

**MINUTES**  
**WAYCROSS CITY COMMISSION MEETING**  
**TUESDAY, JULY 5, 2016**  
**7:00 PM**

The Regular Session of the Commission of the City of Waycross was held on Tuesday, July 5, 2016 in the Commission Chambers of City Hall. Mayor John Knox called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. Those in attendance were: Mayor John Knox, Mayor Pro Tem Marian Solomon-Gaines, Commissioners Norman Davis, Larry T. Ethridge, and Jon Tindall. Commissioner Diane Hopkins was not present.

Commissioner Larry Ethridge introduced Senior Deacon and Minister Batten Hall Jr. of New You Ministry Life who offered the opening invocation. The Invocation was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Mayor Knox.

Human Resource Director Trinija Martin introduced Joshua Kyle Daniell, Waycross Fire Department as the July 2016 Employee of the Month for the City of Waycross.

City Manager Raphel Maddox presented Ms. Susan Russell a plaque in recognition of the many volunteer hours she spends photographing various events for the City of Waycross.

A Public Hearing was scheduled for July 19, 2016 at 6:30 pm to discuss closing and abandoning the right of way on Court Street located between College Street and Hill Street and a right of way on Scruggs Street located between Court Street and Knight Avenue.

City Manager Raphel Maddox congratulated Community Improvement Director Sloan Fountain on a successful Fourth of July celebration. Mr. Maddox thanked the citizens of Waycross who supported the event and all Commissioners and City employees who helped with the event.

Mayor John Knox stated that the Fourth of July program was an outstanding program, the fireworks were better than ever. Mayor Knox also commended the Commissioners who attended the Georgia Municipal Association training in Savannah, Georgia.

There were no 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: Waycross City Commission Planning and Information Session and Executive Session; Monday, June 20, 2016; Public Hearings, June 21, 2016; a zoning text amendment to Article VIII, Amending the Zoning Map, Clough, Rosedale and Genoa Streets from CI to R-50 and renaming Louisiana Avenue to R. L McGee Drive; and City Commission Meeting, Tuesday, June 21, 2016

Two ordinance second readings:

1. ORDINANCE NO. 16-13

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF THE CITY OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA; TO AMEND CHAPTER 24 PERTAINING TO MUNICIPAL COURT; TO ADD NEW SECTIONS TO PROVIDE FOR TERM OF OFFICE FOR MUNICIPAL COURT JUDGE AND FOR REMOVAL OF MUNICIPAL COURT JUDGE FROM OFFICE; TO PROVIDE FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

2. ORDINANCE NO. 16-14

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA; TO AMEND CHAPTER 6 – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES, ARTICLE II - LICENSES, SECTION 6-38, BY ADDING A NEW SUBSECTION D, PERTAINING TO REPORTING ANY DISCIPLINARY ACTION AGAINST LICENSEE; TO REPEAL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; TO PROVIDE FOR SEVERABILITY; TO PROVIDE FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

No Consent Resolutions or Privilege License Renewals.

The Consent Calendar was approved by motion from Commissioner Norman Davis; seconded by Commissioner Jon Tindall; all voted in favor and the motion carried.

An Ordinance to Amend the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Waycross; to Amend the Zoning Map; to rezone the property located at Clough/Rosedale/Genoa Streets from GI – General Industrial to R-50 Residential was presented for the first reading.

**ORDINANCE NO. 16-15**

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA, AND THE ZONING MAP; TO REZONE THE PROPERTY DESCRIBED HEREIN LOCATED IN THE AREA OF CLOUGH/ROSEDALE/GENOA STREETS FROM GI – GENERAL INDUSTRIAL TO R – 50 RESIDENTIAL; TO SET AN EFFECTIVE DATE; TO REPEAL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

Commissioner Norman Davis made the motion to approve the Ordinance to Amend the Zoning Ordinance and Zoning Map of the City of Waycross; rezoning the property located at Clough/Rosedale/Genoa Streets from GI – General Industrial to R-50 Residential as presented for the first reading. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Larry Ethridge; the vote was unanimous and the Ordinance was approved.

An Ordinance to Amend the Code of the City of Waycross renaming Louisiana Avenue to T L McGee Drive was presented for first reading.

**ORDINANCE NO. 16-16**

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA; TO AMEND CHAPTER 32 – STREETS, SIDEWALKS AND OTHER PUBLIC PLACES, ARTICLE V. – PARKS, GRASS, PLATS, SQUARES, BY ADDING A NEW SECTION 32-140 SUBSECTION (10) PERTAINING TO RENAMING LOUISIANA AVENUE TO R.L. MCGEE DRIVE; TO PROVIDE FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

An Ordinance to Amend the Code of the City of Waycross An Ordinance to Amend the Code of the City of Waycross renaming Louisiana Avenue to T L McGee Drive as presented for first reading was approved by motion from Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines; seconded by Commissioner Jon Tindall; and approved by unanimous vote.

An Ordinance to Amend the Waycross Zoning Ordinance Text amending Section 717 Mixed Use was presented.

**ORDINANCE NO. 16-17**

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE WAYCROSS ZONING ORDINANCE TEXT; TO AMEND ARTICLE VII – REQUIREMENTS BY DISTRICT, SECTION 717 – MIXED USE CORRIDOR DISTRICT; TO DELETE DELINEATION OF CORRIDOR Z FROM SECTION 717; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

An Ordinance to Amend the Waycross Zoning Ordinance Text amending Section 717 Mixed Use was approved as presented by motion from Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines; seconded by Commissioner Jon Tindall; all voted yes and the Resolution was adopted.

A Resolution of the City of Waycross to Earmark and Reserve Certain SPLOST Funds for Abatement and Disposal of Asbestos at Bailey Street School was presented.

**RESOLUTION NO. 16-50**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA,  
TO EARMARK AND RESERVE CERTAIN S.P.L.O.S.T FUNDS FOR ABATEMENT  
AND DISPOSAL OF ASBESTOS AT BAILEY STREET SCHOOL;  
AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

**WHEREAS**, Municipal Court Judge Douglas Gibson, by order dated October 8, 2008, found that the structure at 1310 Bailey Street (Bailey Street School) is not in compliance with Waycross building codes, in that said structure is unsafe and unsuitable for human habitation, or for commercial use and is a danger to the public health and safety; and

**WHEREAS**, Municipal Court Judge Gibson also found that said structure and property is vacant and constitutes an endangerment to the public health or safety as a result of unsafe or unsanitary conditions and that said structure is in need of demolition; and

**WHEREAS**, Municipal Court Judge Gibson further ordered that the City of Waycross may proceed to cause the structure at 1310 Bailey Street, Waycross, Georgia, to be demolished and to remove said debris; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Waycross is now prepared to take appropriate steps to demolish said building, beginning with the abatement and disposal of asbestos containing materials; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Waycross has solicited quotes from companies for the abatement and disposal of asbestos containing material at said structure; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Waycross firmly believes that the abatement and disposal of said asbestos containing material can be accomplished for the sum of approximately eighty thousand dollars (\$80,000.00); and

**WHEREAS**, said matter having been considered.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Commission of the City of Waycross that the City of Waycross recognizes that the structure at 1301 Bailey Street (Bailey Street School) is unsafe and is a danger to the public health and safety and that eighty thousand dollars (\$80,000.00) is hereby earmarked and reserved from SPLOST funds for said purpose.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized and directed to execute said 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 5<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2016.

**CITY OF WAYCROSS**

**JOHN KNOX, Mayor**

**ATTEST:**

**JULIE DINKINS, City Clerk**

A Resolution of the City of Waycross to Earmark and Reserve Certain SPLOST Funds for Abatement and Disposal of Asbestos at Bailey Street School as presented was approved by motion from Commissioner Norman Davis. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Larry Ethridge. Commissioners Davis, Ethridge and Tindall voted yes; Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines voted no stating that she was not against working on the Bailey Street School but felt that there are City owned projects which should have priority. The motion carried with a 3 – 1 vote.

Following last call, Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines made the motion to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Commissioner Larry Ethridge; unanimous vote; and Mayor Knox adjourned the meeting.

**CITY OF WAYCROSS**

BY:

  
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JOHN KNOX, Mayor

**ATTEST:**

  
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JULIE C. DINKINS, City Clerk