

MINUTES
WAYCROSS CITY COMMISSION MEETING
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2013
7:00 P.M.

The Commission of the City of Waycross met in Regular Session in the Commission Chambers of City Hall on Tuesday, September 17, 2013. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Pro Tem William Simmons at 7:00 p.m. Those in attendance with Mayor Pro Tem Simmons were Commissioners Diane Hopkins, Marian Solomon-Gaines, and Alvin Nelson. Mayor Clarence E. Billups and Commission Norman Davis were absent.

Mayor Pro Tem William Simmons, Pastor of Light of the World Ministries offered the opening invocation. The invocation was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance which was led by Master Arthur Kallay, a fourth grader at Williams Heights Elementary School.

Deron W. King, City Manager, offered congratulations to Police Chief Tony Tanner and the entire Waycross Police Department for a great Kid's Fun Day. Mr. King reminded the Commission and public that the 5th Annual J Fly Music Festival is Saturday, September 28 from 4:00 p.m. until 11:00 p.m. Mr. King asked that prayer be lifted for the family of Maddie Goble, a young lady struggling with cancer.

In the Mayor's Report, Mayor Pro Tem William Simmons shared Mayor Clarence Billups' regrets that he could not attend the meeting. Mr. Simmons offered accolades to Chief Tony Tanner and the Waycross Police Department for Kid's Fun Day.

There were no public remarks on official action.

Mayor Pro Tem Simmons 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, and Waycross City Commission Meeting, Tuesday, September 3, 2013 and the Waycross City Commission and Ware County Board of Commissioners Special Local Option Sales Tax (SPLOST) Committee Meeting, Wednesday, September 4, 2013; and Called Meeting (2014 SPLOST) Friday, September 6, 2013.

There were no ordinance second readings, resolutions or privilege license renewals.

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

Ms. Linda Jones, Purchasing Director, presented Bids FY14-03 through FY 14-07 for the DWDA Roof and Gutter Bids. Ms. Jones stated that bids were opened on August 5, 2013 and the City Commission approved to reject the 2 original bids and to rebid as 5 separate projects. Purchasing received on 1 bid each on 3 of the projects and no bids on the other 2 projects. DWDA requested the City reject these bids and rebid as two projects roof and gutters. DWDA would like to add an additional bid project to replace rotted wood on the buildings.

Commissioner Diane Hopkins made the motion to reject the bids and rebid as two projects plus the additional project to replace rotten wood. Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines seconded the motion. The motion was approved to reject the bids with a 3 – 0 vote.

Ms. Linda Jones, Purchasing Director, presented Surplus Real Property, WAYX 14-02 to declare 1.605 acres of property on the abandoned CSX Rail Bed, bound by McDonald Street and Tebeau Street in Land Lot 167 as surplus. Two sealed bids were received and staff recommends awarding the sale of this property to the highest bidder, Lee Hardware for \$12,000.00 and a quit claim deed to be issued. Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines made the motion to approve the sale of the real property and issuance of a Quitclaim Deed from the City of Waycross, Georgia to Lee Hardware and Building Supplies, Inc. Commissioner Diane Hopkins seconded the motion; all voted in favor and the motion carried.

Ms. Linda Jones, Purchasing Director, presented Surplus Property WAYX 14-03 to declare certain items no longer needed by any City Department or confiscated by the Waycross Police Department surplus and sold on GovDeals.com. The motion was made by Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines to approve the motion to declare the listed property surplus to be sold on GovDeals.com. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Diane Hopkins. All Commissioners voted yes and the motion carried with a 3-0 vote.

A Resolution of the City of Waycross, Georgia to Accept and Approve Revised Final Plat of the Bluffs of Satilla Subdivision – Phase I was presented for approval.

RESOLUTION NO. 13-49

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA TO ACCEPT AND APPROVE REVISED FINAL PLAT OF THE BLUFFS OF SATILLA SUBDIVISION- PHASE I; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, JCJ Investments, LLC, the Owners and Developers of The Bluffs of Satilla Subdivision, Phase I, have submitted the Final Plat for approval by the Waycross-Ware County Planning Commission; and

WHEREAS, this Final Plat of The Bluffs of Satilla Subdivision, Phase I, having been approved by the Waycross-Ware County Planning Commission; and

WHEREAS, the Commission of the City of Waycross approved The Bluffs of Satilla Phase I Final Plat on May 17, 2011, which was recorded in the office of the Clerk of Superior Court Pierce County, Georgia in Plat Book 19, Page 120 on July 19, 2011; and

WHEREAS, the said Phase I Final Plat was approved and recorded with 50 foot setbacks, which is above and beyond the City of Waycross code requirement of 40 foot, and the Developers now request approval to revise the front yard setbacks to the City of Waycross code requirement; and

WHEREAS, said Revised Final Plat of The Bluffs of Satilla Subdivision, Phase I being considered.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Commission of the City of Waycross, Georgia that the Revised Final Plat of Bluffs of Satilla Subdivision, Phase I is hereby approved at the request of the Developers.

SO RESOLVED this 17th day of September, 2013.

CITY OF WAYCROSS

BY: **WILLIAM SIMMONS**, Mayor Pro Tem

ATTEST:

JULIE DINKINS, City Clerk

Commissioner Diane Hopkins made the motion to approve the Resolution of the City of Waycross, Georgia to Accept and Approve Revised Final Plat of the Bluffs of Satilla Subdivision – Phase I as presented. Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines seconded the motion; all voted positively and the motion passed with a 3-0 vote.

A Resolution of the City of Waycross Georgia to Approve Execution of a GDOT Local State Route Acceptance Resolution regarding Highway 84 was presented.

City Resolution No. 13-53

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LOCAL STATE ROUTE ACCEPTANCE RESOLUTION

GEORGIA, Ware County and the City of Waycross

WHEREAS, the Commissioner of Ware County (hereinafter called the County) and to the Mayor of the City of Waycross (hereinafter called the City) are being notified that the Georgia Department of Transportation (hereinafter called the Department) intends to widen and relocate sections of State Route 38 / U.S. 84 in said County and City as described in Order 3598 as shown on the sketch maps attached thereto; and

WHEREAS, upon execution of forthcoming Order 3598, the County and City shall accept as appropriate, title and ownership of the property on the sold sections of State Route 38 U.S. 84 being removed from the State System; and

WHEREAS, the Department shall continue to retain jurisdictional authority and maintenance responsibility on the sections of State Route 38 / U.S. 84 being removed from the State System until the improvements referenced in Order 3598 are completed; and

WHEREAS, upon completion of the road improvements described in said Order, the County and City shall by operation of law have jurisdictional as well as maintenance and operational authority over the old sections of State Route 38 / U.S. 84 that will remain open as a public road;

WHEREAS, the implementation of these State Highway System revisions are contingent upon the execution of this Resolution.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED that the County and City will execute this Resolution and that a signed copy of this Resolution be furnished to the Department.

This _____ day of _____, 2013.

Chairman, Ware County
Board of Commissioners

Attest: _____
Clerk, Ware County

This 17th day of September, 2013.

William Simmons
Mayor Pro Tem, City of Waycross

Attest: **Julie C. Dinkins**
Clerk, City of Waycross

Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines made the motion to approve the Resolution of the City of Waycross Georgia to Approve Execution of a GDOT Local State Route Acceptance Resolution regarding Highway 84 as presented. Commissioner Alvin Nelson seconded the motion; all voted affirmatively and the motion passed.

A Resolution of the City of Waycross Georgia to Purchase of a Level I Custom Fire Pumper for the Waycross Fire Department was presented for review.

RESOLUTION NO. 13-50

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA
TO APPROVE PURCHASE OF A LEVEL I CUSTOM FIRE PUMPER FOR THE WAYCROSS
FIRE DEPARTMENT; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

WHEREAS, the City of Waycross Fire Department has an approved line item out of the SPLOST Fund for the purchase of a new Fire Pumper; and

WHEREAS, it is the staff's recommendation to purchase a new model Pierce Saber Fire Pumper off the Florida Sheriff's, Florida Fire Chiefs and the Florida Association of Counties State Contract, as there is no State of Georgia Contract on Fire/Emergency Equipment; and

WHEREAS, the said Florida State Contract purchase will save approximately \$60,000.00 from a normal bid price; and

WHEREAS, the price of the pumper is \$342,975.00, with an early pay discount of \$12,945.00, bringing the total purchase price down to \$330,030.00; and

WHEREAS, said matter having been considered.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Commission of the City of Waycross that the purchase of a new Level I Custom Fire Pumper for the Waycross Fire Department from the Florida State Contract, for the sum of \$330,030.00, be approved, to be paid for from the line item SPLOST Fund for the Waycross Fire Department.

SO RESOLVED, this 17th day of September, 2013.

CITY OF WAYCROSS

BY: **WILLIAM SIMMONS**, Mayor Pro Tem

ATTEST:

JULIE DINKINS, City Clerk

Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines made the motion to approve the Resolution of the City of Waycross Georgia to Purchase of a Level I Custom Fire Pumper for the Waycross Fire Department as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Alvin Nelson; all voted positively and the motion carried with a 3-0 vote.

A Resolution of the City of Waycross Georgia to Reject Bids Received on Behalf of DWDA for Roof and Gutter Replacement and rebid along with a second bid for rotten wood replacement was presented for review.

RESOLUTION NO. 13-51

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA
TO REJECT BIDS RECEIVED ON BEHALF OF DWDA FOR ROOF AND GUTTER
REPLACEMENT FOR THE REA AND DEPOT BUILDINGS; TO AUTHORIZE REBIDDING
OF ROOF AND GUTTER REPLACEMENT FOR THE REA AND DEPOT BUILDINGS AS ONE
PROJECT, AND A SECOND BID FOR ROTTEN WOOD REPLACEMENT TO LOWER
COSTS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

WHEREAS, the City of Waycross Purchasing Department, on behalf of the Downtown Waycross Development Authority ("DWDA"), solicited bids for roof and gutter replacement for the REA and Depot Buildings in downtown Waycross, as five (5) separate components; and

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

WHEREAS, the City of Waycross Purchasing Department received one (1) bid on each on three (3) of the projects, and no bids on the other two (2) projects, which bids exceeded the estimated budget for said projects; and

WHEREAS, the DWDA in conjunction with the City's Purchasing Department recommends that the City Commission reject all bids, and allow the Purchasing Department to rebid these projects as one (1) Project for roof and gutters to try again to lower costs, and a second bid for rotten wood replacement;

WHEREAS, said matter having been considered.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Commission of the City of Waycross that all bids received by the City of Waycross Purchasing Department for roof and gutter replacement for the REA and Depot Buildings, that was bided as five (5) separate components, are hereby rejected, canceled, and rendered null and void.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City of Waycross Purchasing Department is granted permission to rebid the said project as one (1) component for roof and gutters in anticipation of lowering costs and receiving value added bids, and a second bid for rotten wood replacement.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Director of Purchasing, and the necessary City Staff are authorized 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 17th day of September, 2013.

CITY OF WAYCROSS
BY: WILLIAM SIMMONS, Mayor Pro Tem

ATTEST:
JULIE DINKINS, City Clerk

Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines made the motion to approve the Resolution of the City of Waycross Georgia to Reject Bids Received on Behalf of DWDA for Roof and Gutter Replacement and rebid along with a second bid for rotten wood replacement as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Alvin Nelson; all voted affirmatively and the motion carried with a 3-0 vote.

A Resolution of the City of Waycross Georgia to Authorize a Quitclaim Deed from the City of Waycross, Georgia to Lee Hardware and Building Supplies, Inc. was presented for review.

RESOLUTION NO. 13-52

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA TO
AUTHORIZE A QUITCLAIM DEED FROM THE CITY OF WAYCROSS,
GEORGIA TO LEE HARDWARE AND BUILDING SUPPLIES, INC;
AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

WHEREAS, the City of Waycross owns 1.605 acre of property on the abandoned CSX rail bed, bound by McDonald Street and Tebeau Street as surplus property; and

WHEREAS, on August 20, 2013, the City declared the said property surplus in that it no longer serves a public purpose or benefit, and is burdensome to the City to maintain, and authorized the property to be sold to the highest bidder for cash; and

WHEREAS, City staff assembled bid documents and advertised the property for sale to the highest bidder, and Lee Hardware and Building Supply, Inc. was the highest bidder for the sum of \$12,000.00, and

WHEREAS, the City desires to execute a Quitclaim Deed to Lee Hardware and Building Supply, Inc. to transfer title of said property for said bid consideration; 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 said real property to Lee Hardware and Building Supply, Inc., for the sum of \$12,000.00.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor or Mayor Pro Tem and City Clerk be, and are hereby authorized, directed and empowered to execute the Quitclaim Deed in the form attached hereto.

SO RESOLVED, this 17th day of September, 2013.

CITY OF WAYCROSS
BY: **WILLIAM SIMMONS, Mayor Pro Tem**

ATTEST:
JULIE DINKINS, City Clerk

Commissioner Diane Hopkins made the motion to approve the Resolution of the City of Waycross Georgia to Authorize a Quitclaim Deed from the City of Waycross, Georgia to Lee Hardware and Building Supplies, Inc. as presented. Commissioner Alvin Nelson seconded the motion; all voted affirmatively and the motion carried with a 3-0 vote.

Reverend Wilbert King, 602 Magnolia Drive, appeared before the Commission to request their support for the Oak Street 2013 Prayer Walk. The first meeting will be held September 28, 2013 at Brunel Street Church of God at 12:00 noon. The prayer walk will begin at 12:00 noon on October 5 and continue every Saturday at noon in October. Rev. King asked for help to evict the kingdom of darkness from having free reign on Oak Street. The prayer walks will culminate with the Oak Street Festival.

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.

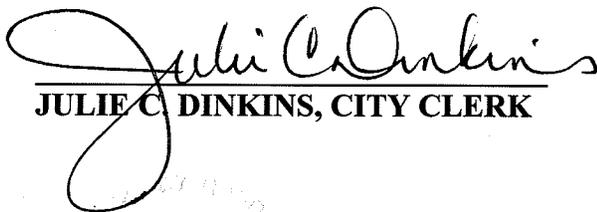
CITY OF WAYCROSS

BY:



**WILLIAM SIMMONS
MAYOR PRO TEM**

ATTEST:



JULIE C. DINKINS, CITY CLERK