

MINUTES
WAYCROSS CITY COMMISSION MEETING
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 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, September 4, 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, Norman Davis, William Simmons and Alvin Nelson present for the meeting.

City Manager Deron King introduced Bishop Alton Carter, Pastor of Brunel Street Church of God who offered the invocation which was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Under Executive Duties, Mayor Billups requested a motion to Remove for Action the Tabled Item regarding the Howe Street Alley Closing. Commissioner William Simmons made the motion to Remove the Item Tabled for consideration under official action. Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines seconded the motion; all voted in favor and the motion carried with a 5-0 vote.

Human Resources Director Raphel Maddox introduced Ms. Teresa Grant, Detective, Criminal Investigation Department, Waycross Police Department as the September 2012 Employee of the Month.

Deron W. King, City Manager, presented the City Manager's Report. Mr. King congratulated Jennifer Dean, Animal Control Officer for a great "First Annual Furry Friends and Family Day".

Mayor Clarence Billups thanked Jennifer Dean, Animal Control Officer for all her hard work putting together the "First Annual Furry Friends and Family Day". The Mayor also reminded the community of the upcoming "Rumble in the Swamp".

Mr. Tunde Howard, Mr. Ramon Johnson, Ms. Delores Williams, Mindy Patterson, and Keith Patterson all addressed the Commissioners in opposition to the Howe Street Alley Closing. Mr. Phillip Williams and Ms. Claudia Barnes addressed the Commission in support of closing the alleyway.

Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines made the motion to deny the petition to closing the Howe Street Alley and keep the alleyway open. Commission William Simmons seconded the motion. All Commissioners voted in favor of the motion and the motion carried with a 5-0 vote.

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 20, 2012; Waycross City Commission Public Hearing to Consider Alley Closing and Waycross City Commission Meeting, Tuesday, August 21, 2012.

Ordinance Second Reading :
Amending Soil Erosion and Sedimentation Control Ordinance.

There were no resolutions or privilege license renewals.

Commissioner Norman Davis 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 5-0 vote.

A privilege license for Joshua I. Fowler, d/b/a Two Guys' Beverage and Tobacco, 2100 Memorial Drive, Beer, Wine and Liquor was presented for review. Commissioner Diane Hopkins made the motion to approve the privilege license for Two Guys. Commissioner Alvin Nelson seconded the motion; all voted in favor and the motion carried.

A Resolution of the City of Waycross, Georgia Adopting Official Theme Music for the City of Waycross Entitled "Fanfare For Our City" Composed by Mr. Willie R. Character was presented.

RESOLUTION NO. 12-46

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA
ADOPTING OFFICIAL THEME MUSIC FOR THE CITY OF WAYCROSS ENTITLED
"FANFARE FOR OUR CITY", COMPOSED BY MR. WILLIE R. CHARACTER; AND
FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

WHEREAS, Mr. Willie R. Character is a well know musician, composer and song writer, and is well respected by his peers in the music industry and the Waycross community at large; and

WHEREAS, an original musical composition has been written by Mr. Willie R. Character which could be used as official them music for the City of Waycross, Georgia, entitled "*Fanfare For Our City*," which is an instrumental composition and is scored for symphonic chamber orchestra; and

WHEREAS, after listening to and studying said composition, the Commission of the City of Waycross believes that it reflects the image and philosophy of the City of Waycross in a positive manner; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Willie R. Character is willing to allow the City of Waycross to officially adopt said composition as official them music for the City of Waycross, with all rights reserved to Mr. Willie R. Character; and

WHEREAS, said matter having being considered.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Commission of the City of Waycross that the City of Waycross adopt the original composition written by Mr. Willie R. Character, entitled "*Fanfare For Our City*" as official them music for the City of Waycross, with all rights reserved to Mr. Willie R. Character.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the said composition, "*Fanfare For Our City*" be played in appropriate venues and under appropriate circumstances to bring positive reactions and influence to the City of Waycross.

BE IT FUTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor and City Clerk are hereby authorized, directed and empowered to execute this Resolution on behalf of the City of Waycross, and that the City Manager be authorized to transmit a copy of this Resolution to Mr. Willie R. Character in sincere appreciation for his original composition which will be used as official theme music for the City of Waycross, Georgia.

SO RESOLVED, this 4th day of September, 2012.

CITY OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA

**BY: CLARENCE E BILLUPS
MAYOR**

ATTEST: JULIE DINKINS, City Clerk

Commissioner Norman Davis made the motion to approve A Resolution of the City of Waycross, Georgia Adopting Official Theme Music for the City of Waycross Entitled "Fanfare For Our City" Composed by Mr. Willie R. Character as presented. Commissioner William Simmons Nelson seconded the motion; all voted in favor and the motion carried with a 5-0 vote.

Mr. Jimmie Burke, Mr. Lawrence Leaphart and Dr. Emory O. Marcus addressed the Commissioners regarding the Bailey Street Park. Mr. Burke thanked the City, Big "O" and Ware County for the completion of an active multi-function park, complete with baseball, basketball and a pool. Mr. Leaphart acknowledged that the park had completed another summer with no incidents. Mr. Marcus thanked all of the donors with an excess of \$11,000 collected for the park.

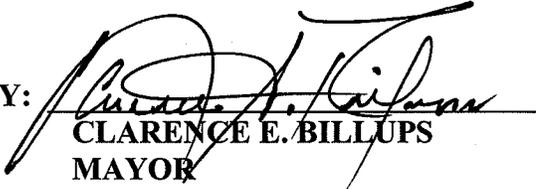
Ms. Lee Aldridge, thanking him for “all the things you do to represent our community well”, presented Mayor Clarence Billups with a T-shirt with the logo of the historic Negro League baseball team, the Atlanta Black Crackers.

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 Diane Hopkins; all voted in favor and Mayor Billups adjourned the meeting.

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JULIE C. DINKINS, CITY CLERK