

**MINUTES**  
**WAYCROSS CITY COMMISSION MEETING**  
**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2015**  
**7:00 P.M.**

The Regular Session of the Commission of the City of Waycross was held on Tuesday, September 15, 2015 in the Commission Chambers of City Hall. Mayor Clarence E. Billups called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Those in attendance with Mayor Billups were Mayor Pro Tem Alvin Nelson; Commissioners Marian Solomon-Gaines, Norman Davis, Diane Hopkins and Larry Ethridge.

Mayor Clarence E. Billups introduced Reverend Ralph Cain Bess, Pastor, Gaines Chapel A.M.E. Church who offered the opening invocation which was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Under Executive Duties, Mayor Billups scheduled a Public Hearing for an Alley Closing for Banks Street to Nellie Street for Tuesday, October 6, 2015 6:30 p.m.

Mayor Billups presented a Proclamation celebrating Constitution Week to Ms. Sandra Kubik, Daughters of the American Revolution.

***PROCLAMATION***

**WHEREAS**, September 17, 2015, begins the national celebration of Constitution Week; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Waycross recognizes that the weeklong commemoration of America's most important document is one of our country's least known official observances; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Waycross recognizes that our Constitution stands as a testament to the tenacity of Americans throughout history to maintain their liberties and freedom, and to ensure those inalienable rights to every American; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Waycross recognizes that Constitution Week was initiated by the Daughters of the American Revolution, which is a patriotic organization that encourages education and historic preservation in communities across America; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Waycross also recognizes that the U.S. Congress and President Dwight D. Eisenhower in 1956 officially dedicated the week of September 17 -23 for the observance of Constitution Week; and

**WHEREAS**, said matter being considered.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED** by the Commission of the City of Waycross that the week of September 17 – 23 will be observed as Constitution Week.

**SO RESOLVED**, this 15<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2015.

**CITY OF WAYCROSS**  
*Clarence E. Billups*, Mayor

During the City Manager's Report, Mr. Raphael Maddox shared with the Commission that there were several promises he made when he took the City Manager position. One was a promise to ensure that the eternal flame in Doughboy Park would continue to burn. Repairs have been made and the eternal flame will be relit and maintained by the City of Waycross. The benches in Doughboy Park are also being repairs and repainted.

Mr. Maddox asked Police Chief Tony Tanner to tell the Commission about his latest venture in staying involved in the community. Chief Tanner said the Waycross Police Department will be sponsoring a Waycross Police Department Camp beginning October 11 through 14, 2015 at Camp Okefenokee. This camp will be for 20 males, ages 13 to 17, first come, first serve, and will allow the members of the Police Department to get to know the youth in the community better.

Mayor Clarence E. Billups presented the Mayor's report, thanking Chief Tanner and all his staff for a great Kid's Fun Day.

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, Monday, August 31, 2015; and Waycross City Commission Meeting, Tuesday, September 1, 2015.

Ordinance Second Readings and no Privilege License renewals.

One Consent Resolution was presented as follows:

Authorizing Hazel Ferguson, wife and sole heir of Alfred Ferguson, to re-convey Section I, Lot 24, Oakland Cemetery to herself.

Commissioner Diane Hopkins made the motion to approve the Consent Calendar as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Larry Ethridge. All Commissioners voted in favor and the motion was approved with a 5 – 0 vote.

One Privilege License, a new owner, Harmohinder Singh Bawa, d/b/a/ Daksh Oil, LLC, d/b/a Petro Station, 1001 S. Georgia Parkway East, Retail / Beer and Wine Package Sales was presented for approval. Commissioner Diane Hopkins made the motion to approve the Privilege License for Walmart Market. Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines seconded the motion; all voted favorably and the motion carried.

An Ordinance to Amend the Code of the City of Waycross to amend Chapter 23 – Parks and Recreation, by Adding a New Section 23-90 Pertaining to the Naming, or Re-Naming of a City Park, to-wit: Folks Park also known as Mary Street Park to Pernell Roberts Memorial Park was presented for the first reading:

**ORDINANCE NO. 15-25**

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA; TO AMEND CHAPTER 23 – PARKS AND RECREATION, BY ADDING A NEW SECTION 23-90 PERTAINING TO THE NAMING, OR RE-NAMING, OF A CITY PARK, TO WIT: FOLKS PARK ALSO KNOWN AS MARY STREET PARK TO PERNELL ROBERTS MEMORIAL PARK; TO PROVIDE FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines made the motion to approve the first reading of An Ordinance to Amend the Code of the City of Waycross to amend Chapter 23 – Parks and Recreation, by Adding a New Section 23-90 Pertaining to the Naming, or Re-Naming of a City Park, to-wit: Folks Park also known as Mary Street Park to Pernell Roberts Memorial Park as presented. Commissioner Diane Hopkins seconded the motion; all voted in favor and the motion carried.

A Resolution of the City of Waycross to Authorize the Signing of a Memorandum of Understanding with the Georgia Department of Transportation for the Off-System Safety Project was presented for review:

**RESOLUTION NO. 15-42**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA, TO AUTHORIZE THE SIGNING OF A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH THE GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE OFF-SYSTEM SAFETY PROJECT; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

**WHEREAS**, the Georgia Department of Transportation has reviewed and approved the Off-System Safety project application submitted by the City of Waycross on April 13, 2015; and

**WHEREAS**, fieldwork is currently underway and the project will be let by Georgia Department of Transportation with an anticipated let date by June 2016; and

**WHEREAS**, the Georgia Department of Transportation requires that the City of Waycross perform certain work as set out in the attached memorandum of understanding and incorporated herein as if fully set forth, at no cost to the Georgia Department of Transportation; and

**WHEREAS**, in that regard, the Georgia Department of Transportation also requires that the City of Waycross execute a memorandum of understanding, in the form attached hereto and incorporated herein as if fully set forth, to continue and complete the project; and

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

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Commission of the City of Waycross that the Memorandum of Understanding, in the form attached to this Resolution, be ratified and executed by the Commission of the City of Waycross.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Mayor and City Clerk be empowered, authorized and directed to execute the Memorandum of Understanding 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 September, 2015.

**SOLVED** that the City of Waycross will not open or establish any new water or sewer services outside of the corporate city limits of the City of Waycross until further resolution of the City Commission.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a copy of this Resolution shall be immediately provided and forwarded to the Finance Department, the Engineering Department and ESG so that they can understand and comply with this Resolution.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Mayor and City Clerk be and are hereby directed, empowered and authorized to execute this Resolution for the purposes stated herein and to give effect to the same for all purposes.

**SO RESOLVED**, this 1<sup>st</sup> day of September, 2015.

**CITY OF WAYCROSS  
CLARENCE E. BILLUPS, MAYOR**

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

The Resolution of the City of Waycross to Authorize the Signing of a Memorandum of Understanding with the Georgia Department of Transportation for the Off-System Safety Project was approved by motion from Commissioner Diane Hopkins; seconded by Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines and a unanimously approved.

A Resolution of the City of Waycross to Approve FY 2015 Homeland Security Grant Program Agreement for the Waycross Police Department was presented to the Commission for action:

**RESOLUTION NO. 15-43**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA,  
TO APPROVE FY 2015 HOMELAND SECURITY GRANT PROGRAM  
AGREEMENT FOR THE WAYCROSS POLICE DEPARTMENT;  
AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

**WHEREAS**, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (hereinafter referred to as "DHS") and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (hereinafter referred to as "FEMA") approved the application and awarded grant funding from the FY 2015 Homeland Security Grant Program to the Georgia Emergency Management Agency/Homeland Security (hereinafter referred to as "GEMA/HS") on behalf of the State of Georgia; and

**WHEREAS**, GEMA/HS will maintain overall responsibility and accountability to the federal government for the duration of the grant program; and

**WHEREAS**, GEMA/HS, as Recipient, has awarded a grant amount of \$20,000.00 to the **Waycross Police Department**, as Subrecipient, in accordance with the FY 2015 Homeland Security Grant Program/State Homeland Security Grant Program; and

**WHEREAS**, the Subrecipient agrees to use allocated funds to build and enhance capabilities to prevent, protect against, respond to, and recover from terrorist attacks, major disasters and other emergencies in accordance with goals and objectives of the State Strategic Plan; and

**WHEREAS**, the Subrecipient's authorized representative is requested to sign the Agreement on behalf of the interests of the Subrecipient; and

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

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Commission of the City of Waycross that the City of Waycross hereby approves the FY 2015 Homeland Security Grant Program Recipient- Subrecipient Agreement in the form attached, and incorporated herein as if fully set forth, for the purposes stated therein.

**CITY OF WAYCROSS  
CLARENCE E. BILLUPS, MAYOR**

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

Commissioner Norman Davis made the motion to approve a Resolution of the City of Waycross to Approve FY 2015 Homeland Security Grant Program Agreement for the Waycross Police Department as presented to the Commission. Commissioner Diane Hopkins seconded the motion. All Commissioners voted yes and the motion carried.

After last call, Commissioner Norman Davis made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Alvin Nelson seconded the motion. All voted in favor and Mayor Billups adjourned the meeting.

**CITY OF WAYCROSS**

BY: 

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**ALVIN D. NELSON**  
Mayor Pro Tem

ATTEST: 

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**JULIE C. DINKINS, City Clerk**