

MINUTES
WAYCROSS CITY COMMISSION MEETING
TUESDAY, AUGUST 4, 2015
7:00 P.M.

The Regular Session of the Commission of the City of Waycross was held on Tuesday, August 4, 2015 in the Commission Chambers of City Hall. Mayor Clarence E. Billups called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Those in attendance with Mayor Billups were Mayor Pro Tem Alvin Nelson; Commissioners Marian Solomon-Gaines, Diane Hopkins and Larry Ethridge. Commissioner Norman Davis was not present.

City Attorney Rick Currie introduced Reverend Otis Moody, Pastoral Candidate to First Friendship Baptist Church of Brunswick, who offered the opening invocation which was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Human Resources Director Trinija Molina-Martin introduced Betty Presley, Public Works Department as the recipient of the August 2015 Employee of the Month.

City Manager Raphel Maddox congratulated Betty Presley for her Employee of the Month designation. Mr. Maddox asked Chief Tony Tanner to comment on the opening of the new school year. Chief Tanner stated that the school system had a great opening day and reminded citizens to drive carefully and watch out for the children.

Mayor Clarence E. Billups reminded citizens to please be careful around the schools and in the school zones. Mayor Billups recognized the City Manager and Commissioners, saying he appreciates their dedication and compassion for the employees of the City of 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 Monday, July 20, 2015; Waycross City Commission Meeting, Tuesday, July 21, 2015; and a Special Called Meeting to Set the Millage Rate July 27, 2015.

Two Second Readings for Ordinances:

- a. Amending Zoning Text Article VII, Section 710.2 to Add Auto Repair Shops as a Permitted Use
- b. Amending Chapter 24 Pertaining to Transient Merchants and License Fees for Transient Peddlers

There were no Consent Resolutions and no Privilege License Renewals.

Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines made the motion to approve the Consent Calendar as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Diane Hopkins. All Commissioners voted in favor and the motion was approved with a 4 – 0 vote.

The bids for playground equipment for Elizabeth Street Park were presented by Purchasing Director Linda Jones. The Purchasing Department's recommendation was to purchase the equipment from BCI Burke of Fond Du Lac, WI for the total price of \$24,579.00. The KaBoom Grant will pay \$15,000 with the remaining \$11,597.00 being paid by the City of Waycross. BCI Burke will also donate two benches to the City of Waycross.

Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines made the motion to approve the bid for playground equipment for the total price of \$24,579.00, with the KaBoom Grant paying \$15,000 and the remaining \$11,597.00 being paid by the City of Waycross. Commissioner Larry Ethridge seconded the motion; all voted favorably and the motion carried.

Bids for lighting for the City Auditorium were presented by Purchasing Director Linda Jones. Ms. Jones presented the recommendation to award this bid to Harold Ellis Smith Electric Co of Waycross, for a purchase price of \$44,100.00 from SPLOST funds plus \$240.00 yearly for software maintenance.

Commissioner Diane Hopkins made the motion to approve the purchase of lighting for the City Auditorium from Harold Ellis Smith Electric Co of Waycross for a purchase price of \$44,100.00 from SPLOST funds plus \$240.00 annually for software maintenance. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines. The Commissioners all voted yes and the motion carried with a 4 – 0 vote.

Purchasing Director Linda Jones presented a list of items no longer needed by any department within the City of Waycross and requested these items be declared surplus and sold on GovDeals.com.

Commissioner Diane Hopkins made the motion to declare the items listed as surplus and sell them on GovDeals.com. Commissioner Larry Ethridge seconded the motion; all voted in favor and the motion carried.

A Resolution of the City of Waycross to Authorize Training Reimbursement Agreement with WPD Lt. Trent Gibbs for the repayment of Specialized Training Expenses was presented to the Commission for approval:

RESOLUTION NO. 15-33

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA,
TO AUTHORIZE TRAINING REIMBURSEMENT AGREEMENT WITH WAYCROSS POLICE
DEPARTMENT LIEUTENANT TRENT GIBBS FOR THE REPAYMENT OF SPECIALIZED
TRAINING EXPENSES; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

WHEREAS, the City of Waycross has offered to provide certain specialized training, to wit: Master Trainers Course at Lynnwood Kennels, Inc. in Fremont, Ohio, to Waycross Police Department Lieutenant Trent Gibbs; and

WHEREAS, the City of Waycross believes this specialized training will enable Lieutenant Gibbs to provide valuable services to the Waycross Police Department and, therefore, to the citizens of the City of Waycross; and

WHEREAS, the City of Waycross is providing this opportunity for specialized training in anticipation of Lieutenant Gibbs continuing to work for the City of Waycross at the Waycross Police Department for at least five (5) years after the training concludes so that the City of Waycross will recover some of the benefits of the investment in the specialized training; and

WHEREAS, Lieutenant Gibbs understands that the City of Waycross would not provide this specialized training unless he intended to continue to work for the City of Waycross 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 five (5) years from the conclusion of the specialized 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 Lieutenant Trent Gibbs to reimburse the City of Waycross the costs of the specialized training if he terminates his employment with the Waycross Police Department prior to five (5) years after concluding the specialized 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 4th day of August, 2015.

CITY OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA

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 to Authorize Training Reimbursement Agreement with WPD Lt. Trent Gibbs for the repayment of Specialized Training Expenses as presented to the Commission. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines; the vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

A Resolution of the City of Waycross to Approve the Agreement with Darnel Quick Recovery to Collect Past Due Accounts of the City was presented to the Commission for approval:

RESOLUTION NO.15-28

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA,
TO APPROVE AGREEMENT WITH DARNEL QUICK RECOVERY, INC. TO COLLECT
PAST DUE ACCOUNTS OF THE CITY; AND
FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

WHEREAS, the City of Waycross from time to time has utility accounts which become past due and delinquent; and

WHEREAS, the services of a collection agency becomes necessary and essential to collect those debts; and

WHEREAS, Darnel Quick Recovery, Inc., is willing to contract with the City of Waycross to collect those past due and delinquent debts and a proposed Agreement between Darnel Quick Recovery, Inc. and the City of Waycross has been presented to the Commission of the City of Waycross; and

WHEREAS, the Agreement will be effective for an initial term of three (3) years; and

WHEREAS, either party may terminate said Agreement, without cause, at the end of the initial term of said Agreement upon giving more than ninety (90) days written notice by certified mail; and

WHEREAS, a copy of said Agreement is attached hereto and made a part hereof by reference as if fully set forth herein; and

WHEREAS, the Agreement provides that Darnel Quick Recovery, Inc. will collect the City's delinquent debts for a fee of twenty-five percent (25%) of the gross amount collected on all "First Place accounts" and forty percent (40%) of the gross amount collected on all "legal accounts and bankruptcies"; and

WHEREAS, Darnel Quick Recovery, Inc. shall remit to the City of Waycross those amounts collected with fifteen (15) days of the end of any given month; and

WHEREAS, said matter having been considered.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Commission of the City of Waycross that the Agreement between Darnel Quick Recovery, Inc. and the City of Waycross, Georgia, in the form attached and incorporated herein as if fully set forth, requiring is hereby approved.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Commission of the City of Waycross that the Mayor and City Clerk hereby directed, authorized and empowered to execute said 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 carry out the purposes and intent of this Resolution.

SO RESOLVED, this 4th day of August, 2015.

CITY OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA

BY: CLARENCE E. BILLUPS, Mayor

ATTEST:

JULIE DINKINS, City Clerk

The Resolution of the City of Waycross to Approve the Agreement with Darnel Quick Recovery to Collect Past Due Accounts of the City was approved by motion from Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Alvin Nelson and approved with a 4-0 vote.

A Resolution to Award the Contract to Harold Ellis Smith Electric Company for the Purchase and Installation of New LED Light Fixtures and Remote Lighting Control System for the City Auditorium was presented for approval.

RESOLUTION NO. 15-35

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA,
TO AWARD CONTRACT TO HAROLD ELLIS SMITH ELECTRIC COMPANY OF
WAYCROSS, GEORGIA, FOR THE PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION OF NEW LED
LIGHT FIXTURES AND REMOTE LIGHTING CONTROL SYSTEM FOR THE CITY
AUDITORIUM; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

WHEREAS, the lighting at the City Auditorium is insufficient and inadequate to properly provide light necessary for certain events at the City Auditorium; and

WHEREAS, the City of Waycross Purchasing Department solicited bids for the purchase and installation of new LED light fixtures and a remote lighting control system for the City Auditorium; and

WHEREAS, the City of Waycross Purchasing Department offered the project through competitive bidding and received and opened bids tendered for the project; and

WHEREAS, Harold Ellis Smith Electric Company of Waycross, Georgia, submitted the lowest and best bid for the project at a cost of \$44,100.00; and

WHEREAS, said matter having been properly considered.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Commission of the City of Waycross that a contract be awarded to Harold Ellis Smith Electric Company of Waycross, Georgia, for the purchase and installation of new LED light fixtures and a remote lighting control system for the City Auditorium, to be paid for from SPLOST funds.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and City Clerk be empowered, authorized and directed to execute the 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 4th day of August, 2015.

CITY OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA

BY: CLARENCE E. BILLUPS, Mayor

ATTEST:

JULIE DINKINS, City Clerk

Commissioner Diane Hopkins made the motion to approve the purchase of LED Lighting for the City Auditorium. Commissioner Alvin Nelson seconded the motion. The motion was approved with a 4-0 vote.

A Resolution of the City of Waycross to Approve the Purchase of Twenty-Five (25) Additional Body Cameras for the Waycross Police Department from Martel Electronics was presented for approval.

RESOLUTION NO. 15-34

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA,

**TO APPROVE PURCHASE OF TWENTY-FIVE (25) ADDITIONAL BODY CAMERAS
FOR THE WAYCROSS POLICE DEPARTMENT FROM MARTEL ELECTRONICS;
AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

WHEREAS, the City of Waycross Police Department has an approved FY 2016 line item budget funds to purchase twenty-five (25) additional body cameras; and

WHEREAS, the Waycross Police Department purchased ten (10) body cameras from Martel Electronics of Yorba Linda, California, last year that are functioning properly; and

WHEREAS, the Waycross Police Department desires to purchase twenty-five (25) more body cameras from Martel Electronics which will standardize all body cameras and allow the same software to be utilized; and

WHEREAS, the Waycross Police Department can purchase these body cameras from Martell Electronics for \$499.00 each which is less than the GSA Federal Contract price of \$633.00; and

WHEREAS, said matter having been properly considered.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Commission of the City of Waycross that the contract for purchase of twenty-five (25) body cameras for the Waycross Police Department be awarded to Martel Electronics of Yorba Linda, California, for the amount of \$499.00 per unit and a total cost of \$12,475.00.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and City Clerk be empowered, authorized and directed to execute the 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 4th day of August, 2015.

CITY OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA

BY: CLARENCE E. BILLUPS, Mayor

ATTEST:

JULIE DINKINS, City Clerk

Commissioner Diane Hopkins made the motion to approve the Resolution to purchase 25 body cameras. Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines seconded the motion and all voted favorably and the motion carried.

A Resolution to Purchase the Required Equipment to Broadcast WAYX-TV Programming on At&T U-Verse Peg Channel 99 was presented for approval.

RESOLUTION NO. 15-37

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA,
TO PURCHASE REQUIRED EQUIPMENT TO BROADCAST WAYX-TV
PROGRAMMING ON AT&T U-VERSE PEG CHANNEL 99;
AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

WHEREAS, the City of Waycross has approved FY 2016 line item budget funds to purchase required equipment to broadcast WAYX TV on AT&T U-Verse; and

WHEREAS, the City of Waycross desires to provide broadcast programming to local and regional AT&T U-Verse customers; and

WHEREAS, this project will allow WAYX-TV to reach more viewers beyond the local limits of Waycross and Ware County with Sunday Worship Service, Event Announcements and Economic Opportunities; and

WHEREAS, this project will enable WAYX TV to broadcast worship services from others in the surrounding U-Verse community that may not have available PEG services in their area; and

WHEREAS, the City of Waycross desires to purchase required equipment from AT&T/IDSolutions which is a sole source for said equipment; and

WHEREAS, said matter having been properly considered.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Commission of the City of Waycross that a contract be awarded to AT&T/IDSolutions for the purchase of required equipment, being a Cisco Media Processor, a Kramer Distribution Amplifier and warranty, total cost being in the amount of \$12,386.50.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and City Clerk be empowered, authorized and directed to execute the 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 4th day of August, 2015.

CITY OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA

BY: CLARENCE E. BILLUPS, Mayor

ATTEST:

JULIE DINKINS, City Clerk

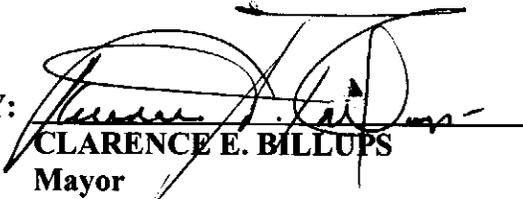
The motion to purchase equipment to broadcast WAYX-TV Programming was approved by motion from Commissioner Diane Hopkins; seconded by Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines and approved with a 4-0 vote.

Mr. Rudolph Solomon addressed the Commission requesting that the Commission check into speeders on Lister St. between Alice and Tebeau; resurfacing Alice Street and City employees flying Confederate flags.

After last call, Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Alvin Nelson seconded the motion. All voted in favor and Mayor Billups adjourned the meeting.

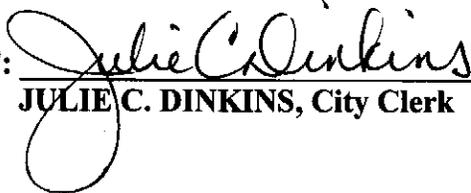
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BY:


CLARENCE E. BILLUPS

Mayor

ATTEST:


JULIE C. DINKINS, City Clerk