

MINUTES
WAYCROSS CITY COMMISSION MEETING
TUESDAY, JULY 19, 2011
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 19, 2011. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Pro Tem Diane L. Hopkins at 7:00 p.m. with Commissioners Norman Davis, William Simmons, and Daniel Yarbrough present for the meeting. Mayor Clarence Billups and Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines were absent.

Commissioner Norman Davis introduced Chuck Wright, a volunteer for Pastor Charlie Lewis Giving Back to the Community Project, who offered the invocation which was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Under Executive Duties Mayor Pro Tem Hopkins introduced Commissioner Norman Davis who recognized Pastor Charlie Lewis and the many volunteers who assisted Pastor Lewis with the Pastor Charlie Lewis Giving Back to the Community Project. Mr. Davis presented a Certificate of Appreciation and a Metal to each volunteer. Pastor Lewis acknowledged each volunteer with a thoughtful word. City Manager Deron King then presented Pastor Lewis with a plaque to recognize her service to the community.

Mr. William Staeger, Mayor, City of Folkston, appeared before the Commission to present a beautiful numbered and signed print of the Seaboard Coast Line Railroad – Waycross, Georgia by Frank Crowe 2011 to the City of Waycross. Ms. Dixie McGurn, former Mayor of Folkston and proprietor of Whistlin' Dixie, a custom framing and gift shop in Folkston, was also present for the meeting. Ms. McGurn commissioned the artist, Frank Crowe to paint the picture and prepared the frame.

City Manager Deron King introduced Mr. David Lyons, Third Vice President of the Georgia Chiefs Association, who presented Chief Tony Tanner with the plaque acknowledging the State Recertification for the Waycross Police Department. Lt. Danny Hampton received a plaque as well for his administrative contribution.

Deron W. King, City Manager, presented the City Manager's Report. The Lee Avenue Water and Sewer Improvements are continuing with resurfacing work continuing and should be complete by the end of July. Citizens are urged to exercise caution when traveling in construction areas. Mr. King informed the public the renovation is complete at the Police Department and operations should return to normal on Friday, July 22, 2011. Mr. King commended Leodis McKelvin, a former Ware County Gator stand-out, who now plays for the Buffalo Bills, who put on a football camp for the children of the community.

There was no Mayor's Report due to Mayor Billup's illness.

Mayor Pro Tem Hopkins presented the Consent Calendar as read by City Clerk, Julie Dinkins for consideration of official action as follows:

Approval of Minutes: Waycross City Commission Regular Meeting, Tuesday, July 5 2011 and the second reading on the ordinance Amending the Charter of the City of Waycross to Reapportion Election Districts as follows:

ORDINANCE NO. 11-07

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA, PURSUANT TO THE AUTHORITY GRANTED AT O.C.G.A. SECTION 36-35-4.1 IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROCEDURES SET FORTH AT O.C.G.A. SECTION 36-35-3(1)(b) AND SECTION 6.1 OF THE CHARTER FOR THE CITY OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA, TO REAPPORTION MUNICIPAL ELECTION DISTRICTS BASED UPON PUBLICATION OF THE UNITED STATES DECENNIAL CENSUS OF 2010; TO ESTABLISH NEW ELECTION DISTRICT BOUNDARIES IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE UNITED STATES CONSTITUTION AND PERTINENT LAWS, GOVERNING FUTURE ELECTIONS FOR MEMBERS OF THE CITY COMMISSION FOR THE CITY OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA; TO ESTABLISH AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

There were no consent resolutions or privilege license renewals.

Commissioner Daniel Yarbrough 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 4-0 vote.

A Resolution of the City of Waycross, Georgia to Authorize and Direct an Officer of the City to Execute one or more Lease Supplements for a Lease or Leases under the GMA Direct Leasing Program and to Designate such leases as Qualified Tax Exempt Obligations was presented.

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RESOLUTION NO. 11-36

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA
TO AUTHORIZE AND DIRECT AN OFFICER
OF THE CITY TO EXECUTE ONE OR MORE
LEASE SUPPLEMENTS FOR A LEASE OR LEASES
UNDER THE GMA DIRECT LEASING PROGRAM;
TO DESIGNATE SUCH LEASES AS QUALIFIED
TAX-EXEMPT OBLIGATIONS;**

**TO PROVIDE AN EFFECTIVE DATE;
AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

WHEREAS, the City of Waycross has entered into a Master Lease (the “Master Lease”) dated as of September 24, 2008, with Georgia Municipal Association, Inc. for the leasing from time to time of certain equipment, machinery or other personal property pursuant to Supplemental Leases;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY:

1. The Mayor of the City is hereby authorized and directed to execute and deliver a Lease Supplement Pursuant to the Master Lease to put into effect one or more leases for **(5) 2011 Chevrolet Impala Police Cars, (1) 2012 International 7500 Dump Truck, 330, and (1) 2011 Ford F-150 Truck** (the “Leased Property”); said officer of the City is authorized and directed in the name and on behalf of the City to execute and deliver (i) one or more Lease Supplements for items of the Leased Property in substantially the form attached to the Master Lease, with such changes and additional as may be approved by said officer, and (ii) such other documents as may be deemed by such officer to be necessary or desirable to effect the purposes hereof or of the Master Lease, and such execution shall constitute conclusive evidence that the executed document has been authorized and approved hereby; the aforesaid officer is further authorized to do all things necessary or appropriate to effectuate the purposes hereof.
2. An appropriation in the City’s current operating budget has previously been made which shall be sufficient to pay the “Rentals” and the “Termination Payment” during the “Starting Term” under such Lease Supplements;
3. The lease or leases contemplated by the said Lease Supplements are hereby designated “Qualified Tax-Exempt Obligations” within the meaning of Section 265(b)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 as amended, and said officer shall be authorized to confirm such designation by execution of appropriate documents in connection therewith.
4. This authorization shall be effective immediately.

SO RESOLVED, This 19th day of July, 2011.

CITY OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA

**BY: DIANE L. HOPKINS
MAYOR PRO TEM**

ATTEST: JULIE DINKINS, City Clerk

Commissioner William Simmons made the motion to approve A Resolution of the City of Waycross, Georgia to Authorize and Direct an Officer of the City to Execute one or more Lease Supplements for a Lease or Leases under the GMA Direct Leasing Program and to Designate such leases as Qualified Tax Exempt Obligations as presented. Commissioner Norman Davis seconded the motion; all voted in favor and the motion carried with a 4-0 vote.

A Resolution of the City of Waycross, Georgia to Approve the Application for the FY-2011 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant was presented.

RESOLUTION NO. 11-40

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA
TO APPROVE THE APPLICATION FOR THE
FY-2011 EDWARD BYRNE MEMORIAL JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT;
AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

WHEREAS, the Waycross Police Department of the City of Waycross has prepared an application for the FY2011 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant in the amount of Eleven Thousand Seven Hundred Thirty Dollars (\$11,730); and

WHEREAS, if awarded this grant, the Waycross Police Department will be responsible for the administration of the grant funds which will be divided with the Ware County Sheriff's Department who will use their portion of Five Thousand Seven Hundred Seventy-Five Dollars (\$5,775.00) to purchase In-car Laptop Computers and necessary operating equipment. The City of Waycross will use their portion of Five Thousand Nine Hundred Fifty-Five Dollars (\$5,955.00) to purchase Thermal Digital In-car Printers and necessary operating equipment; and

WHEREAS, the Grant process requires a Memorandum of Agreement between the City of Waycross and the Board of Commissioners of Ware County, Georgia and that the local government approve the grant application for these funds; 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 hereby approve the application of the Waycross Police Department for an FY2011 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant in the amount of \$11,730.00.

FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor, City Clerk, City Manager and Chief of Police be and are hereby authorized, directed and empowered to execute any such documents evidencing the FY2011 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant.

SO RESOLVED, This 19th day of July, 2011.

CITY OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA

**BY: DIANE L. HOPKINS
MAYOR PRO TEM**

ATTEST: JULIE DINKINS, City Clerk

Commissioner Daniel Yarbrough made the motion to approve A Resolution of the City of Waycross, Georgia to Approve the Application for the FY-2011 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant as presented. Commissioner Norman Davis seconded the motion; all voted in favor and the motion carried with a 4-0 vote.

A Resolution of the City of Waycross, Georgia to Establish Qualification Dates for the City of Waycross for 2011 was presented.

RESOLUTION 11-03

**A RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH QUALIFICATION
FEES FOR CITY OF WAYCROSS ELECTIONS FOR 2011**

WHEREAS, *O.C.G.A.* Section 21-2-131 (Georgia Municipal Election Code) requires the governing authority of each municipality to establish qualification fees for candidates for compensated municipal offices; and

WHEREAS, *O.C.G.A.* Section 21-2-131 of the Georgia Municipal Election Code authorizes the local governing authority to fix and publish a qualification fee not to exceed three percent of the income derived from such office.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Commission of the City of Waycross that the qualification fee for candidates for Mayor of the City of Waycross for the election to be held in the year 2011 shall be three percent (3%) of the annual compensation of the prospective office and is hereby set at \$240.00.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Commission of the City of Waycross that the qualification fee for candidates for the Commission of the City of Waycross for the election to be

held in the year 2011 shall be three percent (3%) of the annual compensation of the prospective office and is hereby set at \$180.00.

SO RESOLVED, This 19th day of July, 2011.

CITY OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA

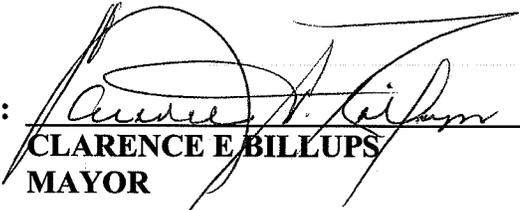
**BY: DIANE L. HOPKINS
MAYOR PRO TEM**

ATTEST: JULIE DINKINS, City Clerk

Commissioner William Simmons made the motion to approve A Resolution of the City of Waycross, Georgia to Establish Qualification Dates for the City of Waycross for 2011 as presented. Commissioner Daniel Yarbrough seconded the motion; all voted in favor and the motion carried with a 4-0 vote.

Following the Mayor and Commissioner's closing remarks, Commissioner Norman Davis made the motion to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Commissioner William Simmons; all voted in favor and Mayor Pro Tem Hopkins adjourned the meeting.

CITY OF WAYCROSS

BY: 
**CLARENCE E. BILLUPS
MAYOR**

ATTEST:


JULIE C. DINKINS, CITY CLERK

