

**MINUTES**  
**WAYCROSS CITY COMMISSION MEETING**  
**TUESDAY, AUGUST 6, 2019**  
**5:00 PM**

The Honorable John Knox, Mayor of the City of Waycross called the Regular City Commission Meeting to order on Tuesday, August 6, 2019 at the Commission Chambers of City Hall. Members in attendance with Mayor John Knox were: Commissioners Marian Solomon-Gaines, Norman Davis, and Jon Tindall. City Manager Tonya Miller and City Attorney Rick Currie were also in attendance. Mayor Pro Tem Diane Hopkins and Commissioner John Threat were absent.

City Attorney Rick Currie introduced Pastor Nathaniel Anderson, Evergreen Church, who offered the opening invocation. The Invocation was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Mayor John Knox.

Under Executive Duties, Three re-appointments were made to the Waycross Housing Authority:

1. Bennie Reed, Jr., whose term expired 3-21-19, new term will end March 21, 2024.  
Motion made by Commissioner Norman Davis; seconded by Commissioner Jon Tindall and approved with a 3-0 vote.
2. Vernelle Green, whose term expired 3-21-19, new term will end March 21, 2024.  
Motion made by Commissioner Norman Davis; seconded by Commissioner Jon Tindall and approved with a 3-0 vote.
3. Cleo Price, whose term expired 3-21-19, new term will end March 21, 2020.  
Motion made by Commissioner Norman Davis; seconded by Commissioner Jon Tindall and approved with a 3-0 vote.

There was no City Manager's Report, Mayor's Report or public remarks on official action.

Mayor Knox presented the Consent Calendar as read by City Clerk Julie Dinkins for consideration of official action as follows:

Approval of Minutes: Approval of Minutes: 1.) Waycross City Commission SPLOST Work Session, Planning & Information Session and Executive Session, Monday, July 15, 2019, 2.) Public Hearing to re-zone 1010 and 1014 Mary Street and Waycross City Commission Meeting, Tuesday, July 16, 2019.

One Ordinance Second Reading was presented:

**ORDINANCE NO. 019-13**

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF THE CITY OF WAYCROSS,  
GEORGIA; TO AMEND CHAPTER 28 – OFFENSES, ARTICLE II. – OFFENSES**

**AGAINST PUBLIC SAFETY AND HEALTH, DIVISION 2. – PUBLIC CONDUCT, BY AMENDING SECTION 28-111, SUBSECTION (A) (5) PERTAINING TO APPLICATION; TO REPEAL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; TO PROVIDE FOR SEVERABILITY; TO PROVIDE FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE; TO PROVIDE FOR RENUMBERING OR RELETTERING; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

No Privilege License Renewals, or consent resolutions were presented.

Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines made the motion to approve the Consent Calendar; seconded by Commissioner Jon Tindall; and approved with a 3-0 vote.

An Ordinance Amending the Zoning Map of the City of Waycross, to re-zone the property located at 101 and 1014 Mary St. was presented for the first reading:

**ORDINANCE NO. O19-14**

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE ZONING MAP OF THE CITY OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA; TO REZONE THE PROPERTY DESCRIBED HEREIN LOCATED AT 1010 AND 1014 MARY STREET FROM R-50 RESIDENTIAL TO C-2 HIGHWAY COMMERCIAL; TO SET AN EFFECTIVE DATE; TO REPEAL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

An Ordinance Amending the Zoning Map of the City of Waycross, to re-zone the property located at 1010 and 1014 Mary St. was presented for the first reading and was approved by motion from Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines and seconded by Commissioner Jon Tindall; all voted yes and the motion passed.

An Ordinance Amending the Zoning Map of the City of Waycross, to re-zone the property located at 1007 Mary St. was presented for the first reading:

**ORDINANCE NO. O19-15**

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE ZONING MAP OF THE CITY OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA; TO REZONE THE PROPERTY DESCRIBED HEREIN LOCATED AT AND THE PROPERTY DESCRIBED HEREIN LOCATED AT 1007 MARY STREET FROM O-OFFICE TO C-2 HIGHWAY COMMERCIAL; TO SET AN EFFECTIVE DATE; TO REPEAL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

The Ordinance Amending the Zoning Map of the City of Waycross, Georgia to re-zone 1007 Mary Street was approved by motion from Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines, seconded by Commissioner Norman Davis and approved with a 3-0 vote.

The Resolution of the City of Waycross, Georgia to authorize the purchase of new condensing unit for Waycross Police Department Emergency Air Conditioner Repair was presented.

**RESOLUTION NO. R19-44**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA,  
TO AUTHORIZE PURCHASE OF NEW CONDENSING UNIT FOR WAYCROSS  
POLICE DEPARTMENT EMERGENCY AIR CONDITIONER REPAIR; AND FOR  
OTHER PURPOSES.**

**WHEREAS**, the Waycross Police Department air conditioner has been down for approximately 2 weeks while repairs were attempted but to no avail; and

**WHEREAS**, this repair needs to be completed on an emergency basis since the July and August weather makes it virtually unbearable inside a building without air conditioning; and

**WHEREAS**, in accordance with the Code of Ordinances of the City of Waycross, section 2-320 (b), the city manager or her designee used best efforts to obtain competitive pricing for said emergency purchase and all actions taken by the city manager or her designee were pursuant to Code section 2-320 and were otherwise reasonable under the circumstances; and

**WHEREAS**, bids were requested from three (3) local contractors and three (3) local contractors responded with bids, with Johns' Heating and Air, Inc. submitting the lowest and best bid for the project at a cost of \$5,800.00, and which included all materials and labor for installation, to be paid from Building Repairs and Maintenance Account, being 100-52-1-565-71-2200; and

**WHEREAS**, said matter being considered.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Commission of the City of Waycross that the City of Waycross approves the emergency procedures used by the city manager and her designee and that the purchase of a 7.5 ton rooftop air conditioner condensing unit be awarded to Johns' Heating and Air, Inc., for the purchase price of \$5800.00, and which includes all materials and labor for installation, and to be paid from Building Repairs and Maintenance Account, being 100-52-1-565-71-2200.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Mayor, City Manager and City Clerk be authorized and directed 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 6th day of August, 2019.

**CITY OF WAYCROSS**  
**BY: JOHN KNOX, Mayor**

**ATTEST:**  
**JULIE DINKINS, City Clerk**

Commissioner Jon Tindall made the motion to approve the Resolution of the City of Waycross, Georgia to authorize the purchase of new condensing unit for Waycross Police Department Emergency Air Conditioner Repair as presented. Commissioner Norman Davis seconded the motion. All Commissioners present voted favorably and the motion was approved.

A Resolution of the City of Waycross, Georgia Creating the 2020 City of Waycross Complete Count Committee was presented.

**RESOLUTION NO. R19-45**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA, CREATING THE 2020 CITY OF WAYCROSS COMPLETE COUNT COMMITTEE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

**WHEREAS**, the U.S. Census Bureau is required by the United States Constitution to conduct a count of all persons; and

**WHEREAS**, the Census count requires extensive work, and the Census Bureau requires partners at the state and local level to ensure a complete and accurate count; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Waycross Complete Count Committee will work with the U.S. Census Bureau and the State of Georgia to strive for an accurate count; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Waycross Complete Count Committee will bring together a cross section of community members who will utilize their local knowledge and expertise to reach out to all persons of our community; and

**WHEREAS**, a united voice from business, government, community-based and faith-based organizations, educators, media and others will enable the 2020 Census message to reach more of our citizens; and

**WHEREAS**, individuals selected and appointed from the following entities, organization and groups shall be designated as official City of Waycross Complete Count Committee members:

- Local Government Member
- Business and Industry Member

- Religious Organizations Member
- Education Member
- Community Organization Member
- Media Member
- Citizen Member

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the City of Waycross is committed to:

1. Partner with the U.S. Census Bureau and the State of Georgia and will form a Local Complete Count Committee seeking to Support the goals and ideals for the 2020 Census and will disseminate 2020 Census information;
2. Encourage all City residents to participate in events and initiatives that will raise the overall awareness of the 2020 Census and increase participation; and
3. Achieve a complete and accurate count of all persons within our borders.

**SO RESOLVED, this 6th day of August, 2019.**

**CITY OF WAYCROSS**  
**BY: JOHN KNOX, Mayor**

**ATTEST:**  
**JULIE DINKINS, City Clerk**

Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines made the motion to approve the Resolution of the City of Waycross, Georgia Creating the 2020 City of Waycross Complete Count Committee as presented. Commissioner Jon Tindall seconded the motion; and was approved with a 3-0 vote.

A Resolution of the City of Waycross, Georgia to declare as surplus a weapon and badge for retiring Public Safety Officer Stephanie Hunt was presented.

**RESOLUTION NO. R19-46**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA,  
TO DECLARE AS SURPLUS PROPERTY A WEAPON AND BADGE FOR RETIRING  
PUBLIC SAFETY OFFICER STEPHANIE HUNT; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

**WHEREAS**, heretofore the City of Waycross Police Department has recognized the sacrifices made by public safety officers who have served a number of years with the City and who retire and leave active duty under honorable conditions and in good standing; and

**WHEREAS**, said public safety officers who retire in good standing are allowed to retain their weapon as part of their compensation, and ownership of the weapon shall transfer to the retiring officer, and the weapon will be removed from the City’s inventory; and

**WHEREAS**, even the State of Georgia has recognized the sacrifices made by our public servants by the passage of Senate Bill 263 (2015) which amended O.C.G.A. § 35-1-20 to provide that each municipality which employs sworn police officers who are POST certified may adopt a policy under which said sworn officer, upon his or her retirement or leaving such employment as a result of a disability, shall be entitled, as a part of his or her compensation, to retain his or her weapon and badge; and

**WHEREAS**, the Commission of the City of Waycross has adopted such a policy and desires to declare as surplus the weapon and badge assigned to Officer Stephanie Hunt, a sworn police officer with more than twenty (20) years’ service as a public safety officer for the City of Waycross Police Department; and

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

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Commission of the City of Waycross that the City Commission hereby declares as surplus one badge and one Glock handgun, model 22, Serial # PRC 797, issued to Officer Stephanie Hunt, and approves retention of the said weapon and badge by the retiring public safety officer as part of her retirement compensation, thereby removing said weapon and badge from the City’s inventory.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Mayor, City Clerk and Police Chief of the Waycross Police Department are authorized, empowered and directed to transfer ownership of said weapon and badge to the above-mentioned retiring public safety officer, 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 6th day of August, 2019.

**CITY OF WAYCROSS**

**BY: JOHN KNOX, Mayor**

**ATTEST:**

**JULIE DINKINS, City Clerk**

Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines made the motion to approve the Resolution of the City of Waycross, Georgia to declare as surplus a weapon and badge for retiring Public Safety Officer Stephanie Hunt as presented. Commissioner Jon Tindall seconded the motion and the motion was approved.

Ms. Eunice Dixon, 1207 Emma St, addressed the Commission with comments regarding the Engineer Department. Ms. Dixon stated she was opposed to hiring the current City Engineer, due to his lack of qualifications.

Mr. Larry Rood, 304 Howe Street, addressed the Commissioners concerning the flooding and disrepair of the canal system in New Town. Mr. Rood asked that the City address these issues in the New Town area.

Following last call, Commissioner Jon Tindall made the motion to adjourn; seconded by Commissioner Norman Davis and Mayor Knox adjourned the meeting.

**CITY OF WAYCROSS**

**ATTEST:**

  
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**JULIE C. DINKINS, City Clerk**

**BY:**   
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**JOHN KNOX, Mayor**