

MINUTES
WAYCROSS CITY COMMISSION MEETING
TUESDAY, MAY 19, 2015
7:00 P.M.

The Regular Session of the Commission of the City of Waycross was held on Tuesday, May 19, 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, Marian Solomon-Gaines, Norman Davis and Larry Ethridge.

Commissioner Diane Hopkins introduced Carolyn Hayes, Pastor, Greater Mount Olive Baptist Church who offered the opening invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Ms. Bailey Blackburn, a graduating Ware County student.

Under Executive duties, Mayor Billups scheduled two upcoming public hearings:

1. Zoning Hearing/Text Amendment Section 710-GI General Industrial District
Monday, July 13, 2015 6:30 p.m. City Auditorium
2. Renaming Folks Park (*also known as Mary Street Park*) Pernell Roberts Memorial Park
Tuesday, August 18, 2015 6:30 p.m., City Hall

Mayor Billups recognized the Lt. Jeff Little Scholarship Fund Scholarship Recipients:

1. John Barnhill
2. Emily Bennett
3. Beenaben Patel
4. Hannah Johnson
5. Hannah Wheeler
6. Moriah Skinner
7. William A. Foster, II

Mayor Billups recognized City of Waycross Employees' High School Graduates presenting each with a plaque and a token of congratulations from the City of Waycross:

1. Brenton Altman (Son of Noahie Altman, III, Fire Lieutenant-Fire Department)
2. Bailey Blackburn (Daughter of Jim Blackburn, Battalion Chief-Fire Department)
3. Jalyn Clark (Daughter of Stephanie Hunt, Police Officer-Police Department)
4. Mary Parker Deal (Daughter of Sheri Deal, Records Technician-Police Department)
5. Darius Shamar Kinlaw (Son of Gregory Kinlaw, Detective-Police Department)
6. Taylor LaFountain (Daughter of Brandon LaFountain, Detective-Police Department)
7. Raphel Maddox, II (Son of Raphel D. Maddox, City Manager)
8. Will Meadows (Son of Dee Meadows, Fire Captain-Fire Department)

Mayor Clarence Billups presented a Proclamation for Public Works Week to PW Director Wilton Deloach.

CITY OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

Proclamation

Whereas, Public works infrastructure, facilities, and services are of vital importance to the health, safety, and well-being of the citizens of our community; and

Whereas, These facilities and services would not be available without the dedicated efforts of public works professionals, engineers, and administrators, representing state and local units of government who are responsible for transportation, water supply, sewage, refuse disposal systems, public buildings, and other structures and facilities essential to serving our citizens; and

Whereas, It is in the public interest for the citizens and civic leaders of this community to maintain a progressive interest in the public works needs and programs of Waycross; and

Whereas, This year marks the 55th annual Public Works Week and I urge all our citizens to join with representatives of governmental agencies and the American Public Works Association in activities and ceremonies designed to honor our public works professionals, engineers, and administrators, and to recognize the substantial contributions they have made to our national health and welfare.

Now, Therefore, I, Clarence E. Billups, Mayor of the City of Waycross join Nathan Deal, Governor of the State of Georgia, in proclaiming May 17-23, 2015, as PUBLIC WORKS WEEK in the great state of Georgia and in the City of Waycross.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Waycross to be affixed this May 19, 2015.

Clarence E. Billups, Mayor

City Manager Raphael Maddox thanked the City Employees for the quick response to the storm. The Police Department, Fire Department, Public Works, Engineering and all other departments quickly moved into action to remedy the storm damage. Mr. Maddox congratulated the high school graduates.

Chief Tony Tanner introduced a new program to the Commission, HYDRATE, Helping Youth Determine Responsible Alternatives Through Enrichment. This program will provide water that officers can utilize to interact with youth and citizens through the hot summer months. Giving the information needed to make well informed alternative decisions to lead people on a path of responsibility while seeing them through the days of their youth one bottle at a time.

Mayor Clarence Billups congratulated the scholarship recipients, graduating seniors and their parents. He congratulated Public Works and said we appreciate our employees.

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, Monday, May 4, 2015; City Commission Meeting, Tuesday, May 5, 2015.

There were no Ordinance Second Readings, Privilege License Renewals or Consent Resolutions.

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

Public Works has approved FY15 funds to purchase 2 each new model, 60” cut, rear discharge riding mowers. Finance Director Danny Lamonte presented the recommendation to purchase two Hustler X-One mowers from Vidalia Small Engine Service of Vidalia, GA for a total purpose price of \$15,600.00. Commissioner Diane Hopkins made the motion to purchase two Hustler X-One mowers from Vidalia Small Engine Service of Vidalia, GA for a total purchase price of \$15,600.00. Commissioner Norman Davis seconded the motion; all voted affirmatively and the motion carried.

A list of items (WAYX 15-13) no longer needed in any City department or confiscated by the Waycross Police Department was presented for consideration of declaring the property Surplus Property to be sold on GovDeals.com by Finance Director Danny Lamonte. Commissioner Diane Hopkins made the motion to approve the Surplus Property list. Commissioner Norman Davis seconded the motion; all voted affirmatively and the motion was approved.

Finance Director Danny Lamonte presented WAYX 15-14 Surplus Real Property. The City of Waycross owns 0.4 acres of property on Effie Street known as Effie Street Parcel A Lot 1. There has been a request by Mr. George Fluornoy, owner of adjoining property to purchase this property. If declared surplus by the City Commission, Purchasing will issue bids on this property and notify all adjoining property owners of the bid. Property will be awarded and sold to the highest bidder. Commissioner Norman Davis made the motion to declare the property surplus. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Diane Hopkins. The Commission all voted yes and the request was approved.

A Resolution Awarding the Bid for Street Striping Project was presented for approval:

RESOLUTION NO. 15-17

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA,
TO AWARD BID TO MID-STATE CONSTRUCTION & STRIPING OF PERRY, GEORIGIA, FOR
PAVEMENT STRIPING PROJECT; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

WHEREAS, the City of Waycross Engineering Department solicited bids for a pavement striping project that includes twenty-one (21) miles of varies heavily traveled streets throughout the City of Waycross that are in need of striping but not high on the pavement replacement list; and

WHEREAS, the City of Waycross Engineering Department offered the project through competitive bidding, and subsequently received and opened bids tendered for the project; and

WHEREAS, MID-STATE CONSTRUCTION & STRIPING of Perry, Georgia, submitted the best value bid for the project at a cost of one hundred and ninety-seven thousand, five hundred and twenty-one dollars and twenty-four cents (\$197,521.24); and

WHEREAS, said matter having been considered.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Commission of the City of Waycross, that a contract be awarded to MID-STATE CONSTRUCTION & STRIPING of Perry, Georgia, for the pavement striping project with a cost **not** to exceed one hundred and ninety-seven thousand, five hundred and twenty-one dollars and twenty-four cents (\$197,521.24) to be paid from SPLOST funds.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City of Waycross Engineering Department will endeavor to reduce the actual cost of the pavement striping project by mixing and matching the use of Thermoplastic striping and paint striping to create the best value for the City of Waycross.

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 19th 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 Awarding the Bid for Street Striping Project as presented. Commissioner Norman Davis seconded the motion; all present voted affirmatively and the motion passed.

A Resolution to Approve the Filing of a Petition for Declaratory and Injunctive Relief to Declare HB 523 Unconstitutional was presented to the Commission:

RESOLUTION No. 15- 18

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA
TO FILE A PETITION FOR DECLARATORY AND INJUNCTIVE RELIEF TO
DECLARE HOUSE BILL 523 UNCONSTITUTIONAL; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

WHEREAS, House Bill 523 (copy attached hereto) has passed the General Assembly and been signed by Governor Nathan Deal; and

WHEREAS, House Bill 523 has an effective date of July 1, 2015, and will thereafter prohibit the corporate limits of the City of Waycross from being in Pierce County;

WHEREAS, there will be dire consequences on the affairs of the City of Waycross if House Bill 523 becomes effective.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Commission of the City of Waycross that Richard E. Currie, the City Attorney for the City of Waycross, is directed to file a Petition for Declaratory and Injunctive Relief in an attempt to have House Bill 523 declared unconstitutional and void.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor, City Manager and City Attorney be authorized, empowered and directed, on behalf of the City Commission, 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 the 19th day of May, 2015.

CITY OF WAYCROSS

CLARENCE E. BILLUPS, Mayor

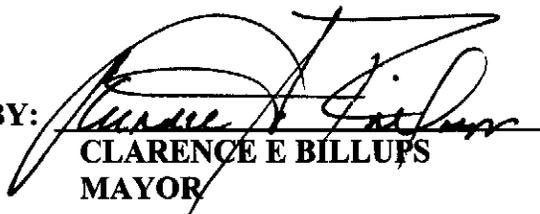
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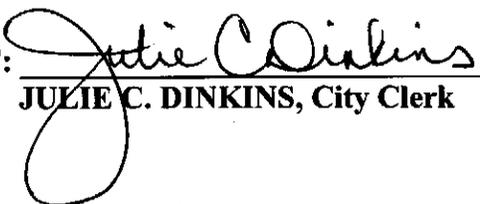
A Resolution to Approve the Filing of a Petition for Declaratory and Injunctive Relief to Declare HB 523 Unconstitutional as presented to the Commission was approved by motion from Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines. Commissioner Diane Hopkins seconded the motion. The Commissioners voted unanimously to approve the motion.

Mr. Maurice Mungin, 1517 Myers Avenue appeared before the Commission thanking them for the opportunity to perform at Way Fest. Mr. Mungin thanked the Commission and Police Chief for all of the support they have shown him. He announced that DVDs are available for the Purlie Victorious production.

After last call, Commissioner Norman Davis made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines 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