

**MINUTES  
WAYCROSS CITY COMMISSION MEETING  
TUESDAY, AUGUST 4, 2020  
5:00 PM**

The Commission of the City of Waycross held their Regular City Commission Meeting on Tuesday, August 05, 2020 in the City Hall. The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by the Honorable Michael-Angelo James, Mayor of the City of Waycross. Members in attendance were: Mayor Michael-Angelo James, Mayor Pro Tem John Threat, Commissioners Marian Solomon-Gaines, Norman Davis, and Henry Strickland. Commissioner Diane Hopkins was absent.

Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines introduced Kenya Garner, Assistant Principal of Center Elementary School, who offered the opening invocation. The Invocation was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Mayor Michael-Angelo James.

Mayor Michael-Angelo James announced Cheryl Jacobs as for recommendation of appointment to Waycross-Ware County Library Board of Trustees.

Mayor James discussed the Census of 2020 during Executive Duties.

During Executive Duties, Mr. Rick Currie, City Attorney scheduled Public Hearing for September 1, 2020.

There were no public remarks on Official Action.

Mayor Michael-Angelo James presented the Consent Calendar as read by City Clerk Michelle Love for consideration of official action as follows:

Approval of Minutes: Waycross City Commission Planning & Information Session, Monday, July 20, 2020, 5:00 p.m.; Public Hearing, Tuesday, July 21, 2020, 3:45 p.m.; Public Hearing, Tuesday, July 21, 2020, 4:30 p.m.; Waycross City Commission Meeting, Tuesday, July 21, 2020, 5:00 p.m.; Public Hearing, Wednesday, July 22, 2020, 10:00 p.m.; Public Hearing, Wednesday, July 22, 2020, 6:00 p.m.; Public Hearing, Wednesday, July 29, 2020, 4:00 p.m.; Special Called Meeting, Wednesday, July 29, 2020, 4:00 p.m.

One Ordinance was presented for second reading:

**ORDINANCE NO. O20-09**

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF THE CITY OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA; TO AMEND ARTICLE VIII – SIGNS, SECTION 806 – PERMITTING AND MAINTENANCE, BY AMENDING SUBSECTION 806.6 – MAINTENANCE; TO REPEAL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; TO PROVIDE FOR SEVERABILITY; TO PROVIDE FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

There were no Consent Resolutions or Privilege License Renewals.

The Consent Calendar was approved by motion from Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines, second by Commissioner Henry Strickland; and approved by all present.

There were no bids presented for approval.

The following Ordinance was presented for first reading to the Commission.

**ORDINANCE NO. O20-12**

**AN ORDINANCE TO ABANDON AND CLOSE AN UNOPENED ALLEY IN  
BLOCK 64 OF SOUTH DEENWOOD SUBDIVISION; TO AUTHORIZE  
QUITCLAIM DEEDS; TO ESTABLISH AN EFFECTIVE DATE; TO REPEAL  
CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines made the motion to approve the Ordinance as presented for the first reading. Commissioner Norman Davis seconded the motion. All Commissioners voted yes, and the motion carried.

A Resolution of the City of Waycross, Georgia, To Authorize the Execution of the Coronavirus Relief Fund (CFR) Terms and Conditions Agreement.

**RESOLUTION NO. R20-77**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA,  
TO EXECUTE AGREEMENT TERMS AND CONDITIONS DOCUMENT WITH  
THE STATE OF GEORGIA FOR APPLYING FOR GRANTS UNDER THE  
CORONAVIRUS RELIEF FUND; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

**WHEREAS**, the federal government has developed the \$2 trillion Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (“CARES”) Act to provide the health care resources needed to fight COVID-19; and

**WHEREAS**, the Coronavirus Relief Fund (“CRF”) requires that said grant funds must be used to make payments for specified uses by states and local governments; and

**WHEREAS**, in order to qualify for CRF, the expense request must satisfy these three items: necessary expenditures incurred due to the COVID-19 public health emergency; (2) costs not accounted for in the most recently approved budget as of March 27, 2020, and (3) costs were incurred between March 1, 2020, and December 30, 2020; and

**WHEREAS**, CRF eligible expenditures may include regular pay and benefits costs for employees who are substantially dedicated to COVID-19 mitigation, costs associated with purchasing or deploying equipment to enable telework or online instruction as part of social distancing, or increased risk pool or health care costs associated with pandemic response; and

**WHEREAS**, the Coronavirus Relief Fund Terms and Conditions, a copy of which is attached hereto and incorporated herein as if fully set forth, sets out the guidelines for requesting grant payments and other requirements; and

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

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Commission of the City of Waycross that the Mayor, City Manager, City Clerk, City Finance Director and City Attorney be and are hereby authorized, directed and empowered to execute the documents necessary to make application for a grant under the RBDG program.

**SO RESOLVED**, this 4<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2020, nunc pro tunc to 07/24/2020.

**CITY OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA**  
**BY: MICHAEL-ANGELO JAMES, Mayor**

**ATTEST:**  
**MICHELLE LOVE, City Clerk**

Commissioner Norman Davis made the motion to approve a Resolution of the City of Waycross, Georgia, to Authorize the Execution of the Coronavirus Relief Fund (CRF) Terms and Conditions Agreement as presented for approval. Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines seconded the motion; the motion was approved with 4-0 vote.

A Resolution of the City of Waycross, Georgia, to Enter a Contest to Win Ten Thousand Dollars for City of Waycross Animal Service was presented.

**RESOLUTION NO. R20-78**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA,  
TO ENTER A CONTEST TO WIN TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS FOR CITY OF  
WAYCROSS ANIMAL SERVICE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

**WHEREAS**, Invisible Fence\* and Radio Systems Corporation are hosting a contest for an animal shelter of your choice a chance to win a ten thousand dollar (\$10,000.00) grand prize; and

**WHEREAS**, Jamie Knudsen, Animal Control Officer, desires to enter said contest on behalf of the City's animal shelter for a chance to win said \$10,000.00; and

**WHEREAS**, only shelters are eligible to win this grand prize and no prize will be awarded to any individual entrant; and

**WHEREAS**, the term "shelter" means an organization legally organized and existing under state law and which provides a temporary home for dogs and cats that are offered for adoption, and for which the animal shelter of the City of Waycross Animal Service qualifies; and

**WHEREAS**, a copy of the Invisible Fence\* Brand Shelter Donation Contest Affidavit of Eligibility and Liability Release form is attached hereto as an exhibit and incorporated herein as if fully set forth; and

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

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Commission of the City of Waycross that the Mayor, City Manager, City Clerk and City Animal Control Officer be and are hereby designated, authorized and directed to take the necessary action to forthwith execute, implement and deliver said form to enter said contest, hereby ratifying and confirming all the acts and things done by said City Officials, and to be done, in order to give effect to the purposes and intent of this Resolution.

**SO RESOLVED**, this 4<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2020, nunc pro tunc to 07/29/2020.

**CITY OF WAYCROSS**  
**BY: MICHAEL-ANGELO JAMES, Mayor**

**ATTEST:**  
**MICHELLE LOVE, City Clerk**

A Resolution of the City of Waycross, Georgia to Enter a Contest to Win Ten Thousand Dollars for the City of Waycross Animal Service as presented was approved by motion from Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Henry Strickland. All voted yes, and the motion was approved.

A Resolution of the City of Waycross, Georgia, to Submit an Application to the Georgia Environmental Finance Authority for Wastewater Treatment Plant Equipment Replacement and Improvement Project was present for approval.

**RESOLUTION NO. R20-79**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA, TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO THE GEORGIA ENVIRONMENTAL FINANCE AUTHORITY FOR WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT EQUIPMENT REPLACEMENT AND IMPROVEMENT PROJECT; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Waycross desires to make certain improvements to its wastewater treatment plant and which includes all pipes, pumps, structures and appurtenances to be rehabilitated and/or replaced on the existing wastewater treatment plant site; and

**WHEREAS**, the project will serve only existing customers within the existing service area and will result in no change in the existing land use; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Waycross is desirous of pursuing all appropriate means of funding for the aforementioned project; and

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

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Commission of the City of Waycross hereby approves the submission of an application to the Georgia Environmental Finance Authority (“GEFA”) for a 20 year loan in the amount of \$2,500,000.00 to finance the above-described project.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Mayor, City Manager, City Clerk and City Finance Director be and are hereby authorized, directed and empowered to execute the documents necessary to submit such application and all other documents required therewith.

**SO RESOLVED**, this 4<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2020.

**CITY OF WAYCROSS**  
**BY: MICHAEL-ANGELO JAMES, Mayor**

**ATTEST:**  
**MICHELLE LOVE, City Clerk**

Commissioner Norman Davis made the motion to approve a Resolution of the City of Waycross, Georgia, to Submit an Application to the Georgia Environmental Finance Authority for Wastewater Treatment Plant Equipment Replacement and Improvement Project as presented to the Commission for approval. Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines seconded the motion; the motion was approved with 4-0 vote.

A Resolution of the City of Waycross, Georgia, to Approve Georgia Department of Agriculture Dog and Cat Sterilization Program Grant for Community Improvement Department was present to the Commission for approval.

**RESOLUTION NO. R20-80**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA,  
TO APPROVE GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE DOG AND  
CAT STERILIZATION PROGRAM GRANT AWARD FOR COMMUNITY  
IMPROVEMENT DEPARTMENT; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

**WHEREAS**, the Georgia Department of Agriculture has awarded a grant from its Georgia Dog and Cat Sterilization Program in the amount of \$1,000.00 to the Waycross Animal Shelter; and

**WHEREAS**, it may take up to 45 days for the Department of Agriculture's finance department to process said award payment but the City will soon receive a grant agreement which will need to be signed, executed and returned to the Department of Agriculture so the City can receive the grant award; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Ga. Comp. R. & Regs. R. 40-13-14-.03, all grant funds shall only be used for sterilization surgery and not for capital or administrative purposes; and

**WHEREAS**, all procedures shall be completed within twelve (12) months of receipt of said grant funds and must be utilized by a veterinarian licensed by the Georgia State Board of Veterinary Medicine, accredited in the USDA National Accreditation Program, and approved by the State Veterinarian office to perform duties in Georgia; and

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

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the City Commission of the City of Waycross that it hereby approve the \$1,000.00 grant from the Georgia Department of Agriculture Dog and Cat Sterilization Program for spaying and neutering cats and dogs.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Mayor, City Manager, City Finance Director, City Clerk and City Attorney be, and the same are, hereby authorized, directed and empowered to execute the said Grant Agreement and associated documents in the name of the City of Waycross, hereby ratifying, confirming and approving the act and things done as necessary to give effect to said Resolution.

**SO RESOLVED**, this 4<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2020.

**CITY OF WAYCROSS**

**BY: MICHAEL-ANGELO JAMES, Mayor**

**ATTEST:**

**MICHELLE LOVE, City Clerk**

Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines made the motion to approve a Resolution of the City of Waycross, Georgia, to Approve Georgia Department of Agriculture Dog and Cat Sterilization Program Grant for Community Improvement Department as presented to the Commission for approval. Commissioner Henry Strickland seconded the motion. The motion approved with all present votes.

Mr. Larry Rood, 304 Howe Street, Waycross, Georgia, made a request to the Commission to relocate the Confederate Monument located in the Phoenix Park to another location. He suggested it be moved to the cemetery on Tebeau Street.

After last call, Commissioner Norman Davis made the motion for the meeting to adjourn. Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Mayor Michael-Angelo James adjourned the meeting.

**CITY OF WAYCROSS**

**BY:**   
**MICHAEL-ANGELO JAMES, Mayor**

**ATTEST:**

  
**MICHELLE LOVE, City Clerk**