

MINUTES
WAYCROSS CITY COMMISSION MEETING
TUESDAY, JULY 2, 2019
5:00 PM

The Honorable John Knox, Mayor of the City of Waycross called the Regular City Commission Meeting to order on Tuesday, July 2, 2019 at the Commission Chambers of City Hall. Members in attendance with Mayor John Knox were: Commissioners Marian Solomon-Gaines, John Threat, and Jon Tindall. Commissioner Norman Davis and Mayor Pro Tem Diane Hopkins were not present. City Manager Tonya Miller and City Attorney Rick Currie were also in attendance.

City Manager Tonya Miller introduced Reverend Kit Brinson, Grace Episcopal Church, who offered the opening invocation. The Invocation was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Mayor John Knox.

Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines made the motion to appoint William Simmons to Post 2 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 Jon Tindall and all voted positively to approve the appointment.

Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines made the motion to appoint Dorothy Benefield to the Southern Georgia Area Agency on Aging for a three year term beginning July 1, 2019 and ending June 30, 2022. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Jon Tindall and all voted in favor of the appointment.

City Manager Tonya Miller reminded the Commissioners and the public of the July 4th Celebration beginning with food trucks at 12:00 noon. The festivities will be at Bit Tanner Field with Robin Brookins singing the National Anthem at 9:00 p.m. and fireworks at 9:15 p.m.

There was no 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 17, 2019, 5:00 p.m.; 2.) Waycross City Commission Meeting, Tuesday, June 18, 2019, 5:00 p.m.

Two Ordinance Second Readings were presented:

1. To Abandon and Close an Unopened Alley in Block 5 of Hazzard Hill Subdivision; To Authorize Quit Claim Deeds; To Establish and Effective Date; To Repeal Conflicting Ordinances.

3. 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 and Effective Date; To Repeal Conflicting Ordinances.

No Privilege License Renewals, or consent resolutions were presented.

Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines made the motion to approve the Consent Calendar; seconded by Commissioner Jon Tindall; and approved with a 3-0 vote.

Ms. Linda Jones, Purchasing Director presented Bid FY19-26 Annual Auditing Services. Purchasing received five bids from Certified Public Accountants for our Annual Auditing Services for 5 years, FY19 – FY23, start date July1, 2019 – June 30, 2023. This will be renewed annually. Staff recommendations awarding this bid to Maudlin & Jenkins, LLC of Savannah, GA as being the lowest and best bid being submitted. Mauldin & Jenkins LLC for annual audits 2019 - \$29,000, 2020 - \$30,000, 2021 - \$31,000, 2022 - \$32000, 2023 - \$33,000. Commissioner Jon Tindall made the motion to approve Maudlin and Jenkins, LLC as the City’s auditor. Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines seconded the motion which was approved with a 3-0 vote.

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

ORDINANCE NO. O19-10

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 PROHIBITON 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.

The Ordinance Prohibiting Parking in Fire lanes as presented for the first reading was approved by motion from Commissioner Jon Tindall. Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines seconded the motion; all voted yes and the motion passed.

Resolution of the City of Waycross, Georgia to approve the settlement of Workers’ Compensation case on Leslie M Stalvey, Jr. was presented.

RESOLUTION NO. R19-37

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA,
TO APPROVE THE SETTLEMENT OF WORKERS' COMPENSATION CASE ON
LESLIE M. STALVEY, JR.; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

WHEREAS, Leslie M. Stalvey, Jr. was injured while employed for the City of Waycross Police Department; and

WHEREAS, the parties now desire to resolve their disputes and issues regarding workers' compensation claims relating to injuries sustained on June 16, 2009, and February 17, 2009; and

WHEREAS, Section 2.1 of the Charter of the City of Waycross gives the City of Waycross the power and authority to "enter into contracts and agreements with other governmental entities and with private persons, firms and corporations"; and

WHEREAS, said matter having been considered.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Commission of the City of Waycross that the settlement agreement between the City of Waycross and Leslie M. Stalvey, Jr. be approved.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor, City Manager, City Clerk, City Human Resources Director and the attorney representing the City of Waycross be authorized, directed and empowered to sign said settlement agreement, and to do all the acts and things necessary in order to carry out the purposes and intent of this Resolution.

SO RESOLVED, this 2nd day of July, 2019, *nunc pro tunc* to June 5, 2009.

CITY OF WAYCROSS

BY: JOHN KNOX, Mayor

ATTEST:

JULIE DINKINS, City Clerk

Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines made the motion to approve the Resolution of the City of Waycross, Georgia approving the settlement of Workers' Compensation case on Leslie M Stalvey, Jr. as presented. Commissioner Jon Tindall seconded the motion. All Commissioners voted favorably and the motion was approved.

A Resolution of the City of Waycross, Georgia authorizing Mauldin & Jenkins, LLC to conduct and prepare required auditing of financial statements of the City’s governmental activities was presented.

RESOLUTION NO. R19-38

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA, TO AUTHORIZE
MAULDIN & JENKINS, L.L.C. TO CONDUCT AND PREPARE REQUIRED
AUDITING OF
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS OF THE CITY’S GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES;
AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

WHEREAS, the City of Waycross awarded a 5 year bid contract to BYRT, LLC in January 2018 to conduct and prepare required annual auditing services for the City; and

WHEREAS, BYRT, LLC has notified the City that they are no longer doing audits after this fiscal year; and

WHEREAS, the City of Waycross Purchasing Department offered the service through competitive bidding and requesting this service for 5 years; and received and opened 5 bids from certified public accountants to provide this service for 5 years; and

WHEREAS, Mauldin & Jenkins, LLC of Savannah, GA, submitted the lowest and best bid; and

WHEREAS, Section 2.1 of the Charter of the City of Waycross gives the City of Waycross the power and authority to “enter into contracts and agreements with other governmental entities and with private persons, firms and corporations”; 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 Annual Auditing Services be awarded to Mauldin & Jenkins, LLC, of Savannah, Georgia, for a period beginning Fiscal Year 2019 (July 1, 2019, to June 30, 2020) at a cost of \$29,000.00, with four (4) additional one year extensions to be awarded each year with a cost increase of \$1000.00 per each fiscal year, and as long as it remains in the City’s best interests to remain with Mauldin & Jenkins, LLC.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor, City Clerk and City Attorney be authorized and directed to execute said any Annual Auditing Service 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 2nd day of July, 2019.

CITY OF WAYCROSS
BY: JOHN KNOX, Mayor

ATTEST:
JULIE DINKINS, City Clerk

Commissioner Jon Tindall made the motion to approve the Resolution of the City of Waycross, Georgia authorizing Mauldin & Jenkins, LLC to conduct and prepare required auditing of financial statements of the City's governmental activities as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines, and approved with a 3-0 vote.

A Resolution of the City of Waycross, Georgia to authorize training reimbursement agreement with Waycross Police Department Trainee Stephen J. Baker for the repayment of POST mandated and formalized training expenses; for the Chief of Police to require each trainee to execute a training reimbursement agreement before attending POST mandated training was presented.

RESOLUTION NO. R19-39

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA,
TO AUTHORIZE TRAINING REIMBURSEMENT AGREEMENT WITH WAYCROSS
POLICE DEPARTMENT TRAINEE STEPHEN J. BAKER FOR THE REPAYMENT OF
P.O.S.T. MANDATED AND FORMALIZED TRAINING EXPENSES; FOR THE CHIEF
OF POLICE TO REQUIRE EACH TRAINEE EXECUTE A TRAINING
REIMBURSEMENT AGREEMENT BEFORE ATTENDING P.O.S.T. MANDATED
TRAINING; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

WHEREAS, the City of Waycross has offered to provide Peace Officer Standards & Training (hereinafter "P.O.S.T.") mandated training and subsequent formalized training authorized by O.C.G.A. § 35-8-8, to Waycross Police Department Trainee Stephen Jared Baker which will begin on July 11, 2019; and

WHEREAS, the City of Waycross is providing this opportunity for P.O.S.T. mandated training and subsequent formalized training in anticipation of Stephen Jared Baker working for the

City of Waycross at the Waycross Police Department as a certified police officer for at least 2 years after said training concludes so that the City of Waycross will recover some of the benefits of the investment in said training; and

WHEREAS, Trainee Stephen Jared Baker understands that the City of Waycross would not provide said training unless he intended to continue to work for the City of Waycross as a certified police officer and unless he would agree to reimburse the City of Waycross in the event that he voluntarily terminated his employment with the Waycross Police Department prior to 2 years from the conclusion of said training; and

WHEREAS, said matter having been considered.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Commission of the City of Waycross that the City Commission approves the Training Reimbursement Agreement, in the form attached and incorporated herein as if fully set forth, requiring Waycross Police Department Trainee Stephen Jared Baker to reimburse the City of Waycross for the costs of P.O.S.T. mandated and the subsequent formalized training if he terminates his employment with the Waycross Police Department prior to 2 years after concluding said formalized training.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chief of Police, Acting Chief of Police, or his/her designee shall require each and every Waycross Police Department trainee being sent to P.O.S.T. mandated training at the expense of the City of Waycross to execute said Training Reimbursement Agreement prior to entry at P.O.S.T. mandated training.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and City Clerk be, and are hereby authorized, empowered and directed to execute the Training Reimbursement Agreement on behalf of the City of Waycross, and to ratify and confirm the execution of said Agreement, and to do all the acts and things necessary in order to ratify, confirm and carry out the purposes and intent of this Resolution.

SO RESOLVED, this 2nd day of July, 2019.

CITY OF WAYCROSS
BY: JOHN KNOX, Mayor

ATTEST:
JULIE DINKINS, City Clerk

Commissioner Jon Tindall made the motion to approve the Resolution of the City of Waycross, Georgia to authorize training reimbursement agreement with Waycross Police Department as presented. Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines seconded the motion and the resolution was approved with a 3-0 vote.

Ms. Amissa Boggs, 1020 Mary Street addressed the Commissioners concerning her recent activities in Bailey Street Park. Ms. Boggs has been inviting vendors to her events and they are paying fees to Ms. Boggs. Community Improvement Director Marc Hawkins stated that if Ms. Boggs is renting out spaces and charging fees, she must get a peddlers permit and each vendor must also get a peddlers permit and approval from the Health Department if serving food.

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