

MINUTES
WAYCROSS CITY COMMISSION MEETING
TUESDAY, MAY 5, 2015
7:00 P.M.

The Regular Session of the Commission of the City of Waycross was held on Tuesday, May 5, 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 Diane Hopkins, Norman Davis and Larry Ethridge. Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines was unable to attend.

Commissioner Diane Hopkins introduced Pastor Doug Walker, Trinity Methodist Church who offered the opening invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Under Executive duties, Mayor Billups presented a Proclamation for Police Memorial Day to Captain Danny Hampton representing the Waycross Police Department.

CITY OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

Proclamation

Declaring National Police Week and Police Memorial Day

WHEREAS, the Congress and President of the United States of America have designated May 15 as Peace Officers' Memorial Day, and the week in which May 15 falls as National Police week; and

WHEREAS, the members of the City of Waycross law enforcement agency play an essential role in safeguarding the rights and freedoms of Waycross; and

WHEREAS, it is important that all citizens know and understand the duties, responsibilities hazards, and sacrifices of their law enforcement agency, and that members of our law enforcement agency recognize their duty to serve the people by safeguarding life and property, by protecting them against violence and disorder, and by protecting the innocent against deception and the weak against oppression; and

WHEREAS, the men and women of the law enforcement agency of the City of Waycross unceasingly provide a vital public service.

NOW, THEREFORE, in honor and in recognition of the outstanding contributions law enforcement officers of this nation, state and, indeed, our city have made in the line of duty, I, **Clarence E. Billups, Mayor of the City of Waycross**, do hereby proclaim May 10 through May 16, 2015, as

POLICE WEEK and May 15 as **NATIONAL PEACE OFFICERS MEMORIAL DAY** as we commemorate law officers past and present who, by their faithful and loyal devotion to their responsibilities, have rendered for themselves an enviable and enduring reputation for preserving the rights and security of all citizens.

I further call upon all citizens of Waycross to observe May 15 as Peace Officers' Memorial Day in honor of those law enforcement officers who, through their courageous deeds, have made the ultimate sacrifice in service to their community or have become disabled in the performance of duty, and let us recognize and pay respect to the survivors of our fallen heroes.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I HAVE HEREUNTO set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Waycross to be affixed this 5th day of May, 2015.

Clarence E. Billups, Mayor

Director of Human Resources Trinija Molina-Martin presented a plaque to Pastor Richard Gifford of Pentecostals of Waycross and City Engineer Jessica Deal thanked Larry Yockachonis, ESG with the presentation of a plaque for their service during Georgia Cities Week. ESG and Pentecostals of Waycross both participated and helped with the employee appreciation luncheon.

City Manager Raphel Maddox announced that a Public Hearing will be held on July 13, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. at the City Auditorium on the Occupational Tax. A Public Hearing on annexation will be held on the same date, same place at 7:00 p.m.

Mayor Billups presented a Proclamation for give Burns the Boot Day to Fire Chief David Eddins.

CITY OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

Proclamation

26th Annual "Give Burns the Boot" Campaign

Whereas, Burns are one of the most painful injuries an individual can have; and

Whereas, the Georgia Firefighters Burn Foundation (GFBF) is dedicated to helping educate Georgians on how to avoid burn injuries and save lives; and

Whereas, the GFBF also focuses efforts on helping burn survivors in Georgia return to a normal life; and

Whereas, the Foundation's annual "Give Burns the Boot" campaign is the Foundation's largest source of revenue; and

Whereas, the 2015 "Give Burns the Boot" campaign is being conducted on May 1, May 8, and May 15 as "Give Burns the Boot" days in the City of Waycross and I urge every citizen to be as supportive as possible for this worthwhile fund-raising campaign and, in so doing, thereby help lead the way in making the City of Waycross and Georgia a safer place in which to live.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and have caused the seal of the City of Waycross to be affixed this 1st day of May, 2015.

Clarence E. Billups, Mayor

Fire Chief David Eddins presented an Award of Valor to Ms. Pamela Rose. Ms. Rose was honored for his heroic actions on February 21, 2015. She was traveling by a home when she spotted smoke, she stopped and awakened the residents, saving the lives of the four individuals within the home.

Human Resources Director, Trinija Molina-Martin introduced Ms. Dana Chancey, Budget Officer, Finance Department as the Employee of the Month for May, 2015.

City Manager Raphel Maddox presented the City Manager's Report asking Ms. Sloan Fountain to report on the Mother Daughter Tea Party. Ms. Sloan Fountain, Director of Community Affairs said the Tea Party was a huge success and thanked everyone who participated.

Public Works Director Wilton Deloach announced that Mosquito Spraying was beginning May 5 and that household items are scheduled to be picked up on Fridays.

Mayor Clarence Billups suggested that the Commissioners and constituents read the Transportation Act. This new law will wreak havoc on local government. It also adds a \$5.00 surcharge to the Hotel Motel Tax. Mayor Billups also announced the National Day of Prayer will be held at City Hall on Thursday, May 7, 2015 at 5:30 p.m.

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, April 20; Zoning Public Hearing and City Commission Meeting, Tuesday, April 21, 2015.

Two Ordinances were presented for second readings and final approval.

- a. Zoning Text Amendment Changing the Zoning Map in areas of the South Georgia Parkway from MU Mixed Use along both sides of South Georgia Parkway and RM-75 and LI-Light Industrial on the South Side of South Georgia Parkway to C-2 Highway Commercial
- b. Closing and Abandoning Alley between 1307 Mary Street and 1302 Elizabeth Street/Quit Claim Deed Attached

There were no Privilege License Renewals or Consent Resolutions.

Commissioner Norman Davis made the motion to approve the Consent Calendar as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Diane Hopkins. All Commissioners voted in favor and the motion was approved with a 4 – 0 vote.

A Resolution Approving the Application for a Rural Business Development Grant was presented for approval:

RESOLUTION NO. 15-14

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA, TO APPLY FOR A RURAL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT GRANT; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, the purpose of the Rural Business Development Grant (hereinafter referred to as “RBDG”) is to make grants to eligible entities located in rural areas for use in funding various business opportunity and business enterprise projects that serve rural areas; and

WHEREAS, under the RBDG program, grants are provided to public bodies/government entities; and

WHEREAS, for business opportunity type projects, grant funds can be used to fund eligible projects such as ones that identify and analyze business opportunities; identify, train and provide technical assistance; establish business support centers; and conduct local community and multi-county economic development; and

WHEREAS, for business enterprise type projects, grant funds may be used to finance and/or develop small and emerging businesses in rural areas including, but not

limited to, acquisition and development of land, easements and rights of way; construction and conversion projects; provision of loans for startup operating costs and working capital; establishment of a revolving loan fund and technical assistance; and

WHEREAS, City of Waycross Finance Director Danny Lamonte desires to submit an application for a grant under the RBDG program to enhance the funds the City of Waycross will have available for its Revolving Loan Fund account; and

WHEREAS, City of Waycross Finance Director Lamonte advises that the City's Revolving Loan Fund loan portfolio can be utilized as the in-kind matching funds essential to submit a grant application; and

WHEREAS, said matter having been considered.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Commission of the City of Waycross that the Mayor, City Clerk, City Manager and City Finance Director be and are hereby authorized, directed and empowered to execute the documents necessary to make application for a grant under the RBDG program.

SO RESOLVED, this 5th day of May, 2015.

CITY OF WAYCROSS
CLARENCE E. BILLUPS, Mayor

ATTEST:

JULIE DINKINS, City Clerk

Commissioner Diane Hopkins made the motion to approve the Resolution Approving the Application for a Rural Business Development Grant as presented. Commissioner Norman Davis seconded the motion; all present voted affirmatively and the motion passed.

A Resolution to Award a Contract to Varnadore Electric for LED Lights for the REA Building from SPLOST Funds was presented to the Commission:

RESOLUTION NO. 15-15

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA,
TO AWARD CONTRACT TO VARNADORE ELECTRIC, INC. FOR LED LIGHTS FOR THE
REA BUILDING; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

WHEREAS, Varnadore Electric, Inc., 307 South Nicholls Street, Waycross, Georgia, has submitted an estimate, being number 5728, for sixty-three (63) light-emitting diode (LED) lights and labor to replace lamps at the REA Building in the amount of one thousand, one hundred and thirty-two dollars and seventy-eight cents (\$1,132.78); and

WHEREAS, the City of Waycross, on behalf of the Downtown Waycross Development Authority (hereinafter "DWDA"), has one thousand, one hundred and forty-six dollars (\$1,146.00) remaining in their SPLOST account; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Commission of the City of Waycross that the estimate submitted by Varnadore Electric, Inc. be accepted and the price of one thousand, one hundred and thirty-two dollars and seventy-eight cents (\$1,132.78) be paid from SPLOST funds.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that since the balance in the SPLOST account would be only thirteen dollars and twenty-two cents (\$13.22), and since DWDA requests the balance, that the entire balance of one thousand, one hundred and forty-six dollars (\$1,146.00) be paid to DWDA.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized and directed to make payment to DWDA 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, this 5th of May, 2015.

CITY OF WAYCROSS

CLARENCE E. BILLUPS, Mayor

ATTEST:

JULIE DINKINS, City Clerk

The Resolution to Award a Contract to Varnadore Electric for LED Lights for the REA Building from SPLOST Funds was approved by motion from Commissioner Diane Hopkins. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Alvin Nelson. The vote was unanimous and the motion was approved.

A Resolution to Award a Contract to Enviro-Tech Services, Inc. for WWTP Clarifier Tanks and Aeration Basin Structure Repair was presented for approval.

RESOLUTION NO. 15-16

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA,
TO AWARD A CONTRACT TO ENVIRO-TECH SERVICES, INC.
FOR WASTE WATER TREATMENT PLANT CLARIFIER TANKS
AND AERATION BASIN STRUCTURE REPAIR;
AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

WHEREAS, in 2001, after a new aeration system was constructed and completed, all parties involved noticed some structural and design failures; and

WHEREAS, in 2004, structural design engineer, Hornsby & Associates, was brought in to work with ESG and a structural support "knee wall" was built to support the failing tanks; and

WHEREAS, in 2013, observations were made that the cracks began to leak worse; and

WHEREAS, ESG and the Waycross Engineering Department contacted Hornsby & Associates to evaluate and recommend action; and

WHEREAS, Hornsby & Associates determined that the structure was no in immediate danger of catastrophic failure so the repair could be budgeted for FY2015; and

WHEREAS, it continues to leak and the support steel rebar inside the concrete walls will eventually degrade and cause failure; and

WHEREAS, Enviro-Tech Services, Inc. performed a test repair on one of the cracks and the repair was monitored for any signs of leaking; and

WHEREAS, it appears that the leak repair continues to show no leakage and therefore, this method of repair was recommended; and

WHEREAS, said matter having been considered.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Commission of the City of Waycross that the Mayor, City Clerk and City Manager be and are hereby authorized, directed and empowered to execute the documents and contracts necessary to award the contract to Enviro-Tech Services, Inc. for Waste Water Treatment Plant Clarifier Tanks and Aeration Basin Structure Repair, in the amount of fifty three thousand, three hundred and fifty-seven dollars and four cents (\$53,357.04) to be paid from Water & Sewer Service Capital account (505-54-4-430-59-2540); and

BE IT RESOLVED FURTHER that the Mayor, City Clerk and City Manager are authorized, directed and empowered to ensure that a proper and sufficient warranty is provided by Enviro-Tech Services, Inc.

SO RESOLVED, this 5th day of May, 2015.

CITY OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA

CLARENCE E. BILLUPS, Mayor

ATTEST:

JULIE DINKINS, City Clerk

Commissioner Norman Davis made the motion to approve the Resolution to Award a Contract to Enviro-Tech Services, Inc. for WWTP Clarifier Tanks and Aeration Basin Structure Repair as presented. Commissioner Diane Hopkins seconded the motion. The vote was affirmative and the motion carried with a 4 – 0 vote.

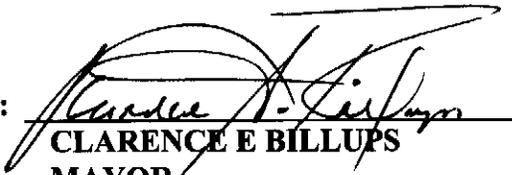
Ms. Valerie Hurtado, U. S. Post Office, appeared before the Commission to announce the Stamp Out Hunger food drive on Saturday, May 9, 2015 sponsored by the U. S. Postal Service. Ms. Hurtado requested that citizens donate non-perishable food for the Stamp Out Hunger food drive by placing items by your mailbox for pick-up on Saturday.

Mayor Billups congratulated Ms. Ann Miller, former Waycross resident, who has been appointed by Governor Deal to serve on the State Transportation Board of Directors.

After last call, Commissioner Norman Davis 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