

MINUTES
WAYCROSS CITY COMMISSION MEETING
TUESDAY, AUGUST 15, 2017
5:00 PM

The Commission of the City of Waycross held their Regular City Commission Meeting on Tuesday, August 15, 2017 in the Commission Chambers of City Hall. The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by the Honorable Mayor John Knox. Members in attendance were: Mayor John Knox, Mayor Pro Tem Jon Tindall, Commissioners Norman Davis, Diane Hopkins, Marian Solomon-Gaines and Larry Ethridge.

City Attorney Rick Currie introduced Reverend Donald Holland, Saint Andrew's Episcopal Church of Douglas, Georgia who offered the opening invocation. The Invocation was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Mayor Knox.

Under Executive Duties, City Manager Raphel Maddox announced that city elected officials and city personnel will attend a Special Called Meeting of the Ware County Commission on Thursday, August 17, 2017, beginning at 3:00 p.m. in the Ware County Commission Chambers. The purpose of this meeting is to vote on the Call for the Referendum for the Single County TSPLOST.

Mr. Maddox announced that City elected officials and city personnel will close in recognition of Labor Day on Monday, September 4, 2017. The Planning and Information Session will be held at 3:00 p.m. on Tuesday, September 5, following by the regular meeting at 5:00 p.m.

City Attorney Rick Currie scheduled two public hearings: (1) Annexing and Zoning - 1283 Highway 84 from Commercial Pierce County to C-2 Highway Commercial, September 19, 2017 at 4:15 p.m.; and (2) Annexing and Zoning Victory Drive, Parcels WA0201-004, WA201-005, and WA0201-006 from CDD in County to C-2 Highway Commercial in Waycross City Limits, September 19, 2017 4:45 p.m.

City Manager Raphel Maddox informed the Commission and public that City Hall will be operating with a reduced staff beginning at 12:00 p.m. on August 21, 2017 due to the eclipse. Tuesday, August 15, 2017 is Georgia Selfies @ City Hall Day. Mr. Maddox thanked Dawn Strickland and Priscilla Brown for a great job organizing this event. Ms. Candice Howard was recognized for doing a great job servicing as Summer Intern to the Community Improvement Department.

There were no 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: Waycross City Commission Planning & Information Session and Executive Session, Monday, July 31, 2017; Public Hearing and City Commission Meeting, August 1, 2017.

One Ordinance Second Reading:

ORDINANCE NO. 017-17

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA; TO AMEND CHAPTER 32 – STREETS, SIDEWALKS AND OTHER PUBLIC PLACES, ARTICLE V. – PARKS, GRASS, PLATS, SQUARES, SECTION 32-140 – RENAMING OF CITY STREETS, BY ADDING A NEW SUBSECTION (K) PERTAINING TO RENAMING MARTIN LUTHER KING STREET TO MARTIN LUTHER KING DRIVE; TO PROVIDE FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

No Consent Resolutions or Privilege Licenses Renewals were presented.

The Consent Calendar was approved by motion from Commissioner Norman Davis; seconded by Commissioner Larry Ethridge; all voted in favor and the motion carried.

One Privilege License for a new owner, Kishan Patel d/b/a First Stop Foods, KNP C-Stores, Inc. 709 North Nichols St., Retail Beer and Wine was approved by motion from Commissioner Diane Hopkins. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines; and approve with a 5-0 vote.

An Ordinance of the City of Waycross for Levying and Collecting Ad Valorem Tax for the year 2017, Setting the Millage Rate for 2017 and declaring an emergency was presented for the first reading.

ORDINANCE NO. 017-18

AN ORDINANCE UNDER THE AUTHORITY OF THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA, AND ACTS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA FOR LEVYING AND COLLECTING AD VALOREM TAX FOR THE YEAR 2017; TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Ordinance No. 017-18 Levying and Collecting Ad Valorem Tax for the year 2017, Setting the Millage Rate for 2017 and declaring an emergency was approved for its first reading by motion from Commissioner Norman Davis. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Larry Ethridge and approved with a unanimous vote.

An Ordinance of the City of Waycross for Levying and Collecting Ad Valorem Tax for the year 2017, Setting the Millage Rate for 2017 and declaring an emergency was presented for the second reading.

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Ordinance No. 017-18 Levying and Collecting Ad Valorem Tax for the year 2017, Setting the Millage Rate for 2017 and declaring an emergency was approved for its second reading by motion from Commissioner Diane Hopkins. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Jon Tindall and approved with a unanimous vote.

An Ordinance of the City of Waycross Amending the Code by adding a new subsection pertaining to use of barbed wire was presented for the first reading.

ORDINANCE NO. 017-19

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF THE CITY OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA; TO AMEND CHAPTER 103 – BUILDINGS AND BUILDING REGULATIONS, ARTICLE VIII – FENCES, SECTION 103-178, SUBSECTION (8) COMMERCIAL, INSTITUTIONAL AND INDUSTRIAL FENCING; BY ADDING A NEW SUBSECTION (b) (3) (vi), PERTAINING TO USE OF BARBED WIRE; TO REPEAL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; TO PROVIDE FOR SEVERABILITY; TO PROVIDE FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

An Ordinance of the City of Waycross Amending the Code by adding a new subsection pertaining to use of barbed wire as presented for the first reading was approved by motion from Mayor Pro Tem Jon Tindall; seconded by Commissioner Larry Ethridge; and approved with a 5-0 vote.

An Ordinance of the City of Waycross Amending the Code pertaining to nuisances and the abatement thereof was presented for the first reading.

ORDINANCE NO. 017-20

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF THE CITY OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA; TO AMEND CHAPTER 26, ARTICLE II. –NUISANCES AND OFFENSIVE CONDITIONS, SECTIONS 26-19 TO 26-23, INCLUSIVE, PERTAINING TO NUISANCES AND THE ABATEMENT THEREOF; TO REPEAL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; TO PROVIDE FOR SEVERABILITY; TO PROVIDE FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE; TO PROVIDE FOR RENUMBERING OR RELETTERING; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Commissioner Marian Solomon Gaines made the motion to approve the first reading of the Ordinance Amending the Code pertaining to nuisances and the abatement thereof as presented for the first reading. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Diane Hopkins and approved with a unanimous vote.

A Resolution of the City of Waycross to Award Bid Contract to Rowe Drilling Company for the Decommission of City Well # 1 and City Well #4 was presented.

RESOLUTION NO. R17-46

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA,
TO AWARD BID CONTRACT TO ROWE DRILLING COMPANY FOR THE
DECOMMISSION OF CITY WELL # 1 AND CITY WELL # 4; AND FOR OTHER
PURPOSES.**

WHEREAS, the Engineering Department of the City of Waycross has been mandated by Georgia EPD to de-commission City Well # 1 and City Well # 4 at their last Sanitary Survey; and

WHEREAS, the Engineering Department has approved FY17 funds for the de-commission of above-mentioned wells; and

WHEREAS, the City of Waycross Purchasing Department offered the project through competitive bidding, and received and opened two (2) bids tendered for the project; and

WHEREAS, Rowe Drilling Company of Savannah, Georgia, submitted the lowest and best bid for fifty-seven thousand, six hundred and seventy dollars (\$57,670.00), and meeting all specifications and requirements; and

WHEREAS, said matter having been considered.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Commission of the City of Waycross that the Bid Contract for de-commissioning City Well # 1 and City Well # 4 be awarded to Rowe Drilling Company of Savannah, Georgia, and said contract not to exceed fifty-seven thousand, six hundred and seventy dollars (\$57,670.00), and to be paid from Water & Sewer Enterprise Fund.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor, City Clerk and City Attorney be authorized and directed to execute the Bid 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 15th day of August, 2017.

CITY OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA
JOHN KNOX, Mayor

ATTEST:

Julie Dinkins, City Clerk

Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines made the motion to approve the Resolution of the City of Waycross to Award Bid Contract to Rowe Drilling Company for the Decommission of City Well # 1 and City Well #4 as presented. Mayor Pro Tem Jon Tindall seconded the motion; all voted positively and the motion carried.

A Resolution of the City of Waycross Authorizing a Quitclaim Deed for Property Transfer from the City of Waycross, Georgia to Ware County was presented.

RESOLUTION NO. R17-47

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA, TO
AUTHORIZE A QUITCLAIM DEED FOR PROPERTY TRANSFER FROM THE CITY
OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA TO WARE COUNTY, GEORGIA;
AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

WHEREAS, the City of Waycross owns certain property at the intersection of Cherokee Street and Augusta Avenue outside the city limits; and

WHEREAS, Ware County is in the process of re-designing and re-constructing the intersection and is in dire need of some land owned by the City of Waycross for this project; and

WHEREAS, the City of Waycross desires to execute a Quitclaim Deed to Ware County to transfer title of said property, being approximately 0.35 acres and more particularly described by that certain plat of survey for Ware County, prepared by Adam H. Evans, Statewide Surveying Company, GA. Register Land Surveyor, No. 3308, dated 08/08/17, and said plat being incorporated herein as if fully set forth; and

WHEREAS, said matter has been considered.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Commission of the City of Waycross that the City of Waycross quitclaim its interest in the above-described real property at the intersection of Cherokee Avenue and Augusta Avenue, being approximately 0.35 acres and more particularly described by that certain plat of survey for Ware County, prepared by Adam H. Evans, Statewide Surveying Company, GA. Register Land Surveyor, No. 3308, dated 08/08/17

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor, City Clerk and City Attorney be, and are hereby authorized, directed and empowered to execute the Quitclaim Deed or deed, as prepared by the City Attorney .

SO RESOLVED, this 15th day of August, 2017.

CITY OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA
JOHN KNOX, Mayor

ATTEST:

Julie Dinkins, City Clerk

Commissioner Norman Davis made the motion to approve a Resolution of the City of Waycross Authorizing a Quitclaim Deed for Property Transfer from the City of Waycross, Georgia to Ware County as presented. Commissioner Larry Ethridge seconded the motion. All voted positively and the motion was approved with a 5-0 vote.

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

CITY OF WAYCROSS

BY:



JOHN KNOX, Mayor

ATTEST:



JULIE C. DINKINS, City Clerk