

MINUTES
WAYCROSS CITY COMMISSION MEETING
TUESDAY, JULY 16, 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, July 16, 2013. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Clarence E. Billups at 7:00 p.m. Those in attendance with Mayor Billups were Mayor Pro Tem William Simmons, Commissioners Diane Hopkins, Norman Davis and Alvin Nelson. Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines was absent.

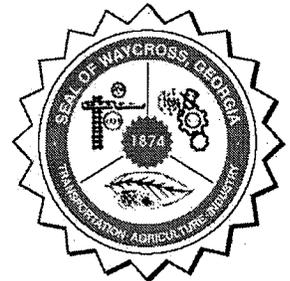
City Attorney Huey Spearman introduced Bishop Raymond Burch, Brunel Street Church of God who offered the opening invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Under Executive Duties, Mayor Clarence Billups announced two appointments to the Waycross-Ware County Planning Commission. Ms. Erin Jackson was re-appointed to serve on Post 9 beginning July 1, 2013 and ending June 30, 2016. Mr. Ty Wright was re-appointed to serve on Post 9 beginning July 1, 2013 and ending June 30, 2016.

A Proclamation recognizing local Classical Music Composers was presented to several local composers in honor of Waycross Area Composers' Week – August 4 through August 10, 2013.

CITY OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR



PROCLAMATION

Waycross Area Composers' Week -- August 4 through August 10, 2013

Whereas, Beginning in the 1940's , Waycross has produced many performing artists who have excelled in the various genres of music. Those areas of music include, country, popular, jazz, Broadway show tunes, folk, gospel and classical music. Many of those artists have achieved national and international recognition based on their highly artistic performances; and

Whereas, the Waycross area has also produced many composers/creators of classical and sacred music, both vocal and instrumental. These types include music for piano, organ, chorus, choir, band, orchestra, hymns, guitar, and various other vocal and instrumental ensembles; and

Whereas, their music has enriched our community, social activities, political events, worship services, benefit programs, patriotic programs, athletic events, school functions, educational events and nursing home activities are some of the areas that have been greatly benefited, enjoyed and appreciated. Some of their music has achieved national and international recognition; and

Whereas, many students from our area have been able to pursue music careers as professionals, teachers, and performers, many have obtained scholarships to some of the finest colleges and universities; and

Whereas, composers have a three-fold perspective that is vital to all music, how it is created, how to interpret it, and how to perform it. This three-fold perspective is indicative of the following composers in Waycross: Patricia Evans, George Farr, Jeff Nelson, Terry Pinder, Carolyn Malmborg, Willie R. Character, Kathy Cox, James (*Jimmy*) Walker, David Lee, and John Lundy.

Now, therefore, in recognition of these talented local composers, and in conjunction with celebrating the Smithsonian Exhibit honoring the American Roots Music New Harmonies that is displayed at the Okefenokee Heritage Center beginning August 27 through October 5, I, Clarence E. Billups, Mayor of Waycross, do hereby declare the week of August 4 through August 10, 2013, as *Waycross Area Composers' Week* in Waycross.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Waycross to be affixed this 16th day of July, 2013.

Clarence E. Billups, Mayor

Deron W. King, City Manager, in the City Manager's Report and Mayor Billups in his Mayor's Report reminded the Commission about Waycross Fest, the gospel festival this weekend and urged our citizens to go out and support Waycross.

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 and Executive Session, Monday, July 1, 2013, and the Waycross City Commission Meeting, Tuesday, July 2, 2013.

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

Commissioner Norman Davis made the motion to approve the Consent Calendar as presented. Commissioner Alvin Nelson seconded the motion; all Commissioners voted favorably and the motion carried with a 4-0 vote.

A privilege license for Ashok Patel, d/b/a Waycross Food and Beverage, 1302 Brunel Street, Retail Beer and Wine was presented for consideration of a change of ownership. Commissioner Norman Davis made the motion to approve the privilege license. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Alvin Nelson; all voted in favor and the motion carried.

Ms. Linda Jones, Purchasing Director, presented the Annual Oil and Lubricant Bid for Fiscal Year 2014. The City of Waycross will spend approximately \$15,000 during the FY14 Fiscal Year on oil and lubricants for the City's vehicles and equipment. Purchasing has received four bids from three vendors. Purchasing recommends awarding the bid to T & R Oil, a local vender, as the lowest and best bid meeting all specifications.

Commissioner Diane Hopkins made the motion to approve awarding the Annual Oil and Lubricant Bid for FY14 to T & R Oil. Commissioner William Simmons seconded the motion; all voted in positively and the motion was approved.

Ms. Linda Jones, Purchasing Director, presented Surplus Property WAYX 14-01 to declare certain items no longer needed by any City Department or confiscated by the Waycross Police Department surplus. Ms. Linda Jones requested that the property be declared surplus and sold on GovDeals.com. The motion was made by Commissioner Diane Hopkins to approve the motion to declare the listed property surplus to be sold on GovDeals.com. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Simmons. All Commissioners voted yes and the motion carried with a 4-0 vote.

A Resolution of the City of Waycross, Georgia to Approve An Agreement between the Georgia Department of Corrections and the City of Waycross was presented.

RESOLUTION NO. 13-39

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS AND THE CITY OF WAYCROSS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, there being presented to the Commission of the City of Waycross, Georgia a proposed Agreement between the Georgia Department of Corrections (the "Department") and the City of Waycross (the "City") effective July 1, 2013, and ending June 30, 2014; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of said Agreement is for the Department to provide two (2) inmate work crews (details) on public works projects in accordance with O.C.G.A §42-5-60(a); and

WHEREAS, the cost to the City shall be \$39,500.00 per year per work detail for a maximum of 10 inmates and labor per detail, salary and benefits for one correctional officer, exclusive of overtime for the correctional officer; and

WHEREAS, either Party may terminate the Agreement for convenience upon seven (7) days written notice to the other Party; and

WHEREAS, a copy of said Agreement is attached hereto and made a part hereof by reference.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Commission of the City of Waycross, Georgia, that the Agreement in the form attached hereto is hereby approved, commencing July 1, 2013, and ending June 30, 2014.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Commission of the City of Waycross, Georgia that the Mayor and City Clerk are hereby authorized, directed and empowered to execute said Agreement on behalf of the City of Waycross, retroactive to July 1, 2013.

SO RESOLVED this the 16th day of July, 2013, retroactive to July 1, 2013.

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

ATTEST:
JULIE DINKINS, City Clerk

Commissioner Diane Hopkins made the motion to approve the Resolution of the City of Waycross, Georgia to Approve An Agreement between the Georgia Department of Corrections and the City of Waycross as presented. Commissioner Alvin Nelson seconded the motion; all voted positively and the motion carried.

A Resolution of the City of Waycross, Georgia to authorize Execution of a Hold Harmless and Indemnification Agreement with the Ware County Board of Education in Connection with Demolition Activities to be Performed by the City of Waycross for the Ware County Board of Education was presented.

RESOLUTION NO. 13-40

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA TO
AUTHORIZE EXECUTION OF HOLD HARMLESS AND INDEMNIFICATION
AGREEMENT WITH THE WARE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION IN
CONNECTION WITH DEMOLITION ACTIVITIES TO BE PERFORMED BY THE
CITY OF WAYCROSS FOR THE WARE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION; AND
FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

WHEREAS, the Ware County Board of Education has requested that the City of Waycross use its equipment to demolish two (2) houses owned by the Ware County Board of Education that are adjacent to the Waycross Middle School Campus, said houses being further identified by Map and Parcel numbers as **WA1705-015** and **WA1705-014**, located at **212 Satilla Blvd.**, Waycross, Georgia; and

WHEREAS, the Ware County Board of Education has agreed to provide the necessary roll-back dumpsters and be responsible for all disposal costs associated with the demolition; and

WHEREAS, the Ware County Board of Education has requested that the demolition be done gratuitously by the City as the Ware County Board of Education has waived all fees for the use of the Waycross Middle School Auditorium to host the City of Waycross Tourism WayFest Downtown Community Event on July 16, 17, and 18, 2013; and

WHEREAS, The City shall complete said demolition before the beginning of the school year which commences on August 5, 2013; and

WHEREAS, a Hold Harmless and Indemnification Agreement having been presented to the City Commission in the form attached to this Resolution, and the same being determined to accomplish the purposes for which it is intended; and

WHEREAS, said matter having been considered.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Commission of the City of Waycross that the hold harmless and indemnification Agreement in the form attached hereto, with the Ware County Board of Education be approved, subject to any necessary modifications to be approved by the City Attorney upon presentation of the same to the Ware County Board of Education.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and City Clerk be and are hereby authorized, directed and empowered to execute said document on behalf of the City of Waycross, Georgia, in order to accomplish the purposes stated therein.

SO RESOLVED, this 16th day of July, 2013.

CITY OF WAYCROSS
BY: CLARENCE E. BILLUPS, Mayor

ATTEST:
JULIE DINKINS, City Clerk

A Resolution of the City of Waycross, Georgia to authorize Execution of a Hold Harmless and Indemnification Agreement with the Ware County Board of Education in Connection with Demolition Activities to be Performed by the City of Waycross for the Ware County Board of Education was approved by motion from Commissioner Diane Hopkins; seconded by Commissioner William Simmons; the vote was unanimous in favor and approved with a 4-0 vote.

Mayor Clarence Billups presented a request from Jorel "J Fly" Flynn for a five-year multi-year contract which would allow the "How Big is Your Dream?! Foundation to continue to build the necessary relationships with providing partners and also secure the necessary services needed to have consistent and successful J Fly Music Festivals in Waycross, Georgia. After discussion, Commissioner Norman Davis made the motion to approve a multi-year contract with the "How Big is Your Dream?! Foundation" with the details to be negotiated by City Manager Deron King and City Attorney Huey Spearman. Commissioner Alvin Nelson seconded the motion. Commissioners Simmons, Davis and Nelson voted "Yes"; Commissioner Hopkins voted "No". The motion carried with a 3 - 1 vote.

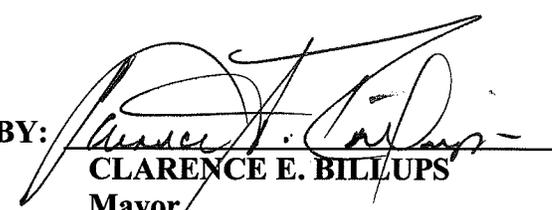
Mr. Roger Collins, Ware County Tax Commissioner appeared before the Commission to inform them that the 2013 Digest for Waycross / Ware County / Board of Education should be complete within two weeks. He said that to cover all eventualities, he has requested an extension from the Department of Revenue until September 1, 2013. Barring any additional problems, tax bills will be out by September 15, 2013 and due November 15, 2013.

Mr. Lamar Deal, 4550 Oakview Road, spoke in opposition to the East Waycross By-pass. Mr. Deal said the results of the by-pass will be fewer jobs and more empty buildings downtown.

Following closing remarks, Mayor Pro Tem 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