

MINUTES
WAYCROSS CITY COMMISSION MEETING
TUESDAY, MAY 6, 2014
7:00 P.M.

The Commission of the City of Waycross met in Regular Session on Tuesday, May 6, 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.

City Attorney Huey Spearman offered the opening invocation. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Miss Jamia Green a 6th grader at Waycross Middle School.

Under Executive Duties, Mayor Clarence E. Billups introduced Ms. Allison Herrin who read the presentation to ESG. ESG was awarded the Gold Award for the Wastewater Treatment plant for the 4th year of perfect compliance. The Platinum Awarded #2 was also presented to ESG for 7 consecutive years of perfect compliance or the second platinum award for perfect compliance beyond 5 years for the water treatment facility. ESG was also awarded the Plant of the Year Award for the Water Treatment Plant. Given to only 1 Water system each year, this award involves an intense inspection of every phase of water treatment and production.

Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines announced the recipients of the ESG Award given in memory of the late Lt. Jeff Little; Ambria Spencer, Joshua Bacon, Amber McDowell, Chelsea Murray and George Wheeler.

A Proclamation recognizing National Police Week on May 11 – 17 and Police Memorial Day on May 15, 2014 was presented to Chief Tony Tanner by Mayor Clarence Billups.

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 right 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 national, 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 11 through May 17, 2014 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 day of May 6, 2014.

Clarence E. Billups, Mayor

Ms. Sloan Fountain, Main Street and Tourism Director, introduced Ms. Allison Herrin, Personnel Analyst & Risk Management, Human Resources Department as employee of the month for May, 2014.

Interim City Manager Raphael Maddox congratulated Allison Herrin, Employee of the Month, and thanked her for the great job she does for the City of Waycross. Mr. Maddox thanked all of the ladies who support the Mother – Daughter Tea and Sloan Fountain and her staff for a job well done. Mr. Maddox noted that in the next few weeks the City will be making upgrades to the City Parks and asked the public to please be patient with our construction.

Mayor Clarence Billups, in the Mayor's Report, commended the City Departments for the Parks and Recreation upgrades which are addressing many citizen concerns. Mayor Billups also expressed his concern with education in the State of Georgia. He encouraged youth to study hard and challenge themselves to be the best they can be.

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, April 15, 2014; and Waycross City Commission Meeting, Tuesday, April 16, 2014.

Two privilege licenses were presented for approval:

1. (New) Michael Hoyle, d/b/a Harveys Supermarket #1610, 1312 Plant Avenue, Retail Beer and Wine
2. (New) John G. Arnold, d/b/a Harveys Supermarket #1614, 510 Tebeau Street, Retail Beer and Wine

There were no Consent Resolutions or Privilege License Renewals.

Commissioner Norman Davis made the motion to approve the Consent Calendar as presented. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Diane Hopkins. All Commissioners voted yes and the motion was approved with a 5 – 0 vote.

Mr. Michael Jankiekicz, Manager of Harveys Supermarket on Plant Avenue, informed the Commission of upcoming changes to the local Harvey's stores.

Purchasing Director, Linda Jones, presented FY14-22; Assorted Equipment for Police Cars Bid. The FY14-22 Assorted Equipment for Police Cars bid included sirens, speakers, desk consoles and miscellaneous items. Four bids were received with Hasty's Communications submitting the best value bid for the project with the City's 5% local preference Ordinance at a bid of \$12,875.00. Commissioner Norman Davis made the motion to award the bid to Hasty's Communications for \$12,875.00. The bid was seconded by Commissioner Alvin Nelson. The vote was 5-0 and the motion was approved.

Purchasing Director Linda Jones presented FY 14-26: Light Bars for Police Cars Bid. Purchasing received 3 bids on these items with West Chatman of Savannah being the lowest and best bid at \$18,024.00. Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines made the motion to approve the bid for light bars for the Police cars. Mayor Pro Tem Diane Hopkins seconded the bid; all voted in favor and the motion carried.

FY14-25: In Car Camera System was the next bid to come before the Commission. Linda Jones, Purchasing Director received 5 bids. Hasty's Communication of Waycross submitted the best value bid for the project with the City's 5% local preference Ordinance at a cost of \$20,800.00. Mayor Pro Tem Diane Hopkins made the motion to approve the in car camera system bid to Hasty's Communications in the amount of \$20,800.00. Commissioner Larry Ethridge seconded the motion. The motion was approved with a unanimous vote.

Purchasing Director Linda Jones presented FY14-24 Tebeau Street Property Bid. On April 1, 2014 the City Commission declared .0671 acre of property on the abandoned CSX rail bed bound by Tebeau Street and Pendleton Street; parallel to Brunswick Avenue and Albany Avenue

as surplus property to be sold to the highest bidder. Purchasing received 1 bid on this property and staff recommended awarding the bid to Howard and Henry Steedley, LLC for the price of \$8,000.00. Mayor Pro Tem Diane Hopkins made the motion to award the bid to Howard and Henry Steedley, LLC for the amount of \$8,000.00. Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines seconded the motion; all voted positively and the motion carried.

A Resolution of the City of Waycross Approving the Purchase of Assorted Equipment for Police Cars for the Waycross Police Department was presented.

RESOLUTION NO. 14-36

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA
TO APPROVE PURCHASE OF ASSORTED EQUIPMENT FOR POLICE CARS FOR THE
WAYCROSS POLICE DEPARTMENT; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

WHEREAS, the City of Waycross Police Department has approved SPLOST funds to purchase assorted equipment for police cars; 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, Hasty's Communication of Waycross, Georgia, submitted the best value bid for the project with the City's 5% local preference Ordinance, at a cost of \$12,875.00, and

WHEREAS, said matter having been considered.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Commission of the City of Waycross that the Contract for purchase of assorted equipment for police cars for the City of Waycross Police Department be awarded to Hasty's Communication of Waycross at a cost of \$12,875.00 to be paid for from approved SPLOST funds.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and City Clerk 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 and intent of this Resolution.

SO RESOLVED, this 6th day of May, 2014.

CITY OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA

BY: CLARENCE E. BILLUPS, Mayor

ATTEST:

JULIE DINKINS, City Clerk

The motion to approve A Resolution of the City of Waycross Approving the Purchase of Assorted Equipment for Police Cars for the Waycross Police Department was approved by motion from Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines. Commissioner Alvin Nelson seconded the motion. All Commissioners voted yes and the motion was approved with a 5-0 vote.

A Resolution of the City of Waycross, Georgia Approving the Purchase of Light Bars for Police Cars for the Waycross Police Department was presented:

RESOLUTION NO. 14-39

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA
TO APPROVE PURCHASE OF LIGHT BARS FOR POLICE CARS FOR THE WAYCROSS
POLICE DEPARTMENT; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

WHEREAS, the City of Waycross Police Department has approved SPLOST funds to purchase of Light Bars for police cars; 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, West Chatham of Savannah, Georgia, submitted the lowest and best bid for the project, at a cost of \$18,024.00; and

WHEREAS, said matter having been considered.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Commission of the City of Waycross that the Contract for purchase of Light Bars for police cars for the City of Waycross Police Department be awarded to West Chatham of Savannah at a cost of \$18,024.00 to be paid for from approved SPLOST funds.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and City Clerk 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 and intent of this Resolution.

SO RESOLVED, this 6th day of May, 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 A Resolution of the City of Waycross, Georgia Approving the Purchase of Light Bars for Police Cars for the Waycross Police Department 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 Approving the Purchase of In Car Video Camera Systems for Police Cars for the Waycross Police Department was presented.

RESOLUTION NO. 14-37

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA
TO APPROVE PURCHASE OF IN CAR VIDEO CAMERA SYSTEMS FOR POLICE CARS
FOR THE WAYCROSS POLICE DEPARTMENT;
AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

WHEREAS, the City of Waycross Police Department has approved SPLOST funds to purchase 5 In car Video Camera Systems for police cars; 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, Hasty's Communication of Waycross, Georgia, submitted the best value bid for the project with the City's 5% local preference Ordinance, at a cost of \$20,800.00; and

WHEREAS, said matter having been considered.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Commission of the City of Waycross that the Contract for purchase of 5 Video Camera Systems for police cars for the City of Waycross Police Department be awarded to Hasty's Communication of Waycross at a cost of \$20,800.00 to be paid for from approved SPLOST funds.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and City Clerk 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 and intent of this Resolution.

SO RESOLVED, this 6th day of May, 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 Approving the Purchase of in Car Video Camera Systems for Police Cars for the Waycross Police Department as presented. Commissioner Larry Ethridge seconded the motion. The Commissioners all voted positively and the motion was approved.

A Resolution of the City of Waycross to Authorize a Quitclaim Deed from the City of Waycross to Howard and Henry Steedley, LLC for the purchase of the Tebeau Street Property was presented.

RESOLUTION NO. 14-38

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA TO
AUTHORIZE A QUITCLAIM DEED FROM THE CITY OF WAYCROSS,**

**GEORGIA, TO HOWARD AND HENRY STEEDLEY, LLC, FOR PURCHASE OF
TEBEAU STREET PROPERTY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

WHEREAS, the City of Waycross owns 0.671 acre of property on the abandoned CSX rail bed, bound by Tebeau Street and Pendleton Street, parallel to Brunswick Avenue and Albany Avenue as surplus property; and

WHEREAS, on April 1, 2014, the City declared the said property surplus in that it no longer serves a public purpose or benefit, and is burdensome to the City to maintain, and authorized the property to be sold to the highest bidder for cash; and

WHEREAS, City staff assembled bid documents and advertised the property for sale to the highest bidder, and Howard and Henry Steedley, LLC, was the highest bidder for the sum of \$8,000.00, and

WHEREAS, the City desires to execute a Quitclaim Deed to Howard and Henry Steedley, LLC, to transfer title of said property for said bid consideration; 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 quitclaim its interest in the said real property to Howard and Henry Steedley, LLC, for the sum of \$8,000.00.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and City Clerk be, and are hereby authorized, directed and empowered to execute the Quitclaim Deed in the form attached hereto.

SO RESOLVED, this 6th day of May, 2014.

CITY OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA

BY: CLARENCE E. BILLUPS, Mayor

ATTEST:
JULIE DINKINS, City Clerk

A Resolution of the City of Waycross to Authorize a Quitclaim Deed from the City of Waycross to Howard and Henry Steedley, LLC for the purchase of the Tebeau Street Property was approved as presented by motion of Commissioner Norman Davis. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Diane Hopkins. The motion was approved with a unanimous vote.

A Resolution of the City of Waycross to Set Industrial Pretreatment Surcharge Rates in Connection with the City of Waycross Sewer Use Ordinance at Section 32-117 was presented.

RESOLUTION NO. 14-35

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA TO SET INDUSTRIAL PRETREATMENT SURCHARGE RATES IN CONNECTIN WITH THE CITY OF WAYCROSS SEWER USE ORDINANCE AT SECTION 32-117; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, the City of Waycross has established a "Sewer Use Ordinance" codified at Section 32-117 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Waycross, that provides the City with authority to set discharge limits for industrial users and to impose surcharges, if industrial users exceed their defined limit(s); and

WHEREAS, the surcharge rate schedule may be set annually by the City and will be available for review in the City Engineer's office; and

WHEREAS, ESG recently conducted an industrial rate surcharge analysis and analyzed various industrial surcharge rate structures from surrounding cities and counties, and developed a surcharge rate structure for industrial users in Waycross; and

WHEREAS, the Commission of the City of Waycross has determined that the rate structure developed by ESG shall be as follows:

<u>Parameter</u>	<u>Rate (Per Pound)</u>
TSS	\$.25
BOD	\$.25
NH3	\$.20
Grease/Oil	\$.50

WHEREAS, said matter and the proposed rate schedule having been considered.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Commission of the City of Waycross that the City of Waycross set industrial pretreatment surcharge rates in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 32 of the Code of the City of Waycross, in the amounts set forth hereinabove.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City of Waycross shall begin charging the new industrial pretreatment surcharge rates for all accounts billed by the City of Waycross effective immediately.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the above surcharge rates may be adjusted annually by the Commission of the City of Waycross by adoption of a resolution for said purpose, but if the City does not set new surcharge rates for any year, the surcharge rates for the previous period shall apply.

SO RESOLVED AND ADOPTED, this 6TH day of May, 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 Set Industrial Pretreatment Surcharge Rates in Connection with the City of Waycross Sewer Use Ordinance at Section 32-117 as presented. Commissioner Alvin Nelson seconded the motion; all voted yes and the motion carried.

Dr. Yolanda Rivers addressed the Commission regarding a four week summer program called The Summer Academy. The Summer Academy is a 4 week enrichment program officering academic and character development training. Dr. Rivers requested Commission and community support for this program.

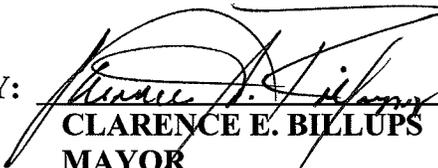
Mr. David Kirby, 600 Summit St. addressed the Commission with regard to remarks made at the last meeting. Mr. Kirby also voiced his support for Sunday alcohol sales.

Dr. Keith Johnson thanked the City of Waycross for welcoming Mr. Roy Clay and making his visit a success.

Mr. Danny Yarbrough, Chairman, Waycross / Ware County Development Authority addressed the Commission to explain the upcoming referendum to modify the 2008 SPLOST agreement. Mr. Yarbrough stated, "On May 20th the voters in Waycross and Ware County will be asked to use the money, already accumulated since 2008, (approximately 1.5 million dollars) in a different way. The referendum, if approved, will allow Ware County and the Waycross and Ware County Development Authority to use the money to make improvements to existing publically owned land in Waycross-Ware County and/or buy new land in Waycross-Ware County, inside or outside the existing industrial park. Mr. Yarbrough asked the City and the community to support this effort and Vote Yes.

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:


JULIE C. DINKINS, CITY CLERK