

MINUTES
WAYCROSS CITY COMMISSION MEETING
TUESDAY, JUNE 18, 2013
7:00 P.M.

The Commission of the City of Waycross met in Regular Session in the Commission Chambers of City Hall on Tuesday, June 18, 2013. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Clarence E. Billups at 7:00 p.m. Those in attendance were Mayor Pro Tem William Simmons, Commissioners Marian Solomon-Gaines, Diane Hopkins, Norman Davis and Alvin Nelson.

Reverend William Simmons, Mayor Pro Tem and Pastor of Light of the World Ministries offered the opening invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Under Executive Duties, Mayor Clarence Billups scheduled a Called Meeting for Tuesday, June 25, 2013 at 5:00 p.m. for the Purpose of Considering an Addendum to the Southland Waste Control and revised Ordinance pertaining to Commercial Dumpster Service. A Zoning Public Hearing was also scheduled for Tuesday, July 16, 2013 at 6:30 p.m. on Remshart Street from C-4 Central Business to C-1 Neighborhood Commercial.

Deron W. King, City Manager, presented the City Manager's Report. Mr. King reported that two City employees have displayed exemplary service to the City by being appointed to boards in their individual associations. Raphel Maddox was appointed to the Board of the Georgia Local Government Personnel Association which is the state wide organization of Human Resource Directors. Jennifer Dean was appointed to the Board of the Southeastern Animal Control Association, which is a regional organization.

Mr. King reported that the Second Annual Jacksonville Jaguar Caravan was a great success. He thanked Main Street / Tourism Director Sloan Fountain and HR Director Raphel Maddox for making all of the arrangements. He also thanked the HR staff, Avis Staten and Allison Herrin for their work in making this event a success, along with the Police Department Fire Department and all employees who helped with this event. Mr. King said to look for information concerning Waycross day at a Jacksonville Jaguar's game.

In the Mayor's Report, Mayor Billups thanked Avis Staten and Allison Herrin of the HR Department for their work on the Jacksonville Jaguar Caravan. Mayor Billups also commended the City staff, commenting that at Business After Hours he received several comments on how clean Downtown Waycross looks. Mayor Billups thanked Jennifer Dean and Raphel Maddox for going the extra mile in everything they do.

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 Monday, and Executive Session, Monday, June 3, 2013, Waycross City Commission Meeting, Tuesday, June 4, 2013 and FY 2014 Budget Public Hearing, Wednesday, June 12, 2013.

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

Commissioner Diane Hopkins 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.

A Privilege License for Ellis Roberts, d/b/a Omar Ellis Package Store, 703 Oak Street, Package Sales / Beer, Wine and Liquor was presented for review. Commissioner William Simmons made the motion to deny the Privilege License. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines; Commissioners Diane Hopkins, William Simmons, Marian Solomon-Gaines and Alvin Nelson voted yes; Commissioner Norman Davis voted No. The Privilege License was denied.

Mrs. Linda Jones, Director, Purchasing Department presented the Annual Fuel Bid FY14. The City of Waycross will use approximately 100,000 gallons of unleaded gasoline and approximately 50,000 gallons of low sulfur #2 diesel during the FY14 Fiscal Year. Purchasing has received two bids from local vendors for our gas card services. Purchasing recommends awarding the bid to T & R Oil who the City has used for the last 13 years with exceptional service. T & R Oil bid a .06 cent markup on gasoline and a .07 cent markup on diesel fuel.

Commissioner Norman Davis made the motion to approve the Annual Fuel Bid to T & R Oil of Waycross, Georgia for the City's Fuel for FY14. Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines seconded the motion; all voted in favor and the motion carried.

Mrs. Linda Jones, Director, Purchasing Department presented Bid Extension FY-14 Annual Coffee Service. In June 2011 the City awarded our Annual Coffee Service FY12 to K & L Distributors and extended the bid in FY13. K & L Distributors has agreed to keep their bid price firm for FY14 for Coffee Service with no price increases. Purchasing recommends awarding the bid to K & L Distributors for FY14.

Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines made the motion to approve the Bid Extension to K & L Distributors of Waycross, Georgia for the City's Annual Coffee Service. Commissioner William Simmons seconded the motion; all voted yes and the motion carried.

A Resolution of the City of Waycross, Georgia to Set Rates and Charges Identified in Chapter 36 of the Code of the City of Waycross for the Consumption of Water Services; to Set Rates and Charges Identified in Chapter 32 of the Code of the City of Waycross for the Consumption of Wastewater Services was presented.

RESOLUTION NO. 13-32

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA
TO SET RATES AND CHARGES IDENTIFIED IN CHAPTER 36 OF THE CODE OF
THE CITY OF WAYCROSS FOR THE CONSUMPTION OF WATER SERVICES; TO
SET RATES AND CHARGES IDENTIFIED IN CHAPTER 32 OF THE CODE OF THE
CITY OF WAYCROSS FOR THE CONSUMPTION OF WASTEWATER SERVICES;
TO PROVIDE AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

WHEREAS, under the provision of Section 36-29 of the Code of the City of Waycross, Georgia the rate and charges for the consumption of water services furnished by the city shall be as determined by the Commission of the City of Waycross from time to time and on file on the office of the city clerk; and

WHEREAS, the current rates and charges have been in effect since 2012 without an increase, although the time, expertise and costs to the City to provide these services have increased; and

WHEREAS, the increase in rates and charges will serve to offset costs only to the City in order to continue providing these services; and

WHEREAS, the Commission has undertaken a study of the water rates by Public Resources Management Group, Inc. (PRMG) and PRMG has completed that study; and

WHEREAS, the Commission has determined that the rate of charges for water services furnished through meters shall be as follows:

1.5% FY 2014 Budget

<i>Description</i>	<i>Monthly Base Charge</i>
Residential, Multi-Family, & Commercial Meter Size:	
¾ Meter"	\$ 16.76
1 Meter"	27.62
1.5 Meter"	50.22
2 Meter"	66.97
3 Meter"	150.67
4 Meter"	217.64
6 Meter"	401.79
8 Meter"	619.42

Irrigation Meter Size:

¾ Meter"	\$ 16.76
1 Meter"	27.62
1.5 Meter"	50.22
2 Meter"	66.97
3 Meter"	100.44
4 Meter"	167.41
6 Meter"	301.34

Fire Line Meter Size:

¾ Meter"	\$ 16.76
1 Meter"	16.76
1.5 Meter"	16.76
2 Meter"	22.66
4 Meter"	22.66
6 Meter"	31.95
8 Meter"	44.30
10 Meter"	61.81
12 Meter"	87.57

Proposed Volumetric Charge

***Rate Per
1,000 gallons***

Residential

0 - 3,000	\$ 1.22
3,001 - 10,000	1.46
10,001 - 20,000	1.77
Above 20,000	2.13

**Multi-Family, Commercial,
& Irrigation: All Usage**

\$ 1.35

WHEREAS, under the provision of Section 32-92 of the Code of the City of Waycross, Georgia the rate and charges for the consumption of wastewater services furnished by the city shall be as determined by the Commission of the City of Waycross from time to time and on file on the office of the city clerk; and

WHEREAS, the current rates and charges have been in effect since 2012 without an increase, although the time, expertise and costs to the City to provide these services have increased; and

WHEREAS, the increase in rates and charges will serve to offset costs only to the City in order to continue providing these services; and

WHEREAS, the Commission has undertaken a study of the wastewater rates by Public Resources Management Group, Inc. (PRMG) and PRMG has completed that study; and

WHEREAS, the Commission has determined that the rate of charges for wastewater services shall be as follows:

<i>Description</i>	<i>Monthly Base Charge</i>
Residential	\$ 10.30
Multi-Family, & Commercial Meter Size:	
¾ Meter"	\$ 19.99
1 Meter"	32.98
1.5 Meter"	59.96
2 Meter"	79.94
3 Meter"	179.88
4 Meter"	259.82
6 Meter"	479.67
8 Meter"	739.50
<i>Proposed Volumetric Charge</i>	<i>Rate Per 1,000 gallons</i>
Residential – All Usage	\$ 4.15
Multi-Family & Commercial – All Usage	1.81
All Usage	
Sewer Only – All Usage	\$ 4.15

WHEREAS, on September 17, 2002, the City of Waycross entered into a Joint Agreement Between the City of Waycross and the Ware County Water and Sewer Authority (now known as "Satilla Regional Water and Sewer Authority") for Wastewater Treatment Services-Waycross Wastewater Treatment Facility (the "Joint Agreement"); and

WHEREAS, the proposed rate charge increases for wastewater services for Satilla Regional Water and Sewer Authority shall be as determined by the said Joint Agreement and pursuant to a separate Resolution; and

WHEREAS, said matters and the proposed rate charge increases having been considered.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Commission of the City of Waycross that the City of Waycross set rates and charges for water services and wastewater services in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 36 and Chapter 32 of the Code of the City of Waycross, Georgia in the amounts set forth hereinabove.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City of Waycross shall begin charging the new rates and charges for all accounts billed by the City of Waycross effective July 1, 2013.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the above rates may be adjusted each July 1 by the Commission of the City of Waycross by adoption of the resolution for said purpose for the annual percentage increase in the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers, in all Items category, as published by the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics in the CPI Detailed Report for December of the preceding calendar year with the annual increase limited to five percent.

SO RESOLVED, this 18th of June, 2013.

CITY OF WAYCROSS
BY: CLARENCE E. BILLUPS, Mayor

ATTEST:
JULIE DINKINS, City Clerk

The Resolution of the City of Waycross, Georgia to Set Water and Wastewater Rates was approved by motion from Commissioner William Simmons; seconded by Commissioners Marian Solomon-Gaines; the vote was unanimous in favor and approved with a 5-0 vote.

A Resolution to Approve City of Waycross Budgets for the Fiscal Year 2014; June 1, 2013 Through June 30, 2014 was presented for review.

RESOLUTION NO. 13-31

**A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE CITY OF WAYCROSS BUDGETS
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2014;
JULY 1, 2013 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2014**

WHEREAS, on June 12, 2013 the Commission of the City of Waycross held budget hearings and examined the proposed balanced budget; and

WHEREAS, the budgets are being considered by the Commission; and

WHEREAS, said budgets indicate anticipated revenues as follows:

General Fund	\$13,470,134.00
Water & Sewer Fund	\$ 6,177,817.00
Waste Management Fund	\$ 2,102,644.00
Cemetery Fund	\$ 201,759.00
WPD Information Technology Fund	\$ 15,000.00
Hotel/Motel Tax Fund	\$ 271,500.00
SPLOST 2008-2013 Fund	\$ 3,075,000.00

for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2013 and ending June 30, 2014; and

WHEREAS, the City Manager of the City of Waycross has prepared and submitted to the Commission of the City of Waycross budgets for expenditures as follows:

General Fund	\$13,470,134.00
Water & Sewer Fund	\$ 6,177,817.00
Waste Management Fund	\$ 2,102,644.00
Cemetery Fund	\$ 201,759.00
WPD Information Technology Fund	\$ 15,000.00
Hotel/Motel Tax Fund	\$ 271,500.00
SPLOST 2008-2013 Fund	\$ 3,075,000.00

for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2013 and ending June 30, 2014; and

WHEREAS, said budgets are balanced budgets and have been prepared in accordance with accepted budgeting practice; and

WHEREAS, said revised budgets are line item budgets in compliance with the provisions of Sections 4-1/2 and 5 of the Code of the City of Waycross; and

WHEREAS, the Commission of the City of Waycross has studied and revised the proposed budgets and considers it in the best interest of the City to adopt said revised budgets; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 36-81-5 and related sections, on June 12, 2013, the Commission of the City of Waycross held a public hearing on said proposed budgets at which time persons wishing to be heard on the budgets were allowed to appear, notice of said hearing having been given pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 36-81-5.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Commission of the City of Waycross that the budgets, as revised, attached hereto and made a part hereof for the fiscal year 2014 beginning July 1, 2013, and ending June 30, 2014, for the City of Waycross, are approved.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Commission of the City of Waycross that amendments to the budget so as to adapt to changing governmental needs during the fiscal year may be made in accordance with the provision of O.C.G.A. § 36-81-3.

SO RESOLVED, this 18th day of June, 2013.

CITY OF WAYCROSS
BY: **CLARENCE E. BILLUPS**, Mayor

ATTEST:
JULIE DINKINS, City Clerk

Commissioner Norman Davis made the motion to approve A Resolution to Approve City of Waycross Budgets for the Fiscal Year 2014; June 1, 2013 Through June 30, 2014 was presented. Commissioner Diane Hopkins seconded the motion; all voted positively and the motion carried.

A Resolution of the City of Waycross, Georgia to Set Rates and Charges Identified in Chapter 13 of the Code of the City of Waycross for Garbage and Refuse Collection for Commercial Dumpster Customers was presented for review.

RESOLUTION NO. 13-34

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA
TO SET RATES AND CHARGES IDENTIFIED IN CHAPTER 13
OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF WAYCROSS FOR GARBAGE AND REFUSE
COLLECTION FOR COMMERCIAL DUMPSTER CUSTOMERS;
TO PROVIDE AN EFFECTIVE DATE;
AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

WHEREAS, under the provision of Section 13-11 of the Code of the City of Waycross, Georgia the rate and charges for the collection of garbage and refuse by the city shall be as determined by the Commission of the City of Waycross from time to time and on file in the office of the city clerk; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to an Exclusive Agreement between the City of Waycross, Georgia and Republic Services of Georgia Limited Partnership, D/B/A Southland Waste Systems ("Southland"), dated August 7, 2012, the City of Waycross shall take over billing and collection of commercial dumpster customers from Southland to the City, including implementation of a fee schedule provided in Attachment 1 for those commercial dumpster customers; and

WHEREAS, said transition of billing and collection of commercial dumpster customers from Southland to the City shall, by mutual agreement of the parties, become effective July 1, 2013, and the City desires to set rates and charges for said commercial dumpster customers while maintaining continuity of services and billing; and

WHEREAS, the Commission has determined that the rates for existing commercial dumpster customers shall be the same as they were for Southland Waste Systems, and the rates for new customers shall be based upon Attachment 1 to the Exclusive Agreement between Southland and the City, with a fifteen percent (15%) Administrative add on fee;

WHEREAS, the Commission anticipates revising the entire rate structure for commercial dumpster customers during the early stages of the transition of billing, and upon completion of such revisions will adopt a new revised rate structure for all commercial dumpster customers; and

WHEREAS, said matters and the proposed rate structure having been considered.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Commission of the City of Waycross that the City of Waycross set rates and charges for existing commercial dumpster customers which shall be the same as they were for Southland Waste Systems prior to July 1, 2013, which rates are on file in the office of the Clerk of the City of Waycross at City Hall, and the rates for new customers shall be based upon Attachment 1 to the Exclusive Agreement between Southland and the City dated August 7, 2012, with a fifteen percent (15%) Administrative add on fee.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that said rates shall remain in effect until the City Commission prepares revised rates and charges for all commercial dumpster customers during the early stages of the transition of billing from Southland to the City, and adopts the new revised rate structure.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City of Waycross shall begin charging said rates and charges for all commercial dumpster accounts billed by the City of Waycross effective July 1, 2013.

SO RESOLVED, this 18th day of June, 2013.

CITY OF WAYCROSS
BY: **CLARENCE E. BILLUPS**, Mayor

ATTEST:
JULIE DINKINS, City Clerk

Commissioner Diane Hopkins made the motion to approve the Resolution to Set Rates and Charges Identified in Chapter 13 of the Code of the City of Waycross for Garbage and Refuse Collection for Commercial Dumpster Customers as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines; the vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

A Resolution of the Commission of the City of Waycross, to Approve Locomotive Relocation Project for Okefenokee Technical College was presented.

RESOLUTION NO. 13-33

**A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMISSION
OF THE CITY OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA TO APPROVE
LOCOMOTIVE RELOCATION PROJECT FOR OKEFENOKEE
TECHNICAL COLLEGE;
AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

WHEREAS, Okefenokee Technical College (“OTC”) is a unit of the Technical College System of the State of Georgia, and is receiving a locomotive donated by Progress Rail Services of Patterson, Georgia, as a training module for OTC Rail Programs; and

WHEREAS, OTC has requested permission from the City of Waycross, Georgia, (the “City”), to utilize City streets for the relocation of the locomotive to its campus at 1701 Carswell Avenue, Waycross, Georgia 31503, from Progress Rail Services of Patterson, Georgia; and

WHEREAS, Utilco Rail Services will be moving the locomotive from the rail track near Perham Street to Okefenokee Technical College, with intersections along the route being closed and reopened intermittently as the engine travels down the street; and

WHEREAS, the Commission of the City of Waycross desires to grant the requests of OTC in connection with relocation of the locomotive to its campus, contingent upon the City receiving satisfactory assurances that adequate provisions have been made for the payment of any damages that might occur to persons and/or property during the relocation process, as shall be determined by the City Attorney; and

WHEREAS, said matter having been considered.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Commission of the City of Waycross that permission is granted to Okefenokee Technical College to relocate a locomotive from Progress Rail Services to its Campus utilizing the services of Utilco Rail Services, contingent upon the City receiving satisfactory assurances that adequate provisions have been made for the payment of any damages that might occur to persons and/or property during the relocation process, as shall be determined by the City Attorney.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and City Clerk be, and are hereby authorized, directed and empowered to execute this Resolution on behalf of the City of Waycross, Georgia, for the purposes stated herein.

SO RESOLVED, this 18th day of June, 2013.

CITY OF WAYCROSS
BY: **CLARENCE E. BILLUPS**, Mayor

ATTEST:
JULIE DINKINS, City Clerk

Commissioner Norman Davis made the motion to approve the Resolution of the Commission of the City of Waycross, to Approve Locomotive Relocation Project for Okefenokee Technical College as presented. Commissioner William Simmons seconded the motion; all voted in favor and the motion was approved.

Mr. Emory O. "Big O" Marcus, 1200 Darling Avenue, addressed the Commission regarding Bailey Street Park. Mr. Marcus informed the Commission that County Manager Paul Smith had contacted him and agreed to meet with him regarding Bailey Street Park.

During closing remarks, Commissioner Alvin Nelson requested that City Manager Deron King update the public on the proposed Waycross East By-Pass, expressing his concern about the impact of the Bypass on Downtown Waycross.

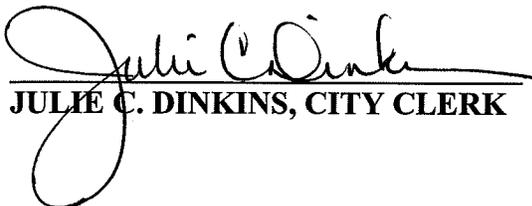
Mayor Clarence Billups thanked the City Staff and City Manager for a balanced budget for Fiscal Year 2014.

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

CITY OF WAYCROSS

BY: 
CLARENCE E. BILLUPS
Mayor

ATTEST:


JULIE C. DINKINS, CITY CLERK