

MINUTES
WAYCROSS CITY COMMISSION MEETING
TUESDAY, MAY 20, 2014
7:00 P.M.

The Commission of the City of Waycross met in Regular Session on Tuesday, May 20, 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 and Mayor Billups led the Pledge of Allegiance

Under Executive Duties, Mayor Clarence E. Billups scheduled two public hearings.

- a. The first was a Zoning Text Amendment for Section 608.2 (Parking for Churches from (f) and add new parking requirements for Churches (ff) scheduled for Tuesday, June 17, 2014 at 6:15 p.m.
- b. The second was an Official Zoning Map Amendment Request for 909 Richmond Avenue from RS-Single Family to R-90 Residential District scheduled for Tuesday, June 17, 2014 at 6:30 p.m.

Mayor Billups, citing Executive privilege, asked Allison Herrin, HR, to introduce the City of Waycross Employees' graduating seniors. Honored were:

Caitlyn Dubberly, daughter of Tony Dubberly
DeVante Durham, son of Farrinda and Kelvin Durham
Wynn Hall, son of Matt Hall
Ty Hobbs, son of Jackson Hobbs.

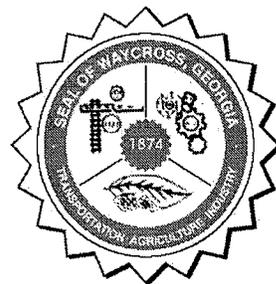
Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines made the presentation of the recipients of the ESG Award given in memory of the late Lt. Jeff Little, Waycross Fire Department. Receiving scholarships were:

Joshua Bacon, Dominique Jackson, Amber McDowell, Chelsea Murray, Abria Spencer and George Wheeler.

A Proclamation recognizing National Public Works Work in Waycross as May 12 – 24 was presented to Public Works Director Wilton Deloach by Mayor Clarence Billups.

CITY OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA

Office of the Mayor



PROCLAMATION

Whereas, Public Works services provided in our community are an integral part of our citizens' everyday lives; and

Whereas, the support of an understanding and informed citizenry is vital to the efficient operation of public works systems and programs such as water, sewers, streets and highways, public buildings, and solid waste collection; and

Whereas, the health, safety and comfort of this community greatly depends on these facilities and services; and

Whereas, the quality and effectiveness of these facilities, as well as their planning, design, and construction, are vitally dependent upon the efforts and skill of public works officials; and

Whereas, the efficiency of the qualified and dedicated personnel who staff public works departments is materially influenced by the people's attitude and understanding of the importance of the work they perform.

Now, therefore, I, Clarence E. Billups, Mayor of the City of Waycross, do hereby proclaim the week of May 18 -24, 2014, as

National Public Works Week in Waycross

And I call upon all citizens and civic organizations to acquaint themselves with the issues involved in providing our public works and to recognize the contributions which public works officials make every day to our health, safety, comfort, and quality of life.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Waycross to be affixed this 20th day of May, 2014.

Clarence E. Billups, Mayor

Fire Chief David Eddins announced that the Waycross Fire Department would be participating in the Give Burns the Boot fundraising drive through the Georgia Firefighters Burn

Foundation and the Southeast Firefighters Burn Foundation. The firefighters will be collecting for three weekends and began last weekend.

Interim City Manager Raphael Maddox informed the Commission that if the pending sale of Red Lobster is consummated, Darden plans to retro-fit the current building into one large Olive Garden Restaurant. 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. He congratulated all Waycross and regional graduates.

Mayor Clarence Billups, in the Mayor's Report, commended the graduating seniors. Mayor Billups also congratulated all graduates, high school or college. Mayor Billups thanked all educators, stating that he is concerned 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, May 5, 2014; and Waycross City Commission Meeting, Tuesday, May 6, 2014.

There were no Consent Ordinances, Resolutions or Privilege License Renewals.

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

Purchasing Director, Linda Jones, presented FY14-28; Fire Uniform Bid. Purchasing received 3 bids on fire uniforms. Staff recommends awarding the bid to ASR-Command Uniforms, Macon, GA as being the lowest best bid meeting all specifications. Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines made the motion to award the bid to ASR-Command Uniforms, Macon, GA. The bid was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Diane Hopkins. The vote was 5-0 and the motion was approved.

Purchasing Director Linda Jones presented FY 14-29; Police Uniform Bid. Purchasing received 3 bids on these items with ASR-Command Uniforms, Macon, GA as being the lowest best bid meeting all specifications. Commissioner Norman Davis made the motion to approve the bid to ASR-Command Uniforms, Macon, GA. Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines seconded the bid; all voted in favor and the motion carried.

An Ordinance to Amend the Code of the City of Waycross to amend Chapter 7, Article V and add a new section 7.111 pertaining to fences was presented for the first reading:

ORDINANCE NO. 14-07

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF THE CITY OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA; TO AMEND CHAPTER 7, ARTICLE V PERTAINING TO ADMINISTRATION AND ENFORCEMENT; TO ADD A NEW SECTION 7-111 PERTAINING TO FENCES; TO REPEAL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; TO PROVIDE FOR SEVERABILITY; TO PROVIDE FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE; TO PROVIDE FOR RENUMBERING OR RELETTERING; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines made the motion to approve the Ordinance to Amend the Code of the City of Waycross to amend Chapter 7, Article V and add a new section 7.111 pertaining to fences as presented for the first reading. Mayor Pro Tem Diane Hopkins second the motion. With a 5-0 vote the Ordinance was approved.

Times for Sale of Alcoholic Beverages was the subject of the next ordinance presented for approve on the first reading. This Ordinance will amend the Code, Chapter 4, Article I, Section 408 pertaining to times for sale of alcoholic beverages.

ORDINANCE NO. 14-06

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF THE CITY OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA; TO AMEND CHAPTER 4, ARTICLE I, SECTION 4-8 PERTAINING TO TIMES FOR SALE OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES; TO PROVIDE FOR THE SALE OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES FOR CONSUMPTION ON THE PREMISES BETWEEN CERTAIN HOURS ON SATURDAYS AND EARLY SUNDAY MORNINGS; TO REPEAL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; TO PROVIDE FOR SEVERABILITY; TO PROVIDE FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE; TO PROVIDE FOR RENUMBERING OR RELETTERING; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

The first reading of the Ordinance amending the Code and the times for sale of alcoholic beverages was approved by motion from Commissioner Norman Davis. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Diane Hopkins. Commissioners Solomon-Gaines, Ethridge, Nelson and Davis voted yes, Mayor Pro Tem Hopkins voted no.

An Ordinance to Amend the Code, Chapter 18, Article VI, Section 18-101 (1) (d) pertaining to group homes was presented for the first reading.

ORDINANCE NO. 14-08

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF THE CITY OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA; TO AMEND CHAPTER 18, ARTICLE VI, SECTION 18-101 (1) (d) PERTAINING TO GROUP HOMES, CONGREGATE CARE HOMES, AND REHABILITATION CENTERS; TO PROVIDE FOR NUMBER OF PERSONS SERVED BY HOME PROVIDER; TO ELIMINATE DISTANCE REQUIREMENTS FOR HOME PROVIDER; TO REPEAL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; TO PROVIDE FOR SEVERABILITY; TO PROVIDE FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE; TO PROVIDE FOR RENUMBERING OR RELETTERING; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Commissioner Norman Davis made the motion to approve the Ordinance Amending the Code pertaining to group homes for the first reading. Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines seconded the motion. Commissioners Solomon-Gaines, Ethridge, Nelson and Davis voted yes, Mayor Pro Tem Hopkins voted no.

A Resolution of the City of Waycross Awarding the Bid to Greene Concrete Construction for the Multi-Use Trail and Trailhead project was presented.

RESOLUTION NO. 14-40

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA TO AWARD BID TO GREENE CONCRETE CONSTRUCTION FOR THE MULTI-USE TRAIL AND TRAILHEAD PROJECT; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, the City of Waycross Purchasing Department solicited bids for the Multi-Use Trail and Trailhead Project (Rails to Trails); 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, Greene Concrete Construction submitted the lowest and best bid for the project in the amount of \$513,203.96; and

WHEREAS, the City Engineering Department recommends that bid including base bid and alternative bid be awarded to Greene Concrete Construction; and,

WHEREAS, said matter having been considered.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Commission of the City of Waycross that the bid for the Multi-Use Trail and Trailhead project, including base bid and alternative bid be awarded to Greene Concrete Construction for the sum of \$513,203.96, to be paid for from Transportation Enhancement Grant funds (\$300,000) and SPLOST (\$213203.96).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized and directed to execute the bid award and contract on behalf of the City of Waycross, hereby ratifying and confirming all the acts and things done and to be done to give effect to this Resolution.

SO RESOLVED, this 20th 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 Awarding the Bid to Greene Concrete Construction for the Multi-Use Trail and Trailhead project by motion from Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines. Mayor Pro Tem Diane Hopkins 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 Final Payments to Richard Sasser and RH Tyson for DWDA work at REA and Depot buildings was presented:

RESOLUTION NO. 14-41

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA
TO APPROVE FINAL PAYMENTS TO RICHARD SASSER, ARCHITECT AND RH TYSON
FOR ROOF REPLACEMENT AND EXTERIOR WOOD REPLACEMENT AND PAINTING
FOR THE REA AND DEPOT BUILDINGS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

WHEREAS, DWDA has approved SPLOST funds for repairs to the REA and RAIL DEPOT Buildings; and

WHEREAS, DWDA has submitted a request for final payment from Richard Sasser, Architect, for architectural services, and R. H. Tyson for the roof replacement and the exterior wood replacement and painting for the REA and Rail Depot Buildings; and

WHEREAS, said matter having been considered.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Commission of the City of Waycross that the final payment of \$10,403.14, be made to Richard Sasser, Architect, and \$86,249.11 to R. H. Tyson, for the roof replacement and the exterior wood replacement and painting for the REA and Rail Depot Buildings, to be paid for from approved SPLOST funds.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor, City Manager, and City Clerk be authorized and directed to make the final payments to Richard Sasser, Architect and R. H. Tyson 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 20th day of May.

CITY OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA

BY: CLARENCE E. BILLUPS, Mayor

ATTEST:

JULIE DINKINS, City Clerk

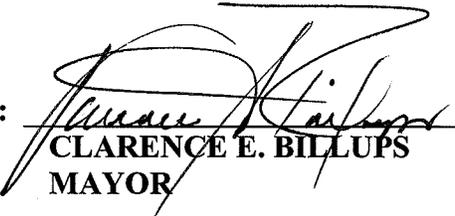
Commissioner Norman Davis made the motion to approve the Resolution of the City of Waycross, Georgia Approving the Final Payments to DWDA, Richard Sasser and RH Tyson for repairs to the REA and Depot buildings was presented as presented. Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines seconded the motion; the vote was unanimous and the resolution was approved with a 5-0 vote.

City Attorney Huey Spearman read into the record his Resignation letter. Mr. Spearman's last day with the City will be June 30, 2014. Each Commissioner and the Mayor expressed their sincere regret to see Mr. Spearman leave the City of Waycross.

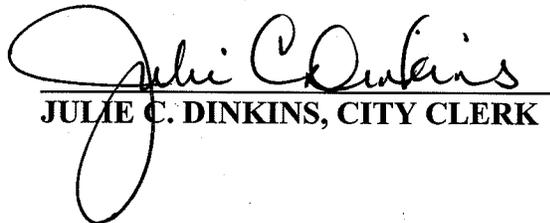
After last call Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines made the motion to adjourn the meeting; Mayor Pro Tem Diane Hopkins seconded the motion. All voted in favor and Mayor Billups adjourned the meeting.

CITY OF WAYCROSS

BY:


CLARENCE E. BILLUPS
MAYOR

ATTEST:


JULIE C. DINKINS, CITY CLERK