

MINUTES
WAYCROSS CITY COMMISSION MEETING
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 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 18, 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 Pastor Carlos White, Pastor of Kingdom Dominion Ministries who offered the invocation which was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Under Executive Duties, Mayor Billups rescheduled the Public Hearing to Consider the Final Plat for Evergreen Way – Riverside Medical Complex formerly known as Beacon Hill Subdivision for Tuesday, October 2, 2012, 6:30 p.m.

A Proclamation Declaring September 24 as Family Day in Waycross was read by Julie Dinkins, the City Clerk as follows:

Proclamation

Family Day in Waycross

Whereas, the use of illegal drugs and the abuse of alcohol and nicotine constitute the greatest threats to the well-being of America's children; and

Whereas, surveys conducted by The National Center on Addiction and Substance Abuse (CASA) at Columbia University have consistently found that the more often children and teenagers eat dinner with their families the less likely they are to smoke, drink and use illegal drugs; and

Whereas, teenagers who virtually never eat dinner with their families are 72 percent more likely than the average teenager to use illegal drugs, alcohol and cigarettes; and

Whereas, teenagers who almost always eat dinner with their families are 31 percent less likely than the average teenager to use illegal drugs, alcohol and cigarettes; and

Whereas, the correlation between family dinners and reduced risk for teen substance abuse are well documented; and

Whereas, parental influence is known to be one of the most crucial factors in determining the likelihood of substance abuse by teenagers; and

Whereas, family dinners have long constituted a substantial pillar of family life in America.

Now, therefore, I, **Clarence E. Billups, Mayor of the City of Waycross**, do hereby proclaim the fourth Monday in September (September 24th) as

Family Day– A Day to Eat Dinner With Your Children[™]

and urge all citizens to recognize and participate in its observance.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and have caused the Seal of the City of Waycross to be affixed this 18th day of September, 2012.

Clarence E. Billups, Mayor

Mayor Clarence Billups announced that he had been appointed to represent the City of Waycross on the Downtown Waycross Development Authority for the remainder of 2012.

Mayor Clarence Billups presented City Clerk Julie Dinkins with a Certificate in recognition of her achieving the title, Certified Municipal Clerk from the University of Georgia, GMA, and GMC/FOA.

Deron W. King, City Manager, presented the City Manager's Report. Mr. King congratulated Julie Dinkins for her Certified Municipal Clerk status. Mr. King noted that it has been a busy month with the "First Annual Furry Friends and Family Day", the Rumble in the Swamp, Kids Day and the J Fly Jazz Festival. He congratulated Chief Tanner for a great "Kid's Day". Mr. King informed the public that Saturday, September 29 will be Drug Take Back Day, allowing citizens to drop off prescription drugs to the PD for safe disposal. Drop off sites will be Walmart, Waycross Family Pharmacy, and both Harvey's locations. Mr. King also introduced Jessica Deal as the new City Engineer and Danny Lamont as the new Finance Director.

Mayor Clarence Billups thanked Chief Tanner and his staff for a great "Kids Day". He also noted that the Rumble in the Swamp was a great success in spite of the weather. He reminded citizens to come out for the Fourth Annual J Fly Jazz Festival on Saturday for a day of wholesome family fun.

There were no public remarks on official actions.

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, Tuesday, September 4, 2012; and Waycross City Commission Meeting, Tuesday, September 4, 2012.

There were no ordinances, resolutions or privilege license renewals.

Commissioner Alvin Nelson made the motion to approve the Consent Calendar as presented. Commissioner Norman Davis seconded the motion; all Commissioners voted favorably and the motion carried with a 5-0 vote.

A privilege license for Kendra Taylor d/b/a Peaches Southeast, LLC, 668 Oak Street, Waycross, Georgia Consumption on Premises, Beer and Wine was presented for review. Commissioner Diane Hopkins made the motion to approve the privilege license for Peaches Southeast. Commissioner Alvin Nelson seconded the motion; all voted in favor and the motion carried.

An Ordinance Amending the City of Waycross Soil Erosion, Sedimentation and Pollution Control Ordinance was presented for the first reading.

Ordinance No. 12-12

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 AND SEDIMENTATION 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 adopt the City of Waycross Soil Erosion, Sedimentation and pollution Control Ordinance as presented. Commissioner Diane Hopkins second the motion; all voted positively and the motion carried with a 5-0 vote.

A Resolution of the City of Waycross, Georgia To Approve the Annual Water Tank Maintenance Program Payment was presented.

RESOLUTION NO. 12-47

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA
TO APPROVE ANNUAL WATER TANK MAINTENANCE PROGRAM PAYMENT;
AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

WHEREAS, Utility Service Company, Inc. provides annual inspection, biennial cleaning & disinfection, and coating rehabilitations at seven elevated water storage tanks for the City of Waycross; and

WHEREAS, said Water Tank Maintenance Program implemented by the City in 2001, has resulted in the tanks being restored to optimal operating condition after several years of neglect in the 1990s; and

WHEREAS, Utility Service Company, Inc., also manages cellular antenna rental spaces on three of the City's water tanks, including plan review and inspection of antenna installations, collects fees from cellular tenants, and pays the City 70 percent of the gross rental receipts annually; and

WHEREAS, City staff request permission to approve annual payment of the Water Tank Maintenance Program in the amount of \$116,031.63, to be paid from the Water and Sewer Capital Fund; and

WHEREAS, said matter being considered.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Commission of the City of Waycross that the City of Waycross approve the annual payment of the Water Tank Maintenance Program in the amount of \$116,031.63 to Utility Service Company, Inc., to be paid from the Water and Sewer Capital Fund.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Manager and Finance Director be, and they are hereby authorized, directed and empowered to make the said annual Water Tank Maintenance Program payment on behalf of the City of Waycross, Georgia.

SO RESOLVED, this 18th day of September, 2012.

CITY OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA

**BY: CLARENCE E BILLUPS
MAYOR**

ATTEST: JULIE DINKINS, City Clerk

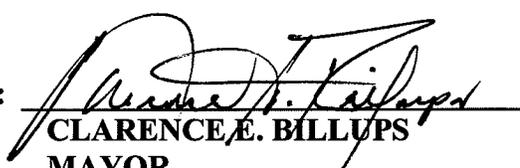
Commissioner Norman Davis made the motion to approve A Resolution of the City of Waycross, Georgia To Approve the Annual Water Tank Maintenance Program Payment as presented. Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines seconded the motion; all voted in favor and the motion carried with a 5-0 vote.

Dr. Richard L. Hudson expressed his concern about the asbestos danger posed by the dilapidated Bailey Street School building.

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

CITY OF WAYCROSS

BY:


**CLARENCE E. BILLUPS
MAYOR**

ATTEST:


JULIE C. DINKINS, CITY CLERK