

MINUTES
WAYCROSS CITY COMMISSION MEETING
TUESDAY, JUNE 18, 2019
5:00 PM

The Honorable John Knox, Mayor of the City of Waycross called the Regular City Commission Meeting to order on Tuesday, June 18, 2019 at the Commission Chambers of City Hall. Members in attendance with Mayor John Knox were: Mayor Pro Tem Diane Hopkins, Commissioners Marian Solomon-Gaines, John Threat and Norman Davis. Commissioner Jon Tindall was not present. City Manager Tonya Miller and City Attorney Rick Currie were also in attendance.

City Manager Tonya Miller introduced Bishop John A. Moss Church of Christ Written in Heaven, who offered the opening invocation. The Invocation was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Mayor John Knox.

Human Resource Director Edwin Lastinger introduced Battalion Chief Jim Blackburn of the Waycross Fire Department, Employee of the Month for June, 2019.

Mayor John Knox presented a Proclamation in honor of the Wilson Family Reunion for their 40th year reunion in Waycross.

City Attorney Rick Currie scheduled a Zoning Hearing to Amend the Zoning Map for 1010 and 1014 Mary Street from R-50 Residential to M – Medical, July 16, 2018 at 4:30 P.M.

Finance Director China Williams was presented the Government Finance Officers Association Distinguished Budget Presentation Award for FY2019.

Mayor Pro Tem Diane Hopkins made the motion to re-appoint Erin Jackson to Post 9 with the Waycross Ware County Planning Commission for a three year term beginning July 1, 2019 and ending June 30, 2022. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines and all voted positively to approve the motion.

Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines made the motion to appoint Commissioner John Threat to the Waycross-Ware County Joint Commission Committee, to serve with Mayor John Knox and City Manager Tonya Miller.

There was no City Manager's Report, Mayor's Report or public remarks on official action.

Mayor Knox presented the Consent Calendar as read by City Clerk Julie Dinkins for consideration of official action as follows:

Approval of Minutes: Approval of Minutes: 1.) Waycross City Commission Planning & Information Session and Executive Session, Monday, June 3, 2019, 5:00 p.m.; 2.) Waycross City Commission Budget Work Session, Tuesday, June 4, 2019, 9:00 a.m.; 3.) Public Hearing,

Tuesday, June 4, 2019, 4:15 p.m.; 4.) Public Hearing, Tuesday, June 4, 2019, 4:30 p.m.; 5.) Waycross City Commission Meeting, Tuesday, June 4, 2019, 5:00 p.m.; 6.) Budget Hearing, Tuesday, June 11, 2019, 10:00 a.m.

No Privilege License Renewals, Ordinance Second Readings or consent resolutions were presented.

Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines made the motion to approve the Consent Calendar; seconded by Commissioner Norman Davis; and approved with a 4-0 vote.

Ms. Linda Jones, Purchasing Director presented Bid FY19-20 Annual Leather Goods for Police Department. Purchasing has received bids from 6 uniform vendors, 3 were able to bid on all of our needed items. Purchasing recommends awarding the bid to Patrick's Uniforms of Jacksonville, Fla as being the best bid. Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines made the motion to approve Patrick's Uniforms as the Leather Goods supplier for the Police Department; seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Diane Hopkins, and approved with a 4-0 vote.

Ms. Linda Jones, Purchasing Director, presented Surplus Property WAYX 19-10 Surplus Property Fire Department. Miscellaneous SCBA Equipment. Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines made the motion to approve the Fire Department list as surplus and sell on GovDeals.com. Mayor Pro Tem Diane Hopkins seconded the motion which was approved with a 4-0 vote.

Ms. Linda Jones, Purchasing Director, presented Surplus Property WAYX 19-11. Waycross Police Department is requesting that a 2010 Glock 22, Serial #PCG066 handgun, badge and leather jacket be declared as surplus property so that these items may be presented to Chief Tony Tanner upon his requirement. Commissioner Norman Davis made the motion to approve request; seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Diane Hopkins and approved.

An Ordinance Amending the Code of the City of Waycross, Prohibition of Parking in Fire Lanes was presented for the first reading:

ORDINANCE NO. 019-10

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF THE CITY OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA; TO AMEND CHAPTER 38 – TRAFFIC AND VEHICLES, ARTICLE III. – STOPPING, STANDING, AND PARKING, BY ADDING A NEW SECTION 38-70 PERTAINING TO PROHIBITION OF PARKING IN FIRE LANES; 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 Prohibiting Parking in Fire lanes for the first reading. Mayor Pro Tem Diane Hopkins seconded the motion; all voted yes and the motion passed.

An Ordinance to Abandon and Close an Unopened Alley in Block 5 of Hazzard Hill Subdivision was presented for the first reading.

ORDINANCE NO. O19-11

AN ORDINANCE TO ABANDON AND CLOSE AN UNOPENED ALLEY IN BLOCK 5 OF HAZZARD HILL SUBDIVISION; TO AUTHORIZE QUIT CLAIM DEEDS; TO ESTABLISH AN EFFECTIVE DATE; TO REPEAL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Mayor Pro Tem Diane Hopkins made the motion to approve the Ordinance Abandoning and Closing an Unopened Alley in Block 5 of Hazzard Hill Subdivision as presented for the first reading. Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines seconded the motion. The motion was approved with a 4-0 vote.

An Ordinance to Close and Abandon a Portion of Satilla Lane between Murphy Lane and Alpha Street and the Portion of Murphy Lane Southeasterly of Satilla Lane as presented for the first reading.

ORDINANCE NO. O19-12

AN ORDINANCE TO CLOSE AND ABANDON A PORTION OF SATILLA LANE BETWEEN MURPHY LANE AND ALPHA STREET AND THE PORTION OF MURPHY LANE SOUTHEASTERLY OF SATILLA LANE; TO ESTABLISH AN EFFECTIVE DATE; TO REPEAL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Mayor Pro Tem Diane Hopkins made the motion to approve the Ordinance to Close and Abandon a Portion of Satilla Lane between Murphy Lane and Alpha Street and the Portion of Murphy Lane Southeasterly of Satilla Lane as presented for the first reading. Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines seconded the motion. The motion was approved with a 4-0 vote.

Resolution of the City of Waycross, Georgia to declare as surplus property a weapon and badge for retiring Waycross Police Chief Tony Tanner was presented.

RESOLUTION NO. R19-32

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA TO DECLARE AS SURPLUS PROPERTY A BLACK LEATHER JACKET, BADGE, AND WEAPON FOR RETIREING POLICE CHIEF ANTHONY “TONY” TANNER; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, heretofore the City of Waycross Police Department has recognized the sacrifices made by its public safety officers who have served a number of years with the City and who retire and leave active duty under honorable conditions and in good standing; and

WHEREAS, said public safety officers who retire in good standing are allowed to retain their weapon as part of their compensation, and ownership of the weapon shall transfer to the retiring officer, and the weapon will be removed from the City's inventory; and

WHEREAS, even the State of Georgia has recognized the sacrifices made by our public servants by the passage of Senate Bill 263 (2015) which amended O.C.G.A. § 35-1-20 to provide that each municipality which employs sworn police officers who are POST certified may adopt a policy under which said sworn officer, upon his or her retirement or leaving such employment as a result of a disability, shall be entitled, as a part of his or her compensation, to retain his or her weapon and badge; and

WHEREAS, the Commission of the City of Waycross has adopted such a policy and desires to declare as surplus the weapon and badge assigned to Waycross Police Department Chief Anthony "Tony" Tanner, a sworn police officer since June 1987, Acting Chief of Police since November 1, 2004, and officially inducted as Chief of Police on October 18, 2005; and

WHEREAS, said matter having been considered.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Commission of the City of Waycross that the City Commission hereby declares as surplus a black leather jacket, a badge and one Glock handgun, model 22, Serial # PCG066, issued to Police Chief Anthony “Tony” Tanner and approved retention of the said weapon, badge and jacket by the retiring public safety officers part of his retirement compensation, thereby removing said property from the City’s inventory.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor, City Clerk and Police Chief of the Waycross Police Department are authorized, empowered and directed to transfer ownership of said weapon, badge and jacket to the above-mentioned retiring public safety officer, hereby ratifying and confirming all the acts and things done by said City Officials, and to be done, in order to give effect to the purposes and intent of this Resolution.

SO RESOLVED, this 18th day of June, 2019.

CITY OF WAYCROSS

BY: JOHN KNOX, Mayor

**ATTEST:
JULIE DINKINS, City Clerk**

Commissioner Norman Davis made the motion to approve the Resolution of the City of Waycross, Georgia to declare as surplus property a weapon and badge for retiring Police Chief Tony Tanner. Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines seconded the motion. All Commissioners voted favorably and the motion was approved.

A Joint Resolution of the City of Waycross, Georgia and Ware County, Georgia in support of the Development and Construction of an Overpass at SR4/US 1BUS/CSX Grade Separation in Waycross, Georgia, P.I. No: 0002870 was presented.

RESOLUTION NO. R19-33

**A 2019 JOINT
RESOLUTION**

**BETWEEN THE CITY OF WAYCROSS AND THE WARE COUNTY BOARD OF
COMMISSIONERS IN SUPPORT OF THE DEVELOPMENT AND
CONSTRUCTION OF AN OVERPASS AT SR 4/ US 1 BUS / CSX GRADE
SEPARATION IN WAYCROSS, GEORGIA P. I. NO.: 0002870**

WHEREAS, a recommendation was made by the State Representative James Burchett to propose and present a Joint Resolution to accelerate the effort to deliver grade separation on SR 4/ US 1 BUS / CSX in Waycross, GA.; and

WHEREAS, due to the high capacity of train impacts in the City of Waycross and the County of Ware our public safety responses are greatly delayed and crippled by trains that are slowed, stopped or hindered and these action also cause major traffic delays; and

WHEREAS, numerous railroad crossings are impacted in our community as train lengths can be up to 10,000 feet and numerous scenarios along the double-track corridor can create extended delayed delivery of public safety responses; and

WHEREAS, The City of Waycross and the County of Ware have only one (1) other overpass along the double-track corridor and numerous events have caused this overpass to be closed when car accidents or other catastrophic events occur along SR 520 / US 82 at our only other overpass; and

WHEREAS, The City of Waycross and the County of Ware residents do not anticipate more fluid movements nor less or shorter trains to be the operational objectives of CSX Transportation in the future; and

WHEREAS, our community forecasts that we will continue to experience more delays in our delivery of timely public safety responses to the residents of Waycross and Ware County; Georgians and other visitors to our community; and

WHEREAS, the businesses along SR 4 / US 1 BUS that will be directly impacted by the creation of the overpass, The City of Waycross and the County of Ware requests that all businesses be protected and their businesses continue to operate and function properly and be duly considered during the design process of the grade separation; and

WHEREAS, we will send a letter to the Governor of the State of Georgia and request that he appropriate SRTA funds to help expedite the preliminary engineering and delivery of this much needed public safety related grade separation;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the City of Waycross and the County of Ware requests an accelerated delivery of grade separation along SR 4 / US 1 BUS - P. I. No.:
0002870

So RESOLVED and ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the Ware County Board of Commissioners

June 10, 2019.

So RESOLVED and ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the City of Waycross Commission,

June 18, 2019

CITY OF WAYCROSS

JOHN KNOX, Mayor

NORMAN E DAVIS SR

JOHN THREAT

MARIAN C SOLOMON-GAINES

DIANE HOPKINS

JONATHAN M TINDALL

**WARE COUNTY BOARD OF
COMISSIONERS**

JIMMY BROWN, Chairman

CARLOS NELSON

JERRY POPE

BURTON CARTER

STEVE BARNARD

ATTEST: JULIE C. DINKINS

ATTEST: ANNA S. WALL

Commissioner Norman Davis made the motion to approve the Joint Resolution in support of the Development and Construction of an Overpass at SR4/US 1BUS/CSX Grade

Separation in Waycross, Georgia, P.I. No: 0002870 as presented. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Diane Hopkins. The motion was approved with a unanimous vote of Commissioners present.

The Budget for the Fiscal Year of 2020 (July 1 2019 through June 30, 2020) was presented for approval.

RESOLUTION NO. R19-34

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA, TO APPROVE THE FISCAL YEAR 2020 (JULY 1, 2019, THROUGH JUNE 30, 2020) BUDGETS FOR THE CITY OF WAYCROSS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, on June 11, 2019, the Commission of the City of Waycross held budget hearings and examined the proposed balanced budget for fiscal year 2020; and

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

WHEREAS, said budgets indicate anticipated revenues as follows:

General Fund	\$14,497,708
Water & Sewer Fund	\$ 6,681,440
Waste Management Fund	\$ 2,362,110
Cemetery Fund	\$ 220,233
WPD Information Technology	\$ 0
Hotel/Motel Tax Fund	\$ 477,000
SPLOST 2008-2013 Fund	\$ 557,000
SPLOST 2014 Fund	\$ 6,863,230
City Auditorium Fund	\$ 50,400
TSPLOST	\$ 6,660,119
RTSPLOST	\$ 360,000

for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2019, and ending June 30, 2020; 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	\$14,497,708
Water & Sewer Fund	\$ 6,681,440
Waste Management Fund	\$ 2,362,110
Cemetery Fund	\$ 220,233
WPD Information Technology	\$ 0
Hotel/Motel Tax Fund	\$ 477,000

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for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2019, and ending June 30, 2020; and

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

WHEREAS, said budgets are line item budgets in compliance with the provisions of Section 2-376 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Waycross; and

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

WHEREAS, pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 36-81-5 and related sections, on June 11, 2019, 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, attached hereto and made a part hereof for the fiscal year 2020 beginning July 1, 2019, and ending June 30, 2020, 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, 2019.

CITY OF WAYCROSS
BY: JOHN KNOX, Mayor

ATTEST:
JULIE DINKINS, City Clerk

Mayor Pro Tem Diane Hopkins made the motion to approve the Budget for the Fiscal Year of 2020 (July 1 2019 through June 30, 2020) as presented. Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines seconded the motion and the resolution was approved with a 4-0 vote.

A Resolution of the City of Waycross, Georgia, to award Contract to Thrift Brothers, LLC for Harris Road Emergency Sanitary Sewer Repair project was presented.

RESOLUTION NO. R19-35

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA, TO AWARD CONTRACT TO THRIFT BROTHERS, LLC FOR HARRIS ROAD EMERGENCY SANITARY SEWER REPAIR PROJECT; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, investigation into recent sewer blockage has identified a collapsed section of sanitary sewer main off Harris Road near the airport terminal; and

WHEREAS, even though ESG staff was able to maintain sewer service to the Industrial Park Sewer System, the sewer main needs repair as soon as possible; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the Code of Ordinances of the City of Waycross, section 2-320 (b), the city manager or her designee used best efforts to obtain competitive pricing for said emergency services and all actions taken by the city manager or her designee were pursuant to Code section 2-320 and were otherwise reasonable under the circumstances; and

WHEREAS, the City of Waycross requested quotes from three (3) licensed local licensed utility contractors and received two (2) quotes; and

WHEREAS, Thrift Brothers, LLC submitted the lowest and best bid for the project in the amount of \$15,300.00; and

WHEREAS, said matter having been considered.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Commission of the City of Waycross that the Bid Contract for the Harris Road project for sanitary sewer repair, in an amount not to exceed \$15,300.00, is awarded to Thrift Brothers, LLC, and to be paid from Water and Sewer SPLOST funds.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor, City Clerk and City Attorney be, and are, authorized and directed to execute any required Bid Contracts 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 AND ADOPTED, this 17th day of June, 2019.

CITY OF WAYCROSS
BY: JOHN KNOX, Mayor

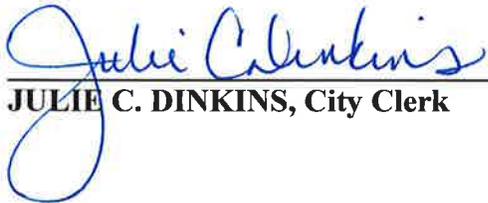
ATTEST:
JULIE DINKINS, City Clerk

The Resolution of the City of Waycross, Georgia, to award Contract to Thrift Brothers, LLC for Harris Road Emergency Sanitary Sewer Repair project as presented was approved by motion from Mayor Pro Tem Diane Hopkins and seconded by Commissions Marian Solomon-Gaines.

Following last call, Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines made the motion to adjourn; seconded by Jon Tindall and Mayor Knox adjourned the meeting.

CITY OF WAYCROSS

ATTEST:



JULIE C. DINKINS, City Clerk

BY:



JOHN KNOX, Mayor