

**MINUTES**  
**WAYCROSS CITY COMMISSION MEETING**  
**TUESDAY, JUNE 5, 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, June 5, 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 Diane Hopkins offered the invocation which was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Human Resources Director Raphael Maddox introduced Mrs. Patricia Simmons, who was honored as the Employee of the Month for June, 2012.

Deron W. King, City Manager, presented the City Manager's Report. Mr. King congratulated Patricia Simmons as Employee of the Month. He reminded 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 set for Friday, June 8, 2012 from 6:00 until 8:00 p.m. at Memorial Stadium.

Mayor Clarence Billups also reminded citizens that the Jacksonville Jaguars will be in Waycross on Friday, June 8, 2012 from 6:00 until 8:00 p.m. at Memorial Stadium and urged citizens to come out and be a part of the Jacksonville Jaguars Caravan.

Mayor Clarence Billups commended Historian Ludeane Whitefield and Chaplain Brenda Elam of the John S Sutton American Legion Unit 517 who compiled a proud directory of Hazzard Hill's military dead which was published in the Waycross Journal Herald on May 28, 2012.

Mayor Billups commended the Waycross Jaycees for their community service, in particular sponsoring the Annual Fourth of July Fireworks display. The Mayor emphasized that this Commission is determined and committed to do whatever is necessary to insure that there is a Fourth of July fireworks display in 2012. This Commission discussed what we could do to insure that our community is provided with an annual fireworks display. I am committed as Mayor and I know that the Commission is committed to do whatever we possibly can. Money was budgeted and we will be revisiting the budget to do whatever we can to insure that the celebration goes on as planned. Again I want to congratulate the Waycross Jaycees and ask them for their support. I also want to thank those community volunteers who called me at home last night and today, and with their donations from private sources, I can assure you that we will have our Fourth of July Fireworks Celebration. I say often times that we must grow our economy, but more importantly we must grow ourselves and in doing so I truly believe that we are a better community for doing it. We can only do what one, two or three together can muster.

One individual cannot and should not be responsible for carrying the load, we must do it together. We cannot and must not lay blame to anyone. I am just as responsible and you care just as responsible as anyone else. I am thoroughly aware that this Commission has the community's sincere appreciation and is committed to serve this community. None of these Commissioners would be sitting here without this commitment. We will move this community forward. Just growing our economy is not enough, we must grow our inner growth, and that is within ourselves. We must come together, and we will remain as such. We are about the people's business. Hard decisions have been made and will continue to be made. I know we will move forward. It is about the total community moving forward. I applaud the Commissioners and I applaud the people we work for. Together we stand, divided we fall.

Mr. Dave Calloway, Chairman, Waycross Ware County Chamber of Commerce and Tourism Bureau addressed the Commission regarding the Chamber contract. Mr. Calloway expressed the Chambers concern over the cancellation of the contract. The Chamber currently utilizes the funds from the City to staff the tourism center, respond to information requests and advertise and promote the area. The issues which need to be considered as a result of cancellation of the contract include the loss of a job, the location of the visitor's center and signage, maintenance of the tourism website, numerous promotional materials containing the current address, and the handling of requests for information. Mr. Calloway requested an opportunity to sit down with the Commission and discuss these matters before the Resolution is approved.

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, May 14, 2012; and, Waycross City Commission Meeting Tuesday, May 15, 2012.

Two consent resolutions:

1. Authorizing Cora Jean Crosby (executor of the estate of H F Alexander) to reconvey Section c, Lot 42, spaces 5, 6, and 7 in Oakland Cemetery to John Morgan.
2. Authorizing Prima Donna Barnett (sole living heir of W C Anderson, deceased) to reconvey Section F, Lots 51, grave spaces 3,4, 7 & 8, Oakland Cemetery to Marvin Hurst.

There were no ordinance second readings or privilege license renewals.

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

Surplus Property WAYX 12-110 was presented for review. Ms. Linda Jones requested that the real property known as Folks Street, B432 L53 be declared surplus and sold by sealed bid to the highest bidder. The City has had a request from Carolyn Fluker to purchase this parcel as she owns the adjoining property.

Commissioner Norman Davis made the motion to approve the motion to declare Folks Street property as surplus as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Diane Hopkins; the vote was unanimous and the motion passed with a 5-0 vote.

Purchasing Director, Linda Jones presented a bid for FY13 Gas Card Services for review. The City anticipates using approximately 100,000 gallons of unleaded gasoline and approximately 50,000 gallons of low sulfur #2 diesel during FY13. Purchasing received 2 bids with only the local vendor meeting specifications. Staff recommends awarding the bid to T & R Oil with a .06 cent markup on unleaded gasoline and a .07 cent markup on diesel.

Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines made the motion to approve the bid for FY13 Gas Card Services. Commissioner Diane Hopkins seconded the motion; all voted in favor and the motion carried. The vote was 5 – 0.

Mrs. Linda Jones presented the FY13 Oil and Lube bid. The Public Works Department anticipates spending approximately \$8,000 - \$10,000 in the FY13 budget year on oil and lubricants for the City's vehicles and equipment. Purchasing received 2 bids from local vendors. Staff recommends awarding the bid to T & R Oil being the lowest and best bidder meeting all specifications.

Upon motion by Commissioner William Simmons, the FY13 Oil and Lube bid was approved. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines. The motion by approved by a unanimous vote of 5 – 0.

The FY13 Annual Tree Removal / Stump Grinding bid was presented by Purchasing Director Linda Jones for review. The Waycross Public Works / Engineering Department anticipate spending approximately \$4,000 - \$5,000 on tree removal and stump grinding services in FY13. Purchasing solicited bids from 6 tree surgeons but received only 1 bid. Walker Tree Service met all bid specifications and requirements and staff recommends awarding the bid to Walker Tree Service for another year.

Commissioner Norman Davis made the motion to approve the motion to approve the FY13 Annual Tree Removal / Stump Grinding bid as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner William Simmons; the vote was unanimous and the motion passed with a 5-0 vote.

Purchasing Director, Linda Jones presented an extension of the Police Department Leather Goods for FY13 for review. Azars of Tallahassee, Fl has been the bid holder for FY11 and FY12 with the price remaining constant. Azars has again agreed to keep our pricing form for another year and Staff recommends extending this bid to Azars.

Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines made the motion to approve the extension of the Police Department Leather Goods for FY13. seconded by Commissioner Norman Davis; all voted in favor and the motion passed with a 5-0 vote.

A Resolution of the Waycross City Commission to Approve and Ratify Notice of Cancellation of Agreement between the City of Waycross, Georgia and Waycross-Ware County Chamber of Commerce to Promote Tourism, Conventions and Trade Shows in the City of Waycross was presented.

### **RESOLUTION 12-23**

#### **A RESOLUTION OF THE WAYCROSS CITY COMMISSION TO APPROVE AND RATIFY NOTICE OF CANCELLATION OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA AND WAYCROSS-WARE- COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, INC. TO PROMOTE TOURISM, CONVENTIONS AND TRADE SHOWS IN THE CITY OF WAYCROSS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

**WHEREAS**, The City of Waycross, Georgia (the "City") and the Waycross-Ware County Chamber of Commerce, Inc. (the "Chamber") entered into an Agreement dated May 2, 1989, providing that the Chamber would promote tourism, conventions and trade shows in the City of Waycross, and other purposes as set forth in Official Code of Georgia Annotated, Section 48-13-51(a)(3); and

**WHEREAS**, The City agreed to pay the Chamber from the City's levy and imposition of an excise tax upon the furnishing for value to the public of any room or rooms, lodging or accommodations (the "Hotel/Motel Tax"); and

**WHEREAS**, Pursuant to paragraph 8 of said Agreement, the City desires to, and hereby does withdraw and cancels said Agreement by giving the Chamber thirty (30) days written Notice in advance of such termination date, by letter dated June 1, 2012, signed by the City Manager, Deron King. Accordingly, said Agreement shall effectively be terminated **June 30, 2012**, and of no further force or effect. All sums previously remitted to the Chamber under the Agreement will thereafter be retained by the City. The Chamber will be relieved of any further responsibility to affirmatively promote tourism, conventions and trade shows for the City of Waycross.; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Waycross shall henceforth administer the funds designated for tourism, conventions and trade shows, and shall work in conjunction with other organizations to implement promotion of tourism, conventions and trade shows in the City of Waycross; and

**WHEREAS**, said having been duly considered;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Commission of the City of Waycross that the City of Waycross approve Cancellation and Termination of Agreement between the City of Waycross, Georgia and Waycross-Ware County Chamber of Commerce, Inc., dated May 2, 1989.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the City of Waycross shall work in conjunction with other organizations to implement promotion of tourism, conventions and trade shows in the City of Waycross.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Letter containing the Notice of Cancellation of said Agreement between the City of Waycross and Waycross-Ware County Chamber of Commerce signed by the City Manager dated June 1, 2012, with an effective termination date of June 30, 2012 be, and the same is hereby ratified, confirmed and approved.

**SO RESOLVED** this 5<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2012.

**CITY OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA**

**BY: CLARENCE E BILLUPS  
MAYOR**

**ATTEST: JULIE DINKINS, City Clerk**

Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines made the motion to approve the Resolution of the Waycross City Commission to Approve and Ratify Notice of Cancellation of Agreement between the City of Waycross, Georgia and Waycross-Ware County Chamber of Commerce to Promote Tourism, Conventions and Trade Shows in the City of Waycross 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 Approve Application for a Loan under the City's Revolving Loan Fund for Rivers & Associates LLC dba Waycross Family Pharmacy was presented.

**RESOLUTION NO. 12-24**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE WAYCROSS CITY COMMISSION  
TO APPROVE APPLICATION FOR A LOAN UNDER THE CITY'S REVOLVING  
LOAN FUND FOR RIVERS & ASSOCIATES LLC DBA WAYCROSS FAMILY  
PHARMACY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Waycross maintains a Local Revolving Loan Fund (RLF) through the Department of Community Affairs' (DCA) Community Development Block Grant Employment Incentive Program; and

**WHEREAS**, Revolving Loan Funds are designed to fund businesses as an alternative to traditional bank loans when said loans are difficult to obtain due to stricter underwriting standards, and help businesses to generate jobs and support the local community by employing local workers; and

**WHEREAS**, the City's Revolving Loan Fund Committee met and considered the application of Rivers & Associates LLC D/B/A Waycross Family Pharmacy, and determined that said business meets all of the qualifications to be approved for a loan from the City's Revolving Loan fund, in the amount of \$75,000.00.

**WHEREAS**, said funds are available and the matter has been duly considered;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Commission of the City of Waycross that the City of Waycross approve the Application of Rivers & Associates LLC D/B/A Waycross Family Pharmacy for a business loan in the amount of \$75,000.00, repayable as interest only for the first year, and amortized thereafter for five (5) years at an interest rate of ten (10) percent, until the balance is paid in full.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Mayor, City Clerk, City Manager, and Finance Director be and are hereby authorized, directed, and empowered to execute any necessary loan documents needed for the City Attorney to close the RLF transaction for said business, without delay.

**SO RESOLVED** this 5<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2012.

**CITY OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA**

**BY: CLARENCE E BILLUPS  
MAYOR**

**ATTEST: JULIE DINKINS, City Clerk**

Commissioner Norman Davis made the motion to approve A Resolution of the City of Waycross, Georgia To Approve Application for a Loan under the City's Revolving Loan Fund for Rivers & Associates LLC dba Waycross Family Pharmacy as presented. Commissioner Alvin Nelson seconded the motion; all voted in favor and the motion was approved with a 5-0 vote.

Mr. Bill McIntosh representing Buglers Across America and the Armed Forces Day Experience addressed the Commission. Mr. McIntosh shared his experience of when he played taps at Arlington National Cemetery for Taps of 150 and the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Taps.

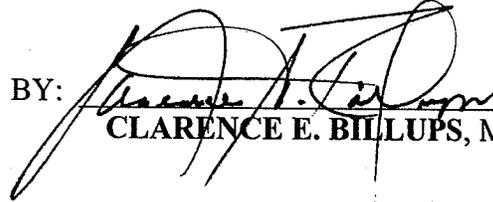
Mr. Adam Ferrell of the Waycross Jaycees addressed the Commission to thank them for their contribution to the Fourth of July, Take Pride in America Day at Memorial Stadium. He

requested that the Commission made an annual monetary commitment in the form of a line item in the budget to insure that the Fourth of July celebration can continue each year.

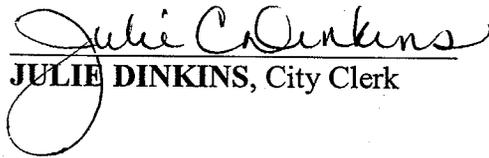
Ms. Annalease Gibson representing Albany State University's Social Work Program at Waycross College addressed the Commission. Ms. Gibson stated that she had her students with her as a part of her class work.

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

**CITY OF WAYCROSS**

BY:   
**CLARENCE E. BILLUPS, Mayor**

ATTEST:

  
**JULIE DINKINS, City Clerk**

