

**MINUTES**  
**WAYCROSS CITY COMMISSION MEETING**  
**TUESDAY, MAY 15, 2012**  
**7:00 P.M.**

The regular meeting of the Commission of the City of Waycross was held in the Commission Chambers of City Hall on Tuesday, May 15, 2012. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Clarence Billups at 7:00 p.m. with Mayor Pro Tem Marian Solomon-Gaines, Commissioners Diane Hopkins, William Simmons, Norman Davis and Alvin Nelson present for the meeting.

Commissioner William Simmons introduced Elder Clarence Adamson, Zachary Holiness Church, who offered the invocation which was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Mayor Billups and Commissioner Simmons presented Elder Adamson with a Certificate of Appreciation.

Under Executive Duties, Mayor Billups informed the Commission that three City posts on the Waycross-Ware County Planning Commission expire on June 30, 2012. WWPCPC Chairman Mr. Kenneth Taft – Post 8 will rotate to the Ware County Commission for appointment to a term of office effective July 1, 2012 to June 30, 2015. Mayor Billups then appointed Ms. Barbara Miller to Post 5 for a three year term of office effective July 1, 2012 to June 30, 2015 and Mr. Joe Hart to Post 7 for a three year term of office effective July 1, 2012 to June 30, 2015

Mayor Clarence Billups, City Manager Deron King and Human Resources Director Raphael Maddox honored the high school graduates of City employees by presenting them a certificate and a check from the City of Waycross:

1. Bennett, Levon (Brantley Co. High) – Son of Cynthia Cochran / Infinger, Purchasing Department – Continue working at Okefenokee REMC for a year, then partner with his father, owner of Brantley Roofing.
2. Deloach, Daniel (Ware Co. High) – Son of Wilton Deloach, Public Works Department – Plans to attend ABAC, Tifton, Georgia; majoring in Forestry and a minor in Soil Conservation.
3. Duggan, Brittani (Ware Co. High) – Daughter of Melissa Thrift, Police Department – Plans to attend OTC and take phlebotomy and later getting a nursing degree; would like to travel.
4. Edwards, Isabella (Ware Co. High) – Daughter of Wiley Edwards, Public Works Department – Plans to attend Darton College to become an Ultra Sound Technician.
5. Hill, Presley (Pierce Co. High) – Son of Nancy Culpepper, Utility Billing Department – Plans to attend college to study Forestry and hope to work one day with the Georgia Forestry Commission.
6. Humbers, Katie (Clinch Co. High) – Daughter of David Humbers, Fire Department – Plans to attend South Georgia Military College.
7. Maddox, Ravhen (Pierce Co. High) – Daughter of Raphael Maddox, Human Resource Department – Plans to attend Columbia State University to study journalism.
8. Rogers Jr., Randy (Pierce Co. High) – Son of Betty Presley, Public Works Department – Plans to go into the Military or Law Enforcement field.

Mayor Clarence Billups presented a Proclamation to Police Chief Tony Tanner in honor of National Police Week (May 13-19) and Peace Officers' Memorial Day (May 15)

## ***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 13 through May 19, 2012, as **POLICE WEEK** and May 15 as **NATIONAL PEACE OFFICERS MEMORIAL DAY** with appropriate ceremonies and observances in which all of our people may join in commemorating law officers past and present who, by their faithful and loyal devotion to their responsibilities, have rendered a dedicated service to their communities and, in so doing, have established 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 15<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2012.

**Clarence E. Billups, Mayor**

Mr. Scott Murphy, ESG, presented two Gold Awards to Mayor Clarence Billups for the Water and Wastewater Plant. The Gold Awards represent the highest honor available for water quality for 2011.

Deron W. King, City Manager, presented the City Manager's Report. Mr. King informed the Commission that the Jacksonville Jaguars are planning a caravan to visit several cities in southeast Georgia including Waycross. They will bring several players, cheerleaders, a coach and the mascot to sign autographs and participate with the fans in interactive games. The date is tentatively set for Friday, June 8, 2012.

Mr. King informed the Commission and public that effective May 22 – 23, 2012 a portion of Harrison Street to Ava Street will be closed for construction. A turning lane is being installed and traffic will be detoured. Citizens are urged to exercise caution when traveling in construction areas.

Commissioner Davis requested an update on the Myers Street project. Mr. King responded that the project is still in the design stages and should be ready for construction in June.

Mayor Clarence Billups reminded citizens that the Jacksonville Jaguars will be in Waycross and told residents to be listening for the details.

Mayor Billups also reminded the Commission and citizens that school will be out soon and to be careful of our children.

There were no public remarks on official actions.

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 Executive Session, Monday, April 30, 2012; and, Waycross City Commission Meeting Tuesday, May 1, 2012.

There were no ordinance second readings, consent resolutions, or privilege license renewals.

Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines made the motion to approve the Consent Calendar as presented. Commissioner Norman Davis seconded the motion; all Commissioners voted favorably and the motion carried with a 5-0 vote.

Mrs. Linda Jones, Director, Purchasing Department presented Surplus Property WAYX 12-10 to declare certain property surplus. Ms. Jones requested that the items listed be declared surplus and sold on GovDeals.com and the 44 bicycles be given to area agencies for repair and distribution to local children.

Commissioner William Simmons made the motion to approve the motion as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines; the vote was unanimous and the motion passed with a 5-0 vote.

Mrs. Linda Jones, Director, Purchasing Department presented Bid Extension FY-11 – FY13 Police / Fire Uniforms. On June 15, 2010 the City Commission approved bids to Riverside Manufacturing of Moultrie, Georgia for the City's Police and Fire Uniforms FY11 and extended this bid for FY12 on June 7, 2011. Riverside has agreed to keep the pricing firm for FY13 at no increase. These uniforms are ordered only on an as needed basis.

Commissioner Diane Hopkins made the motion to approve the Bid Extension to Riverside Manufacturing of Moultrie, Georgia for the City's Police and Fire Uniforms. Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines seconded the motion; all voted in favor and the motion carried.

A Resolution of the City of Waycross, Georgia To Authorize Purchase of Material to Pipe a Drainage Ditch at 1831 Hunter Street was presented.

**RESOLUTION NO. 12-21**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA  
TO AUTHORIZE PURCHASE OF MATERIAL TO PIPE A DRAINAGE DITCH AT  
1831 HUNTER STREET; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

**WHEREAS**, on April 16, 2012, the Commission of the City of Waycross considered a request by Mr. Corey Gay, owner of the property located at 1831 Hunter Street, to pipe a drainage ditch bisecting his abutting parcels in order to eliminate a serious drainage condition affecting said property; and

**WHEREAS**, in order to procure certain materials needed for the project, Commission authorization is needed in the amount of \$6,100.00; and

**WHEREAS**, a Drainage Easement has been obtained in preparation for an Infrastructure crew project scheduled for the week of June 21, 2012; and

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

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Mayor and City Commission that the Authorization to Purchase Material to Pipe a Drainage Ditch at 1831 Hunter Street in the amount of \$6,100.00 is hereby granted, with said funding being taken from the FY2012 Infrastructure Construction Capital Funding budget.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, THAT** the Mayor, City Clerk, and City Manager be and are hereby authorized, directed and empowered to execute the documents necessary to give effect to this Resolution and related documents in order to complete the project and pay all expenses in connection therewith.

**SO RESOLVED**, this 15<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2012.

**CITY OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA**

**BY: CLARENCE E BILLUPS  
MAYOR**

**ATTEST: JULIE DINKINS, City Clerk**

Commissioner Diane Hopkins made the motion to approve Resolution of the City of Waycross, Georgia To Authorize the Purchase of Material to Pipe a Drainage Ditch at 1831 Hunter Street as presented. Commissioner William Simmons seconded the motion; all present voted in favor and the motion carried with a 5-0 vote.

A Resolution of the City of Waycross, Georgia To Authorize Purchase of Garbage Carts Needed for Waste Management Services was presented.

**RESOLUTION NO. 12-22**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA  
TO AUTHORIZE PURCHASE OF GARBAGE CARTS NEEDED FOR WASTE  
MANAGEMENT SERVICES; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Waycross provides and maintains roll out garbage carts used by its citizens as part of Waste Management Equipment and services;

**WHEREAS**, the City currently needs 120 replacement roll out garbage carts;

**WHEREAS**, Otto Environmental Systems (NC) LLC is a current sole source provider of roll out garbage carts for the City of Waycross, which allows for interchangeable parts servicing of said garbage carts, thereby extending their useful life, and is willing to provide said roll out garbage carts at a price of \$54.00 per cart for the total sum of \$6,785.00;

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

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Mayor and City Commission that Authorization be given to the Purchasing Department to Purchase 120 roll out Garbage Carts form Otto Environmental Systems (NC) LLC for a total cost of \$6,785.00, to be paid for from the Waycross Public Works Department budget.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, THAT** the Mayor, City Clerk, and City Manager be and are hereby authorized, directed and empowered to execute the documents necessary to give effect to this Resolution and related documents in order to complete the project and pay all expenses in connection therewith.

**SO RESOLVED**, this 15<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2012.

**CITY OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA**

**BY: CLARENCE E BILLUPS  
MAYOR**

**ATTEST: JULIE DINKINS, City Clerk**

Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines made the motion to approve A Resolution of the City of Waycross, Georgia to Authorize Purchase of Garbage Carts Needed for Waste Management Services as presented. Commissioner William Simmons seconded the motion; all voted in favor and the motion was approved with a 5-0 vote.

Mr. Clayton Nelson representing the Hilltop Branch Community addressed the Commission regarding the Hilltop Branch Community Reunion. Work is being done to clean up Memorial Park in preparation for a “neighborhood reunion” on May 28, 2012.

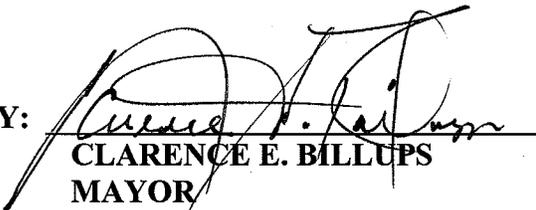
Mr. Emory “Big O” Marcus addressed the Commissioner concerning Bailey Street Park. Mr. Marcus thanked Commissioners Diane Hopkins and Marian Solomon-Gaines for having the light re-installed at Bailey Street Park and thanked Chief Tanner for the increased security.

Dr. Richard Hudson presented the results of his research on employment in the black community. Dr. Hudson requested the City support him in his quest for equal employment by sending letters to major employers in the City of Waycross who appear to be guilty of race discrimination. Mr. Spearman explained to Dr. Hudson that this would not be an appropriate action for the Commission to take. Individually the Commissioners may, but not as a Board.

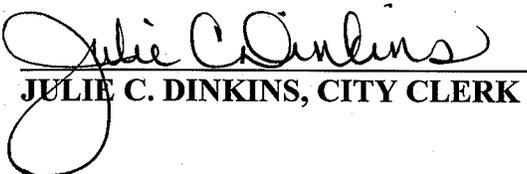
Following the closing remarks, Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines made the motion to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Commissioner Diane Hopkins; all voted in favor and Mayor Billups adjourned the meeting.

**CITY OF WAYCROSS**

**BY:**

  
**CLARENCE E. BILLUPS  
MAYOR**

**ATTEST:**

  
**JULIE C. DINKINS, CITY CLERK**