

MINUTES
WAYCROSS CITY COMMISSION MEETING
TUESDAY, AUGUST 5, 2014
7:00 P.M.

The Commission of the City of Waycross met in Regular Session on Tuesday, August 5, 2014 in the Commission Chambers of City Hall. 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 Diane Hopkins; Commissioners, Marian Solomon-Gaines, Alvin Nelson, Norman Davis and Larry Ethridge.

Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines introduced her brother, Rudolph Solomon, who offered the opening invocation and Mayor Billups led the Pledge of Allegiance

Under Executive Duties, Mayor Clarence E. Billups introduced Mrs. Sue Clark, Okefenokee Heritage Center, who thanked the Commission for their recent donation to the Okefenokee Heritage Center. Mrs. Clark also asked the community to support the Okefenokee Heritage Center.

Mr. Joe Meadows, President, Ware County Athletic Booster Club introduced Dr. Franklin Stephens, Ware County High School Football Coach who shared with the Commission and public his philosophy for teaching and coaching. Mayor Billups and Interim City Manager Raphel Maddox presented a donation to Dr. Stephens for the Athletic Booster Club.

HR employee, Elizabeth Velez-Hill introduced Ms. Priscilla Brown of the Waycross Fire Department as the August Employee of the Month.

Interim City Manager Raphel Maddox announced that the opening day of school went off without any problems. Mr. Maddox encouraged students, teachers and parents to have a great and safe school year. He also wished Mayor Billups a belated happy birthday.

Mayor Clarence Billups asked citizens, students, parents and teachers to be careful on the roads, the children are back in school.

Mayor Clarence Billups acknowledged that he has had several inquiries on the status of hiring a City Manager. Mayor Billups assured the public that a City Manager will be appointed in the near future.

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 Affidavit, Monday, July 14, 2014; Road and Alley Closing Public Hearing and Waycross City Commission Meeting, Tuesday, July 15, 2014.

Ordinances No. 14-12, 14-13, 14-14 and 14-15 were presented for their second reading and final approval:

ORDINANCE NO. 14-12

AN ORDINANCE TO CLOSE AND ABANDON A PORTION OF GROVE AVENUE RIGHT-OF-WAY BETWEEN OAK STREET AND OSSIE DAVIS PARKWAY, RETAINING THE EXISTING UTILITIES WITH EASEMENT ACCESS; TO AUTHORIZE QUITCLAIM DEEDS TO ADJOINING PROPERTY OWNERS FOR THE ABANDONED RIGHT-OF-WAY; TO ESTABLISH AN EFFECTIVE DATE; TO REPEAL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

ORDINANCE NO. 14-13

AN ORDINANCE TO CLOSE AND ABANDON A PORTION OF OAK STREET RIGHT-OF-WAY BETWEEN KNOX STREET AND OSSIE DAVIS PARKWAY, RETAINING THE EXISTING UTILITIES WITH EASEMENT ACCESS; TO AUTHORIZE QUITCLAIM DEEDS TO ADJOINING PROPERTY OWNERS FOR THE ABANDONED RIGHT-OF-WAY; TO ESTABLISH AN EFFECTIVE DATE; TO REPEAL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

ORDINANCE NO. 14-14

AN ORDINANCE TO CLOSE AND ABANDON A PORTION OF NORTH CITY BOULEVARD RIGHT-OF-WAY BETWEEN TEBEAU STREET TO SUNNYSIDE DRIVE; TO AUTHORIZE QUITCLAIM DEEDS TO ADJOINING PROPERTY OWNERS FOR THE ABANDONED RIGHT-OF-WAY; TO ESTABLISH AN EFFECTIVE DATE; TO REPEAL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

ORDINANCE NO. 14-15

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA AND THE ZONING MAP; TO REZONE THE PROPERTY DESCRIBED HEREIN LOCATED AT 1305 ALICE STREET, WAYCROSS, GEORGIA, FROM R-50 RESIDENTIAL TO ZONE M, MEDICAL DISTRICT; TO SET AN EFFECTIVE DATE; TO REPEAL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

There were no Consent Resolutions or Privilege License Renewals.

Commissioner Norman Davis made the motion to approve the Consent Calendar as presented. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Diane Hopkins. All Commissioners voted yes and the motion was approved with a 5 – 0 vote.

One privilege license was presented for re-location approval, Roy Rhodes, Cheers Package Store, 508 City Boulevard, Retail Beer, Wine and Liquor. Commissioner Norman Davis made the motion to approve the Privilege License re-location as requested. Commissioner Alvin Nelson seconded the motion; all voted positively and the motion carried.

Purchasing Director Linda Jones presented Bid FY15 Rear Curtain City Auditorium. Ms. Jones said this bid would be piggy-backed off the original bid awarded to Georgia Stage LLC. containing the same curtain less the valance. This curtain will be installed at the rear of the stage for a backdrop. The price will be \$6,510.00 and can be installed by the end of August. Mayor Pro Tem Diane Hopkins made the motion to approve the purchase of the rear curtain for the City Auditorium in the amount of \$6,510.00 out of SPLOST funds. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines. All Commissioners voted in favor and the motion was approved.

Purchasing Director Linda Jones presented WAYX 15-02 Surplus Property for approval. A list of items no longer needed in any City Department were submitted so that they may be declared surplus and sold on GovDeals.Com. Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines made the motion to approve the Surplus Property. Mayor Pro Tem Diane Hopkins seconded the motion; all voted in favor and the motion carried.

Purchasing Director Linda Jones presented a request from DWDA for payment of architect services for the design work for the repairs for the Rail Depot and Freight Depot in the negotiated amount of \$3,113.00. Commissioner Norman Davis made the motion to approve the request from DWDA for payment in the amount of \$3,113 in SPLOST funds for architect services for the Depot; seconded by Commissioner Larry Ethridge. All Commissioners voted affirmatively and the motion was approved.

Purchasing Director Linda Jones solicited bids on behalf of the DWDA for the repairs to the Rail Depot and the Rea buildings and the construction of a market/viewing platform. At the request of the City Commission this was brought into budget by removing the market/viewing canopy and the fencing.

Purchasing received two bids and recommends the Commission award the bid to Craft Development of Waycross, GA for \$106,887.00. Commissioner Norman Davis made the motion to award the bid to Craft Development for \$106,887.00 out of SPLOST funds. Commissioner Alvin Nelson seconded the motion. All Commissioners voted yes and the motion carried.

An Ordinance to Close and Abandon a ten foot wide alley approximately 168 feet long running from James Street to Delia Street in the area of 1503 Buchanan Street presented for the first reading.

ORDINANCE NO. 14-16

AN ORDINANCE TO CLOSE AND ABANDON A TEN FOOT WIDE ALLEY APPROXIMATELY 168 FEET LONG RUNNING FROM JAMES STREET TO DELIA STREET IN THE AREA OF 1503 BUCHANNON STREET; TO AUTHORIZE QUITCLAIM DEEDS TO ADJOINING PROPERTY OWNERS FOR THE ABANDONED RIGHT-OF-WAY; TO ESTABLISH AN EFFECTIVE DATE; TO REPEAL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines made the motion to approve the Ordinance to Close and Abandon a 10 foot alley in the area of 1503 Buchanan Street as presented for the first reading. Mayor Pro Tem Hopkins seconded the motion; all voted in favor and the motion carried.

A Resolution of the City of Waycross To Approve Payment to Richard Sasser, Architect, for Design Work for Repairs to the Rail Depot and Freight Depot was presented;

RESOLUTION 14-63

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA, TO APPROVE PAYMENT TO RICHARD SASSER, ARCHITECT, FOR DESIGN WORK FOR REPAIRS TO THE RAIL DEPOT AND FREIGHT DEPOT; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, the Downtown Waycross Development Authority, hereinafter "DWDA", has requested SPLOST funds for repairs to the REA and RAIL DEPOT Buildings; and

WHEREAS, DWDA has submitted a request for payment to Richard Sasser, Architect, for the design work for the repairs for the Rail Depot and Freight Depot buildings; and

WHEREAS, said matter having been considered.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Commission of the City of Waycross that the payment of \$3,113.00, be made to Richard Sasser, Architect, for design work for repairs for the Rail Depot and Freight buildings;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor, City Manager, and City Clerk be authorized and directed to make the payment to Richard Sasser, Architect, in said amount, and to do all the acts and things necessary in order to carry out the purposes of this Resolution, hereby ratifying and confirming all actions taken and to be taken .

SO RESOLVED, this 5th day of August, 2014.

CITY OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA

BY: CLARENCE E. BILLUPS, Mayor

ATTEST:

JULIE DINKINS, City Clerk

A Resolution of the City of Waycross To Approve Payment to Richard Sasser, Architect, for Design Work for Repairs to the Rail Depot and Freight Depot as presented was approved by motion from Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines. Mayor Pro Tem Diane Hopkins seconded the motion. All Commissioners voted yes and the motion was approved with a 5-0 vote.

Resolution 14-61 Awarding a Contract to Craft Development for the DWDA for Repairs to the Rail Depot and the REA Building was presented for approval.

RESOLUTION NO. 14-61

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA,
TO AWARD A CONTRACT TO CRAFT DEVELOPMENT FOR THE DWDA
FOR REPAIRS TO THE RAIL DEPOT AND THE REA BUILDINGS
AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

WHEREAS, the City of Waycross Purchasing Department, on behalf of the Downtown Waycross Development Authority (hereinafter "DWDA"), solicited bids for repairs to the Rail Depot and the REA Freight Depot buildings, as set forth in the bid documents titled: "FY 15-02 Rail Depot and REA Freight Depot Repairs and Improvement Project" prepared by Richard Sasser, Architect, in downtown Waycross; 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, Craft Development of Waycross, Georgia, submitted the lowest and best bid for the project at a cost of \$106,887.00; and

WHEREAS, said matter having been considered.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Commission of the City of Waycross that a contract be awarded to Craft Development of Waycross, Georgia, for the DWDA for repairs to the Rail Depot and the REA Freight Depot buildings for the contract price of \$106,887.00 to be paid from SPLOST funds.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and City Clerk be 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 of this Resolution, hereby ratifying and confirming all actions taken and to be taken .

SO RESOLVED, this 5th day of August, 2014.

CITY OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA

BY: CLARENCE E. BILLUPS, Mayor

ATTEST:

JULIE DINKINS, City Clerk

Mayor Pro Tem Diane Hopkins made the motion to approve Resolution 14-61 Awarding a Contract to Craft Development for the DWDA for Repairs to the Rail Depot and the REA Building as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines and approved with a 5-0 vote.

A Resolution of the City of Waycross, Georgia to Award a Bid to Georgia Stage, LLC, for Purchase and Installation of a Rear Stage Curtain for the City Auditorium was presented.

RESOLUTION 14-62

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA,
TO AWARD BID TO GEORGIA STAGE, LLC, FOR PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION OF
STAGE CURTAIN FOR THE CITY AUDITORIUM;
AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

WHEREAS, the City of Waycross Purchasing Department solicited bids for purchase and installation of a Stage Curtain for the City Auditorium, as an emergency project; 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, Georgia Stage, LLC, of Duluth, Georgia, submitted the lowest and best bid for the project at a cost of \$6,900.00; and

WHEREAS, this Resolution is to reduce the original bid for the same curtain without the valance being installed at the rear of the stage for a backdrop; and

WHEREAS, Georgia Stage, LLC, of Duluth, Georgia, thereby reduces the bid for the project at a cost of \$6,510.00; and

WHEREAS, said matter having been considered.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Commission of the City of Waycross that a contract be awarded to Georgia Stage, LLC of Duluth, Georgia for the purchase and installation of a Stage Curtain for the City Auditorium, to be paid for from SPLOST funds.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and City Clerk be 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.

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, Georgia to Award a Bid to Georgia Stage, LLC, for Purchase and Installation of a Rear Stage Curtain for the City Auditorium as presented. Mayor Pro Tem Diane Hopkins seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

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

CITY OF WAYCROSS

BY: *Diane L. Hopkins*
DIANE L. HOPKINS
Mayor Pro Tem, City of Waycross

ATTEST:

Julie C. Dinkins
JULIE C. DINKINS, City Clerk