

MINUTES
WAYCROSS CITY COMMISSION MEETING
TUESDAY, AUGUST 21, 2012
7:00 P.M.

The regular meeting of the Commission of the City of Waycross was held in the Commission Chambers of City Hall on Tuesday, August 21, 2012. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Clarence Billups at 7:00 p.m. with Mayor Pro Tem Marian Solomon-Gaines and Commissioners Diane Hopkins, and Alvin Nelson present for the meeting. Commissioners Norman Davis and William Simmons were absent.

Commissioner Alvin Nelson introduced Rev. Greg Tisby, Pastor of New Vision First Born Church of Patterson, Georgia who offered the invocation which was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Under Executive Duties, Mayor Billups announced that the Monday, September 3, 2012 Waycross City Commission Planning and Information Session has been changed to Tuesday, September 4, 2012 at 4:00 p.m. because of the Labor Day Holiday.

Mayor Billups scheduled a Public hearing to Establish Right-of-Way and Accept a Plat for Evergreen Way Riverside Medical Complex for September 18, 2012 at 6:30 p.m.

Deron W. King, City Manager, presented the City Manager's Report. Mr. King reminded the public that August 25, 2012 beginning at 10:00 am, the first annual Furry Friend and Family Day will be held at the Waycross Middle School Track. Contact Jennifer Dean, Animal Control Officer for more information. Mr. King noted that football season is upon us with the Ware County Gators opening up against the Coffee County Trojans on August 30. He also reminded everyone to have a safe Labor Day Holiday.

Mayor Clarence Billups thanked Charli and her volunteers for another successful "Charli Giving Back to the Community". Three Hundred Forty-Seven (347) boxes of food were distributed. Mayor Billups also thanked Willie Character for all he does, but especially his composing a theme song "Fanfare for Our City" for the City of Waycross. Mayor Billups thanked Mr. Steve Bean from the Okefenokee Heritage Center for his work in securing a Smithsonian exhibit coming to the Heritage Center August 25 – October 5, 2013.

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 Executive Session, Monday, August 6, 2012; Waycross City Commission Meeting, Tuesday, August 7, 2012; Called Meetings held Monday, August 6 and Wednesday, August 15, 2012; and Waycross City Commission Planning & Information Session Executive Session, Monday, August 6, 2012;

There were no ordinances, resolutions or privilege license renewals.

Commissioner Diane Hopkins made the motion to approve the Consent Calendar as presented. Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines seconded the motion; all Commissioners voted favorably and the motion carried with a 3-0 vote.

A privilege license for a new owner of an existing convenience store, Ankur Patel, d/b/a Bunky's, 1545 State Street, Waycross, GA, Retail Beer and Wine was presented for review. Commissioner Diane Hopkins made the motion to approve the privilege license for Bunky's. Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines seconded the motion; all voted in favor and the motion carried.

Mrs. Linda Jones, Director, Purchasing Department presented Surplus Property WAYX 13-01 to declare certain property surplus. Ms. Jones requested that the items listed be declared surplus and sold on GovDeals.com. Commissioner Diane Hopkins made the motion to declare the property surplus and disposed as requested by the Purchasing Director. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines; the vote was unanimous and the motion passed with a 3-0 vote.

Ms. Linda Jones, Purchasing Director, presented Bid #FY13-01 City Auditing Services. Purchasing received eight responses for our Annual Auditing Services for the Fiscal years 2012-2014 with the option to extend for 2015 and 2016. This proposal will be reviewed and awarded on an annual basis. The staff recommended awarding the bid to Henderson and Godbee, LLC of Valdosta, Georgia, being the lowest and best bid meeting all specifications with a bid of \$29,500 annually for three years with an option to extend for 2 more years plus \$100.00 per hour for any additional auditing requirements that the City may need. Commissioner Diane Hopkins made the motion to approve the bid; seconded by Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines; all voted positively and the motion carried with a 3-0 vote.

An Ordinance to Amend the Code of the City of Waycross, Georgia, Chapter 32 ½ - City of Waycross Soil Erosion, Sedimentation and Pollution Control Ordinance was presented for the first reading.

Ordinance No. 12-11

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF THE CITY OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA; TO AMEND CHAPTER 32 ½ SECTIONS 1 – 10; CITY OF WAYCROSS SOIL EROSION, SEDIMENTATION AND POLLUTION CONTROL ORDINANCE OF 2004; TO SET AN EFFECTIVE DATE; TO PROVIDE FOR RENUMBERING AND RELETTERING; TO PROVIDE FOR SEVERABILITY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines made the motion to approve the Ordinance to Amend the Code of the City of Waycross, Georgia, Chapter 32 ½ - City of Waycross Soil Erosion, Sedimentation and Pollution Control Ordinance as presented for the first reading. Commissioner Diane Hopkins seconded the motion; all voted positively and the Ordinance passed on the first reading with a 3-0 vote.

A Resolution of the City of Waycross to Approve a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for Georgia DOT Project: CSSTP-0007-00(64) on the Hatcher Point Project was presented.

RESOLUTION No. 12-44

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA
TO APPROVE A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING FOR GEORGIA DOT
PROJECT: CSSTP-0007-00(664); TO APPROVE AND AUTHORIZE THE CONTRACT
WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

WHEREAS, the Department of Transportation will be assisting the City of Waycross in project to widen and reconstruct CR392/Hatcher Point Mall Road from SR\$/US1 to SR 520/US 82 in Ware County by contract through competitive bidding; and

WHEREAS, as part of the agreement to assist the City, the DOT has offered the City the option of including required adjustment of City water and sewer facilities in the overall DOT contract; and

WHEREAS, the City will realize substantial contract cost avoidance by accomplishing utility adjustments for said project under the overall Hatcher Point Widening contract instead of contracting with others for the adjustments separately; and

WHEREAS, said matter having been considered.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Commission of the City of Waycross that the City of Waycross approve the Memorandum of Understanding in the form attached hereto for Georgia DOT Project: **CSSTP-0007-00(664)**; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and City Clerk be and are hereby authorized to execute the contract on behalf of the City of Waycross and the other City personnel can execute any and all documents necessary for this Project.

SO RESOLVED, this 21st day of August, 2012.

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 Approve a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for Georgia DOT Project: CSSTP-0007-00(64) on the Hatcher Point Project as presented. Commissioner Alvin Nelson seconded the motion; all voted in favor and the motion carried with a 3-0 vote.

A Resolution of the City of Waycross to Approve an Amendment to the Personnel Policy was presented.

RESOLUTION NO. 12-45

**A RESOLUTION BY THE CITY OF WAYCROSS TO AMEND THE
PERSONNEL POLICY**

WHEREAS, the City of Waycross is served well by the personnel policy adopted by the Waycross City Commission to govern the employees of the City of Waycross, and

WHEREAS, a portion of the personnel policy needs to be revised due to a change regarding accrual of sick leave, and

WHEREAS, said matter being considered.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Commission of the City of Waycross, Georgia that the City of Waycross Personnel Policy adopted and effective July 1, 2008 will be amended to reflect that there will be no maximum accrual accumulation for sick leave as follows:

5.00.08.04 Maximum Accrual Accumulation

There is no maximum accrual accumulation for sick leave per fiscal year. Any unused sick leave accumulation over at the end of each fiscal year (June 30) shall be carried into the next fiscal year.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Commission of the City of Waycross, Georgia that the Mayor and City Clerk are hereby authorized, directed and empowered to execute any documents required to carry out the same on behalf of the City of Waycross.

SO RESOLVED, this 21st day of August, 2012.

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 Approve an Amendment to the Personnel Policy as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines; all voted affirmatively and the motion carried.

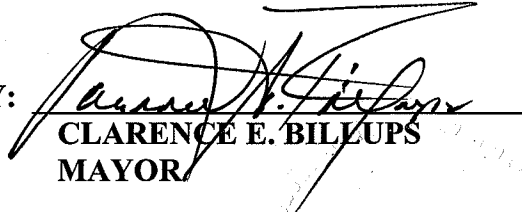
Ms. Lee Aldridge, thanking him for “all the things you do to represent our community well”, presented Mayor Clarence Billups with a T-shirt with the logo of the historic Negro League baseball team, the Atlanta Black Crackers.

Dr. Richard L. Hudson expressed his concern about the asbestos danger posed by the dilapidated Bailey Street School building. Dr. Hudson asked the City if there are any plans to enforce the court order signed by Judge Doug Gibson for demolition of the building. City Attorney Huey Spearman responded for the Commission, by acknowledging the court order but informing Dr. Hudson that removal of the asbestos is a very costly project. That would be the first step toward demolition. The City is searching for funding for this project, however at the present time, none has been forthcoming.

Following closing remarks, Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines made the motion to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Commissioner Alvin Nelson; all voted in favor and Mayor Billups adjourned the meeting.

CITY OF WAYCROSS

BY:


**CLARENCE E. BILLUPS
MAYOR**

ATTEST:


JULIE C. DINKINS, CITY CLERK