

MINUTES
WAYCROSS CITY COMMISSION MEETING
TUESDAY, JULY 17, 2012
7:00 P.M.

The regular meeting of the Commission of the City of Waycross was held in the Commission Chambers of City Hall on Tuesday, July 17, 2012. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Clarence Billups at 7:00 p.m. with Mayor Pro Tem Marian Solomon-Gaines, Commissioners Norman Davis, Diane Hopkins, William Simmons and Alvin Nelson present for the meeting.

Mayor Pro Tem Marian Solomon-Gaines introduced Elder Stanley Evans, Pastor of First Born Church of the Living God in Nahunta, Georgia who offered the invocation which was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Clarence Billups appointed Erin C Jackson to serve on the Waycross – Ware County Planning Commission to serve an unexpired term which began on July 1, 2010 and will end on June 30, 2013.

Mayor Billups announced that the Monday, August 6, 2012 Waycross City Commission Planning and Information Session has been changed from 5:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

A Public Hearing was scheduled to close a 20 x 76 foot alley in the 400 block of Howe Street (South from Howe Street toward Marian Street) for August 21, 2012 at 6:30 p.m.

Representative Jason Spencer, Georgia Representative, addressed the Commission concerning his procedure for submission of local legislation. Rep. Spencer requested that the City submit any local legislation in October. If the legislation is controversial and not agreed on by all parties, then Rep Spencer will meet with the parties in an attempt to reach an agreement. Rep. Spencer also said any local legislation will have to be discussed with the other legislators in each county. Rep. Spencer also provided an enlightening explanation of the TSPLOST with a caution that the TSPLOST will not be beneficial to Waycross and Ware County and he is opposed to it.

Mayor Pro Tem Marian Solomon-Gaines presented a Certificate of Achievement to Mayor Clarence E. Billups from the Harold F. Holtz Municipal Training Institute for Elected Officials. The Institute and the Georgia Municipal Association (GMA) cosponsor the Municipal Training Institute for Elected Officials. The Institute is a series of voluntary training programs for mayors and council members designed to enhance their knowledge and skills as municipal elected officials. The training institute is held several times during the year and is governed by the Board of the Georgia Municipal Training Institute.

Deron W. King, City Manager, presented the City Manager's Report. Mr. King thanked the Commissioners for their leadership and foresight to sponsor the Independence Day fireworks. Mr. King also thanked the Jaycees, the City employees and the Board of Education for all of their contributions to the Fourth of July celebration.

Mr. King informed the public that they may be contacted by a company called HomeServe which will be selling a form of insurance on their water lines. Please be informed that this company is not associated with the City of Waycross and if you have any questions please feel free to contact the City of Waycross.

Mayor Clarence Billups thanked the Commissioners for stepping up and sponsoring the Independence Day fireworks. Mayor Billups thanked Emory "Big O" Marcus for the dedication service for the monument at Bailey Street Park. He also re-affirmed Mr. King's words regarding the HomeServe company, asking citizens to call City Hall if they have any questions.

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 Executive Session,
Monday, July 2, 2012; Waycross City Commission Meeting, Tuesday, July 3,
2012.

Consent Resolution:

Authorizing George Taylor, sole living heir of Rosetta Hill to reconvey Section C,
Lot 20-A, grave space 1 in Hazzard Hill Cemetery to Maxie Johnson.

There were no ordinances or privilege license renewals.

Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines 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.

An application for a new Privilege License was presented for Joshua I. Fowler, d/b/a Two Guy's Beverage and Tobacco, 2496 Memorial Drive, Waycross, Georgia, Retail/Beer, Wine and Liquor. Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines made the motion to approve the privilege license. Commissioner Diane Hopkins seconded the motion. Commissioner Hopkins withdrew her second; Commissioner Solomon-Gaines withdrew her motion. Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines made the motion to approve the privilege license for Joshua I. Fowler, d/b/a Two Guy's Beverage and Tobacco, 2496 Memorial Drive, Waycross, Georgia, Retail/Beer, Wine and Liquor contingent upon the issuance of the Certificate of Occupancy by the Code Department. Commissioner Diane Hopkins seconded the motion. The Commissioners all voted yes and the motion carried 5-0.

An application for a new Privilege License was presented for Mark Bloxton, d/b/a The Olive Garden Italian Restaurant & Red Lobster #5813, 2497 Memorial Drive, Waycross, Georgia, Consumption on Premises/Beer, Wine and Liquor. Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines made the motion to approve the privilege license for Mark Bloxton, d/b/a The Olive Garden Italian Restaurant & Red Lobster #5813, 2497 Memorial Drive, Waycross, Georgia, Consumption on Premises/Beer, Wine and Liquor contingent upon the issuance of the Certificate of Occupancy by the Code Department. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Diane Hopkins; all voted yes and the motion carried 5-0.

An application for a new Privilege License was presented for Jinzhu Zhang, d/b/a Zhang Fancy Q Sushi Bar & Grill, 514 Mary Street, Consumption on Premises/Beer and Wine. Commissioner Norman Davis made the motion to approve the privilege license for Jinzhu Zhang, d/b/a Zhang Fancy Q Sushi Bar & Grill, 514 Mary Street, Consumption on Premises/Beer and Wine contingent upon the issuance of the Certificate of Occupancy by the Code Department. Commissioner Diane Hopkins seconded the motion. The Commissioners all voted yes and the motion carried 5-0.

A Resolution of the City of Waycross to Award the Contract for Myers Avenue Sewer Main Extension was presented.

RESOLUTION NO. 12-39

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA TO AWARD CONTRACT FOR MYERS AVENUE SEWER MAIN EXTENSION; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, on February 7, 2012, the Commission authorized by resolution the extension of city sewer main from Carswell Avenue to residents on Myers Avenue and Crawford Street. These residents share a private terracotta service line that is failing due to root infiltration. Commission approved extending new 570 foot sewer main along Myers Avenue from Crawford Street to allow all residents along 1400 block of Myers Avenue access to tap this new main; and

WHEREAS, City staff solicited and advertised in the Waycross Journal Herald and requested interested firms to submit bids; and

WHEREAS, bids were opened on July 12, 2012 with Allen Owens Construction and Paving, Inc. being the apparent low bidder at \$61,070.60, said fee represents the best value for the proposed services; and

WHEREAS, said matter being considered.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Commission of the City of Waycross that the City of Waycross award the contract for the extension of city sewer main from Carswell Avenue to residents on Myers Avenue and Crawford Street for the fee of \$61,070.60, to be paid for from the FY13 W&S Capital Project Funding and SPLOST funds.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and City Clerk be and are hereby authorized, directed and empowered to execute the award on behalf of the City of Waycross, Georgia.

SO RESOLVED, this 17th day of July, 2012.

CITY OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA

**BY: CLARENCE E BILLUPS
MAYOR**

ATTEST: JULIE DINKINS, City Clerk

Commissioner Norman Davis made the motion to approve the Resolution of the City of Waycross to Award the Contract for Myers Avenue Sewer Main Extension as presented. Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines seconded the motion; all voted in favor and the motion carried with a 5-0 vote.

A Resolution of the City of Waycross to Approve Borrow Pit Agreement Between the City of Waycross, Georgia and William & Gail Todd to Provide the City of Waycross With Useable Materials for Public Works was presented.

RESOLUTION NO. 12-40

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA
TO APPROVE BORROW PIT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF WAYCROSS,
GEORGIA AND WILLIAM & GAIL TODD TO PROVIDE THE CITY OF WAYCROSS
WITH USEABLE MATERIALS FOR PUBLIC WORKS PROJECTS; AND FOR
OTHER PURPOSES.**

WHEREAS, the City is in need of soil, sand, dirt, chert, stone, gravel, aggregate, etc., (hereinafter materials) customarily used for City public works projects; and

WHEREAS, it is beneficial to both the City and **WILLIAM & GAIL TODD** to partner in this project of excavating materials from the **TODDS'** property to provide the City with useable materials for public works projects and to provide the owner with a pond site; and

WHEREAS, said matter being considered and determined to be just and adequate compensation for the premises and for the use of said materials.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Commission of the City of Waycross that the City of Waycross enter into a Borrow Pit Agreement for the City to excavate needed materials from the owner's property, and to provide the owner with a pond site, and for the owner to grant to the City of Waycross a temporary access easement as may be required for the City to enter the owner's property for the period of time necessary to complete the terms of the Agreement.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and City Clerk be and are hereby authorized, directed and empowered to execute the Barrow Pit Agreement.

SO RESOLVED, this 17th day of July, 2012.

CITY OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA

**BY: CLARENCE E BILLUPS
MAYOR**

ATTEST: JULIE DINKINS, City Clerk

Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines made the motion to approve the Resolution of the City of Waycross to Approve Borrow Pit Agreement Between the City of Waycross, Georgia and William & Gail Todd to Provide the City of Waycross With Useable Materials for Public Works as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner William Simmons; all voted affirmatively and the motion carried.

A Resolution of the City of Waycross, Georgia to Approve Agreements Between the Georgia Department of Corrections and the City of Waycross was presented.

RESOLUTION NO. 12-41

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF WAYCROSS TO APPROVE
AGREEMENTS BETWEEN THE
GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS AND THE CITY
OF WAYCROSS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES**

WHEREAS, proposed Agreements between the Georgia Department of Corrections and the City of Waycross to be effective July 1, 2012, have been presented to the Commission of the City of Waycross, Georgia; and

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

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Agreements, the Department will provide one full time Corrections Supervisor and a maximum of ten inmates for each crew; and

WHEREAS, the Agreements shall be effective from July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2013; and

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

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

WHEREAS, a copy of said Agreements 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 Agreements, if the forms are attached hereto, are hereby approved.

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 Agreements on behalf of the City of Waycross.

SO RESOLVED this 17th day of July, 2012.

CITY OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA

**BY: CLARENCE E BILLUPS
MAYOR**

ATTEST: JULIE DINKINS, City Clerk

The Resolution of the City of Waycross, Georgia to Approve the Agreements Between the Georgia Department of Corrections and the City of Waycross was approved by motion from Commissioner Diane Hopkins with a note to change maximum to minimum. Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines seconded the motion; all present voted in favor and the motion carried with a 5-0 vote.

Mr. Jorel “J Fly” Flynn addressed the Commissioners to give them an update on the status of the “How BIG Is Your Dream” Foundation.

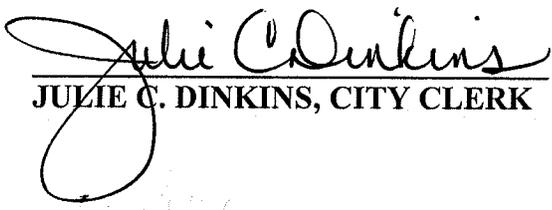
Following closing remarks, Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines made the motion to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Commissioner Diane Hopkins; all voted in favor and Mayor Billups adjourned the meeting.

CITY OF WAYCROSS

BY:


CLARENCE E. BILLUPS
MAYOR

ATTEST:


JULIE C. DINKINS, CITY CLERK