

**MINUTES**  
**WAYCROSS CITY COMMISSION MEETING**  
**TUESDAY, MAY 5, 2020**  
**5:00 PM**

The Commission of the City of Waycross held their Regular City Commission Meeting on Tuesday, May 05, 2020 in the C.C. McCray Auditorium. The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by the Honorable Mayor Michael-Angelo James. Members in attendance were: Mayor Michael-Angelo James, Commissioners Marian Solomon-Gaines, Norman Davis, and Henry Strickland. Commissioner Diane Hopkins and John Threat were absent.

Mayor Michael-Angelo James introduced Elder Bill Mullis, First Primitive Baptist Church, who offered the opening invocation. The Invocation was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Mayor Michael-Angelo James.

During Executive Duties, Mr. Rick Currie, City Attorney scheduled Public Hearings which was continued from May 19, 2020 for June 2, 2020.

Chief Eddins presented Fallen Fire Fighters Scholarships during Official Reports. Recipients for the year of 2020 are Annie Lynne, Spencer Johnson, Culley Peavey, Sarah Wheeler, Daniel Good, Meredith Campbell, Joseph Roberson, Rebecca Hendricks, and Cindy Bogart.

City Manager Tonya Miller reported on free testing completed by the McKinney Center at the Mount Zion Church on Ossie Davis.

Mayor Michael-Angelo James discussed the first Virtual Meeting be held on April 24 at 2 p.m. The next schedule Virtual Meeting is held on this Friday at 2 p.m. COVID-19 confirmed case numbers were reported.

There were no public remarks on Official Action.

Mayor Michael-Angelo James presented the Consent Calendar as read by City Clerk Michelle Love for consideration of official action as follows:

Approval of Minutes: Planning and Information Session and Executive Session, Monday, April 20, 2020 and Waycross City Commission Meeting, Tuesday, April 21, 2020.

One Ordinance was presented for second reading:

**ORDINANCE NO. O20-04**

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF THE CITY OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA; TO AMEND CHAPTER 2 – ADMINISTRATION, ARTICLE II. – CITY COMMISSION, DIVISION 1. – MEETINGS, BY ADDING A NEW SECTION 2-60 – WHERE AND WHEN HELD, PERTAINING TO REGULAR MEETINGS, SPECIAL CALLED MEETINGS AND WORK SESSIONS OF THE CITY COMMISSION; TO REPEAL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; TO**

**PROVIDE FOR SEVERABILITY; TO PROVIDE FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE;  
TO PROVIDE FOR RENUMBERING OR RELETTERING; AND FOR OTHER  
PURPOSES.**

There were no Consent Resolutions or Privilege License renewals.

The Consent Calendar was approved by motion from Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines, second by Commissioner Norman Davis; and approved by all present.

Finance Director China Williams presented the following bids:

1. Bid FY19-22 Annual Print Extension. It is the recommendation to approve Annual Print Extension to Brantley Printing for one year. Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines moved for the approval. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Henry Strickland. The motion was approved by all present.
2. Bid #FY19 Gas Card Extension for FY21 was presented to the Commissioners. Purchasing recommended for the Gas Card Extension to be awarded to Lewis & Raulerson for one year. Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines moved for the approval. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Henry Strickland. The motion was approved by all present.
3. Bid #FY20-24 LL Creek Sewer Relocation. After staff review, it is the recommendation to award the bid to Thrift Brothers, LLC, Waycross, Georgia in the amount of \$166,400.00. This is the best bid meeting all specifications. The Resolution will be presented at the regular meeting. Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines moved for the approval. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Henry Strickland. The motion was approved by all present.
4. Bid Emergency Influent Pump Repair. The pump failed last week during the heavy rain event. ESG recommended GoForth Williamson, Griffin, Georgia in the amount of \$24,565.00. It is the only authorized dealer for pump. Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines moved for the approval. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Henry Strickland. The motion was approved by all present.

There were no Ordinances.

A Resolution of the City of Waycross, Georgia, To Authorize a Quitclaim Deed to Adjoining Landowner for a Portion of an Easement on the Northern Margin of South Georgia Parkway Between Columbus and Colquitt Streets.

**RESOLUTION NO. R20-40**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA, TO  
AUTHORIZE A QUITCLAIM DEED TO ADJOINING LANDOWNER FOR A  
PORTION OF AN EASEMENT ON THE NORTHERN MARGIN OF SOUTH  
GEORGIA PARKWAY BETWEEN COLUMBUS AND COLQUITT STREETS; AND  
FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Waycross has certain rights to property by virtue of an Easement agreement granted to the City by Terry W. Luke dated April 9, 2018, which is recorded in Deed Book 74-Y, Pages 290-292, in the office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of Ware County, Georgia, and said easement being approximately 20 – 30 feet in width and running along the northern margin of South Georgia Parkway between Columbus and Colquitt Streets for sidewalk purposes; and

**WHEREAS**, the owner of the property abutting on said Easement is petitioning the City Commission of the City of Waycross to return a portion of the aforesaid easement area, not physically being used for sidewalk purposes and which is being required by the Georgia Department of Transportation for a right-of-way for a decel lane off the aforementioned Highway to access property of Terry W. Luke now doing business as West Point Center, LLC; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Waycross desires to execute a Quitclaim Deed to West Point Center, LLC, for approximately 0.10 acres and more particularly described by that certain plat of survey for Right of Way for West Point Center LLC, prepared by Adam H. Evans, Statewide Surveying Company, GA, Registered Land Surveyor No. LS003308, dated April 1, 2020, and said plat being incorporated herein as if fully set forth; and

**WHEREAS**, it further appears that the easement area that would remain available to the City upon release of the area sought by the Georgia Department of Transportation for a decal lane would be adequate and sufficient for the City's and the public's needs as set forth in the aforementioned sidewalk easement; and

**WHEREAS**, in connection with returning said portion of said Easement, no utilities will be impacted by execution of this Quitclaim Deed; and

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

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Commission of the City of Waycross that the City of Waycross hereby quitclaims and releases its interest in a portion of the above-described easement, being approximately 0.10 acres and more particularly described by the Quitclaim Deed attached hereto and incorporated herein as if fully set out.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Mayor, City Manager, City Clerk and City Attorney be, and are hereby authorized, directed and empowered to execute the said Quitclaim Deed.

**SO RESOLVED**, this 5<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2020.

**CITY OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA**  
**BY: MICHAEL-ANGELO JAMES, Mayor**

**ATTEST:**  
**MICHELLE LOVE, City Clerk**

Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines made the motion to approve a Resolution of the City of Waycross, Georgia, to Authorize a Quitclaim Deed to Adjoining Landowner for a Portion of an Easement on the Northern Margin of South Georgia Parkway Between Columbus and Colquitt Streets as presented to the Commission for approval. Commissioner Norman Davis seconded the motion; the motion was approved with all present votes.

A Resolution of the City of Waycross, Georgia, to Authorize Pre-Construction Payment of One-Half of Cost for Depot Caboose Deck Area Upgrade.

**RESOLUTION NO. R20-41**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA,  
TO AUTHORIZE PRE-CONSTRUCTION PAYMENT OF ONE-HALF OF COST FOR  
DEPOT CABOOSE DECK AREA UPGRADE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

**WHEREAS**, the City Commission on April 21, 2020, approved use of designated S.P.L.O.S.T. funds for a Rail Depot Caboose Deck Area Upgrade with said work to be completed

by Tyco Construction and Industrial Services, Inc. of Blackshear, Georgia, (hereinafter “TYCO”) at a cost not to exceed \$82,563 and to be paid from 2014 S.P.L.O.S.T. funds designated for City Projects by Downtown Waycross Development Authority; and

**WHEREAS**, TYCO requires one-half of the cost of the project to be paid upfront for materials and other pre-construction costs; and

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

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Commission of the City of Waycross that it hereby directs and authorizes the City Finance Director to issue a check to Tyco Construction and Industrial Services, Inc. of Blackshear, Georgia, in the amount of forty-one thousand, two hundred and eighty-one dollars and fifty cents (\$41,281.50) for the cost of materials and other pre-construction costs for the Rail Depot Caboose Deck Area project from 2014 S.P.L.O.S.T. funds designated for City Projects by Downtown Waycross Development Authority.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that, upon completion and final successful inspection by the City Fire Department and Department of Community Improvement, and submission of an invoice from either TYCO or DWDA, the City Finance Director is directed and authorized to issue a check to Tyco Construction and Industrial Services, Inc. of Blackshear, Georgia, for the balance and in the amount of forty-one thousand, two hundred and eighty-one dollars and fifty cents (\$41,281.50) to be paid from 2014 S.P.L.O.S.T. funds designated for City Projects by Downtown Waycross Development Authority.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Mayor and City Clerk be 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 5<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2020.

**CITY OF WAYCROSS**  
**BY: MICHAEL-ANGELO JAMES, Mayor**

**ATTEST:**  
**MICHELLE LOVE, City Clerk**

A Resolution of the City of Waycross, Georgia to Authorize Pre-Construction Payment of One-Half of Cost for Depot Caboose Deck Area Upgrade as presented was approved by motion from Commissioner Norman Davis. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines. All voted yes and the motion was approved.

A Resolution of the City of Waycross, Georgia to Award Bid Contract to Lewis and Raulerson, Inc. for FY21 Gas Card Service.

**RESOLUTION NO. R20-42**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA,  
TO AWARD BID CONTRACT TO LEWIS AND RAULERSON, INC. FOR FY21 GAS  
CARD SERVICE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Waycross anticipates using approximately 100,000 gallons of unleaded fuel and approximately 40,000 gallons of low sulfur # 2 diesel during Fiscal Year 2021, being from July 1, 2020, until June 30, 2021; and

**WHEREAS**, in March 2018, the City of Waycross Purchasing Department offered the project through competitive bidding and received and opened bids tendered for the gas card service; and

**WHEREAS**, Lewis and Raulerson, Inc. of Waycross, Georgia, submitted the best value bid for the City, with a 5 cent (\$0.05) markup on gasoline, and a 7 cent (\$0.07) markup on low sulfur # 2 diesel; and they now utilize FueLoc (the proprietary fleet fueling card program) and have multiple FueLoc locations in the City and across the State of Georgia; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Commission awarded the bid to Lewis and Raulerson, Inc. on March 20, 2018, said award including an additional four (4) one year renewals if all parties are in agreement, and which the parties are in agreement; 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 FY21 Annual Gas Card Service, awarded to Lewis and Raulerson, Inc. on March 20, 2018, be extended and renewed for an additional fiscal year from July 1, 2020, until June 30, 2021, with all terms detailed in the original agreement continuing.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Mayor, City Manager and City Clerk 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**, this 5<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2020.

**CITY OF WAYCROSS**  
**BY: MICHAEL-ANGELO JAMES, Mayor**

**ATTEST:**  
**MICHELLE LOVE, City Clerk**

Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines made the motion to approve a Resolution of the City of Waycross, Georgia, to Award Bid Contract to Lewis and Raulerson, Inc. for FY21 Gas Card Service as presented to the Commission for approval. Commissioner Henry Strickland seconded the motion; the motion was approved with all present votes.

A Resolution of the City of Waycross, Georgia, to Award Bid Contract to Thrift Brothers, LLC, for LL Creek Sewer Relocation Project.

**RESOLUTION NO. R20-43**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA, TO AWARD BID  
CONTRACT TO THRIFT BROTHERS, L.L.C., FOR LL CREEK SEWER  
RELOCATION PROJECT;  
AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

**WHEREAS**, on March 3, 2020, the City Commission agreed in principal to relocate the existing sewer lines that are located under the building on the business property located at 421 Memorial 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 for competitive bidding through advertisement and ensured that it went to all eight (8) area contractors; however, only two (2) bids were received; and

**WHEREAS**, Thrift Brothers, 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 \$166,400.00.

**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 LL Creek Sewer Relocation Project be awarded to Thrift Brothers, L.L.C. in an amount not to exceed \$166,400.00, and to be paid from Water and Sewer funds.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Mayor, City Clerk, City Manager and City Attorney be authorized and directed to execute any 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 5<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2020.

**CITY OF WAYCROSS**

**BY: MICHAEL-ANGELO JAMES, Mayor**

**ATTEST:**

**MICHELLE LOVE, City Clerk**

Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines made the motion to approve a Resolution of the City of Waycross, Georgia, to Award Bid Contract to Thrift Brothers, LLC, for LL Creek Sewer Relocation Project as presented to the Commission for approval. Commissioner Henry Strickland seconded the motion; the motion was approved with all present votes.

A Resolution of the City of Waycross, Georgia, to Award a Contract to Goforth Williamson of Griffin, Georgia, for Waste Water Treatment Plant Emergency Influent Pump Repair Project.

**RESOLUTION NO. R20-44**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA,**

**TO AWARD A CONTRACT TO GOFORTH WILLIAMSON OF GRIFFIN, GEORGIA.  
FOR WASTE WATER TREATMENT PLANT EMERGENCY INFLUENT PUMP  
REPAIR PROJECT; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

**WHEREAS**, there are three (3) influent pumps which pump preliminary effluent from the headworks up to the primary clarifiers at the Waste Water Treatment Plant; and

**WHEREAS**, normal operation allows for two (2) pumps to operate in a lead/lag arrangement to handle normal flows with the third pump, if available, acting as standby; and

**WHEREAS**, high flows experienced during heavy rains last week resulted in one pump failing to operate and the third pump is on order; and

**WHEREAS**, these repairs need to be completed on an emergency basis since any additional rainfall will further burden the sole influent pump and there is inadequate time to properly bid the project; and

**WHEREAS**, in accordance with the Code of Ordinances of the City of Waycross, section 2-320 (b), the city manager or her designee used best efforts to obtain competitive pricing for said emergency services and 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**, Goforth Williamson of Griffin, Georgia, is the only authorized dealer for this pump and Goforth Williamson has been awarded the order for the other influent pump; 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 or her designee and that a contract be awarded to Goforth Williamson of Griffin, Georgia, for a total cost not to exceed \$24,565.00 to repair and rebuild the influent pump, and to be paid from Water and Sewer funds.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Mayor, City Manager, City Clerk and City Attorney be authorized and directed to execute any 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**, this 5<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2020.

**CITY OF WAYCROSS**  
**BY: MICHAEL-ANGELO JAMES, Mayor**

**ATTEST:**  
**MICHELLE LOVE, City Clerk**

Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines made the motion to approve a Resolution of the City of Waycross, Georgia, to Award a Contract to Goforth Williamson of Griffin, Georgia, for Waste Water Treatment Plant Emergency Influent Pump Repair Project as presented to the Commission for approval. Commissioner Henry Strickland seconded the motion; the motion was approved with all present votes.

A Resolution of the City of Waycross, Georgia, to Show Its Support for the Waycross Convention and Visitors Bureau Authority in Requesting the Tourism Product Development Team Conduct an Assessment of Our Area.

**RESOLUTION NO. R20-45**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA, TO SHOW ITS SUPPORT FOR THE WAYCROSS CONVENTION AND VISITORS BUREAU AUTHORITY IN REQUESTING THE TOURISM PRODUCT DEVELOPMENT TEAM CONDUCT AN ASSESSMENT OF OUR AREA; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and City Commission at its work session on May 4, 2020, heard from Waycross Convention and Visitors Bureau Authority Chairman William S. Clark and City of Waycross Tourism Manager Patrick Simmons about requesting a Tourism Product Development Resource Team to conduct an assessment of Waycross and Ware County and to then recommend strategies to grow tourism in our area; and

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and City Commissioners wholeheartedly recognize the importance of tourism as an economic development strategy and earnestly hope that the Tourism Product Development Resource Team will provide us expert assistance in prioritizing the tourism opportunities available here; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Commission of the City of Waycross that the City Commission hereby authorizes, supports and approves the Waycross Convention and Visitors Bureau Authority in its request to the Tourism Product Development Resource Team to conduct an assessment of the City of Waycross and Ware County and then recommend actions and strategies to grow tourism in our area.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Mayor, City Manager and City Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to sign and execute any letters on behalf of the City of Waycross, hereby ratifying and confirming all the acts and things done by said City Officials, in order to give effect to the purposes and intent of this Resolution.

**SO RESOLVED**, this 5<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2020.

**CITY OF WAYCROSS**

**BY: MICHAEL-ANGELO JAMES, Mayor**

**ATTEST:**

**MICHELLE LOVE, City Clerk**

Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines made the motion to approve a Resolution of the City of Waycross, Georgia, to Show Its Support for the Waycross Convention and Visitors Bureau Authority in Requesting the Tourism Product Development Team Conduct and Assessment of Our Area as presented to the Commission for approval. Commissioner Henry Strickland seconded the motion; the motion was approved with all votes.

After last call, Commissioner Norman Davis made the motion for the meeting to adjourn. Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines seconded the motion. All voted in favor, and Mayor James adjourned the meeting.

**CITY OF WAYCROSS**

**BY: \_\_\_\_\_**  
**MICHAEL-ANGELO JAMES, Mayor**

**ATTEST:**

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**MICHELLE LOVE, City Clerk**