opportunity to convey to all the citizens of Georgia that they can shape and influence government through their civic involvement; and

WHEREAS, said matter having been properly considered.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Commission of the City of Waycross declaring April 22 - 28, 2018, as Georgia Cities Week.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Commission urges and encourages all employees, citizens and government officials of the City of Waycross to do everything possible to ensure that the week of April 22 – 28, 2018, is recognized and celebrated accordingly.

SO RESOLVED, this 17th day of April, 2018.

CITY OF WAYCROSS

BY: JOHN KNOX, Mayor

ATTEST:

JULIE DINKINS, City Clerk

A Resolution of the City of Waycross, Georgia to Recognize Georgia Cities Week, April 22 – 28, 2018 as presented was approved by motion from Commissioner Diane Hopkins. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Norman Davis. All voted yes and the motion was approved.

A Resolution of the City of Waycross, Georgia to Award Bid Contract to Larry Thrift Construction LLC for SR 520 Sidewalk Extension Project was presented for approval:

RESOLUTION NO. R18-32

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA, TO AWARD BID CONTRACT TO LARRY THRIFT CONSTRUCTION, L.L.C., FOR STATE ROAD 520 SIDEWALK EXTENSION PROJECT; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, on June 6, 2017, the City Commission accepted the Multimodal Safety and Access Project Grant – State Road 520 Sidewalk Extension from the Georgia Department of Transportation in the amount of \$187,891.50; and

WHEREAS, the City of Waycross has also approved the use of SPLOST funds for said State Road 520 Sidewalk Extension from Garlington Heights to Victory Drive; and

WHEREAS, Section 2.1 of the Charter of the City of Waycross gives the City of Waycross the power and authority to “enter into contracts and agreements with other governmental entities and with private persons, firms and corporations”; and

WHEREAS, the City of Waycross Purchasing Department offered the project through competitive bidding, but due to bid bond requirements, only one bid was received and opened; and

WHEREAS, Larry Thrift Construction, L.L.C., submitted the lowest and best bid for the above-mentioned project, meeting all specifications and requirements, for a total project amount not to exceed \$350,280.50.

WHEREAS, said matter having been considered.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Commission of the City of Waycross that the Bid Contract for the State Road 520 Sidewalk Extension project be awarded to Larry Thrift Construction, L.L.C. in an amount not to exceed \$350,280.50, and to be paid from the Multimodal Safety and Access Project Grant received from the Georgia Department of Transportation in the amount of \$187,891.50, and the balance of \$162,388.95 being paid from SPLOST funds.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor, City Clerk and City Attorney be authorized and directed to execute the Bid Contracts 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 AND ADOPTED, this 17th day of April, 2018.

CITY OF WAYCROSS
BY: JOHN KNOX, Mayor

ATTEST:
JULIE DINKINS, City Clerk

Commissioner Norman Davis made the motion to approve A Resolution of the City of Waycross, Georgia to Award Bid Contract to Larry Thrift Construction LLC for SR 520 Sidewalk Extension Project as presented. Commissioner Diane Hopkins seconded the motion; all voted in favor and the motion passed.

A Resolution to Award Bid Contract to J Smith Lanier & Company for the City's Insurance Broker Services was presented for approval.

RESOLUTION NO. R18-33

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA,
TO AWARD BID CONTRACT TO J SMITH LANIER & COMPANY FOR THE CITY'S
INSURANCE BROKER SERVICES; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

WHEREAS, the City of Waycross recognizes the continued need for insurance broker services to cover the City's insurance needs for health, property, casualty and workers' compensation coverage; and

WHEREAS, the City of Waycross Purchasing Department offered the project through competitive bidding and received and opened three (3) bids tendered, with one bid not meeting the City's requirements; and

WHEREAS, J Smith Lanier & Company, of Waycross, Georgia, submitted the best proposal to meet all of the City's insurance needs and the best pricing; and

WHEREAS, the City has been using J Smith Lanier & Company for more than ten (10) years and has been satisfied with the services provided; and

WHEREAS, said matter having been considered.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Commission of the City of Waycross that the Bid Contract for Insurance Broker Services for calendar year beginning January 1, 2019, through December 31, 2019, be awarded to J Smith Lanier & Company, with four (4) additional one year extensions to be awarded as long as it remains in the City's best interests to remain with J Smith Lanier & Company.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor, City Clerk and City Attorney be authorized and directed to execute the Bid 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 AND ADOPTED, this 17th day of April, 2018.

CITY OF WAYCROSS
BY: JOHN KNOX, Mayor

ATTEST:
JULIE DINKINS, City Clerk

The Resolution to Award Bid Contract to J Smith Lanier & Company for the City's Insurance Broker Services was approved by motion from Commissioner Diane Hopkins. Mayor Pro Tem Jon Tindall seconded the motion; all voted positively and the motion was approved.

A Resolution of the City of Waycross, Georgia to Award a Contract to Thrift Brothers, LLC for City Boulevard Emergency Culvert Replacement Project was presented for approval.

RESOLUTION NO. R18-34

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA, TO AWARD A CONTRACT TO THRIFT BROTHERS, L.L.C. FOR CITY BOULEVARD EMERGENCY CULVERT REPLACEMENT PROJECT; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, there was recent pavement cave-in on the outside southbound lane of City Boulevard caused by deteriorating storm drain pipe under the roadway; and

WHEREAS, due to this devastating deterioration of the existing culvert system, City Boulevard has now been closed to all traffic; and

WHEREAS, this work needs to be completed on an emergency basis since the area is a major thoroughfare; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the Code of Ordinances of the City of Waycross, section 2-320 (b), the city manager or his designee used best efforts to obtain competitive pricing for said emergency services and all actions taken by the city manager or his designee were pursuant to Code section 2-320 and were otherwise reasonable under the circumstances; and

WHEREAS, bids were requested from five (5) local contractors and two (2) local contractors responded with bids, with Thrift Brothers, L.L.C. submitting the lowest and best bid for the project at a cost of \$315,761.00, to be paid out of S.P.L.O.S.T funds; 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 his designee and that a bid contract be awarded to Thrift Brothers, L.L.C. for the contract price of not more than \$315,761.00 for the City Boulevard Emergency Culvert Replacement Project, to be paid out of S.P.L.O.S.T. funds.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor, City Clerk and City Attorney be authorized and directed to execute the Contract on behalf of the City of Waycross, and 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 AND ADOPTED, this 17th day of April, 2018.

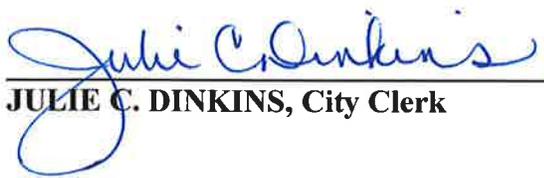
CITY OF WAYCROSS
BY: JOHN KNOX, Mayor

ATTEST:
JULIE DINKINS, City Clerk

Mayor Pro Tem Jon Tindall made the motion to approve a Resolution of the City of Waycross, Georgia to Award a Contract to Thrift Brothers, LLC for City Boulevard Emergency Culvert Replacement Project as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Diane Hopkins and approved with a 4-0 vote.

After last call, Mayor John Knox addressed the Commission concerning an article placed in the Waycross Journal Herald. Commissioner Norman Davis made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines seconded the motion. All voted in favor and Mayor Knox adjourned the meeting.

CITY OF WAYCROSS
BY: 
JOHN KNOX, Mayor

ATTEST:

JULIE C. DINKINS, City Clerk