

MINUTES
WAYCROSS CITY COMMISSION MEETING
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2018
5:00 PM

The Commission of the City of Waycross held their Regular City Commission Meeting on Tuesday, September 18, 2018 in the Commission Chambers of City Hall. The meeting was called to order by the Honorable Mayor John Knox at 5:00 p.m. Members in attendance were: Mayor John Knox, Mayor Pro Tem Jon Tindall Commissioners Marian Solomon-Gaines, Diane Hopkins, and John Threat. Commissioner Norman Davis was absent.

Commissioner Diane Hopkins introduced Interim City Manager Wilton Deloach who offered the opening invocation. The Invocation was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Mayor John Knox.

Mr. Wilton Deloach, Interim City Manager, thanked the city employees and volunteers who helped with the Okefenokee Classic football game between Valdosta State University and Fort Valley State University. Mr. Deloach also reminded citizens that the Waycross Animal Services is open to the public and there are many animals awaiting adoption.

Mayor John Knox congratulated Bible Heritage Church on their 110th year. Mayor Knox wished C C Stephens a Happy Birthday on his 106th birthday. Mayor Knox visited the local 2nd grade classes to participate in a study of government and thanked Wacona for the pictures and cards. He reminded citizens of the Job Fair and Homecoming Parade and Bonfire scheduled for Thursday, September 20. Mayor Know wished Commissioner Norman Davis a quick recovery.

No public remarks on official action.

Mayor Knox 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 and Information Session, Executive Session, and Waycross City Commission Meeting, Tuesday, September 4, 2018.

One Consent Resolution: Jeanette Bennett Reconveying Section C, Lot NE ¼ of 51, spaces 1 & 2, Oakland Cemetery to Evelina M. Robinett.

One Ordinance Second Reading:

ORDINANCE NO. 018-16

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF THE CITY OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA; TO AMEND CHAPTER 24 – MUNICIPAL COURTS, ARTICLE I. – IN GENERAL, SECTION 24-6 – ADDITIONAL ASSESSMENT OR COST FOR INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY; TO REPEAL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; TO PROVIDE FOR SEVERABILITY; TO PROVIDE FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

There were no privilege license renewals.

The Consent Calendar was approved by motion from Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines; seconded by Commissioner Diane Hopkins, and approved with a 4-0 vote.

One new Privilege License was presented: Amanda Durden d/b/a Freebird Café and Market, 301 Carswell Avenue, Consumption on Premises, Wine Only. The license was approved by motion from Commissioner Diane Hopkins; seconded by Marian Solomon-Gaines and a vote of 4-0 in approval.

Purchasing Director Linda Jones presented Bid# FY19-9905 HVAC Armory. Three bids were received to install HVAC in three rooms in the armory for temporary space for Public Works. Purchasing recommends awarding the bid to Johns' Heating and Air of Waycross, GA for a price of \$8,800.00. Commissioner Diane Hopkins made the motion to approve the bid for HVAC for temporary space for Public Works at the Armory. Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines seconded the motion; all present voted in favor.

An Ordinance amending the Code of the City of Waycross, Georgia Amending Chapter 30, Parks and Recreation, City Auditorium, Waiver of Fees and Deposit was presented for the first emergency reading:

ORDINANCE NO. 018-17

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF THE CITY OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA; TO AMEND CHAPTER 30 – PARKS AND RECREATION, ARTICLE II. – CITY AUDITORIUM, SECTION 30-22 – WAIVER OF FEES AND SECTION 30-23 - DEPOSIT; TO REPEAL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; TO PROVIDE FOR SEVERABILITY; TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY; TO PROVIDE FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines made the motion to approve the Ordinance amending the Code of the City of Waycross, Georgia Amending Chapter 30, Parks and Recreation, City Auditorium, Waiver of Fees and Deposit as presented for the first emergency reading. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Diane Hopkins; and approved with a 4-0 vote.

An Ordinance amending the Code of the City of Waycross, Georgia Amending Chapter 30, Parks and Recreation, City Auditorium, Waiver of Fees and Deposit was presented for the second emergency reading:

ORDINANCE NO. 018-17

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF THE CITY OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA; TO AMEND CHAPTER 30 – PARKS AND RECREATION, ARTICLE II. – CITY AUDITORIUM, SECTION 30-22 – WAIVER OF FEES AND SECTION 30-23 - DEPOSIT; TO REPEAL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; TO PROVIDE FOR SEVERABILITY; TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY; TO PROVIDE FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Commissioner Diane Hopkins made the motion to approve the Ordinance amending the Code of the City of Waycross, Georgia Amending Chapter 30, Parks and Recreation, City Auditorium, Waiver of Fees and Deposit as presented for the second emergency reading. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines; and approved with a 4-0 vote.

Two Requests for Waiver of Fees for the C C McCray City Auditorium were presented:

Waycross Ware County Development requested waiver of fees for a Manufacturer's Appreciation Luncheon scheduled for October 5, 2018 from 11:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. Commissioner Diane Hopkins made the motion to approve the waiver of fees from the WWDA. Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines seconded the motion, and all voted in favor.

The Georgia Department of Labor requested waiver of fees for a Job Fair for Voith Employees who will be laid off from the jobs on 9-30-2018. The event is scheduled for October 8, 2018 from 10:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. The waiver request was approved by motion from Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines; seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Jon Tindall and a 4-0 vote in favor of approval.

The Resolution of the City of Waycross, Georgia to Authorize Signing of a Memorandum of Understanding with Coastal Pines Technical College to provide mutual aid was presented for approval.

RESOLUTION NO. R18-68

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA,
TO AUTHORIZE THE SIGNING OF A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
WITH COASTAL PINES TECHNICAL COLLEGE; TO PROVIDE FOR MUTUAL AID
IN CASE OF AN EMERGENCY AS DEFINED BY O.C.G.A. SECTION 36-69-2; AND
FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

WHEREAS, responses to emergencies or special circumstances, as defined by O.C.G.A. § 36-69-2, may exceed the immediate resources, skills or equipment capacities of the Waycross Police Department or the Coastal Pines Technical College Campus Police Department; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 36-69-1 et seq., Coastal Pines Technical College is authorized to furnish assistance extraterritorially to the City of Waycross upon the approval of the Commissioner of the Technical College System of Georgia, the State Board of the Technical College System of Georgia and the President of Coastal Pines Technical College; and

WHEREAS, the City of Waycross is authorized to furnish assistance to Coastal Pines Technical College with the approval of the President of Coastal Pines Technical College as well as the governing body for the local political subdivision, to wit: the City Commission of the City of Waycross; and

WHEREAS, in that regard, the Waycross Police Department and the Coastal Pines Technical College Campus Police Department desire to execute a Memorandum of Understanding, in the form attached hereto and incorporated herein as if fully set forth, so that both can furnish assistance to the other in response to an emergency as allowed by Georgia law; 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, City Clerk and Chief of Police 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 18th day of September, 2018.

CITY OF WAYCROSS

BY: JOHN KNOX, Mayor

ATTEST:

JULIE DINKINS, City Clerk

The Resolution of the City of Waycross, Georgia to Authorize Signing of a Memorandum of Understanding with Coastal Pines Technical College to provide mutual aid as presented was approved by motion from Commissioner Diane Hopkins. Mayor Pro Tem Jon Tindall seconded the motion and was approved with a 4-0 vote.

The Resolution of the City of Waycross, Georgia to Award Bid Contract to Johns' Heating and Aid for HVAC for the Armory was presented for approval.

RESOLUTION NO. R18-69

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA,
TO AWARD BID CONTRACT TO JOHNS' HEATING AND AIR FOR
NEW HEATING, VENTILATION AND AIR CONDITIONING UNITS FOR THE
ARMORY BUILDING; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

WHEREAS, the Public Works Department will be temporarily re-located to the Armory during the destruction of the old Public Works building and the construction of the new Public Works building; and

WHEREAS, the Armory will need new heating, ventilation and air conditioning (HVAC) units since the HVAC unit at the Armory is not operable and it is not feasible to repair; and

WHEREAS, the City of Waycross has designated SPLOST funds to purchase and install equipment in City buildings; and

WHEREAS, the City of Waycross Purchasing Department offered the project through competitive bidding, and received and opened three (3) bids tendered; and

WHEREAS, said bid is for the purchase and installation of a new 3 ton condenser with 3 ton evaporator (for use in the lobby area of the new Public Works building) and a 2 ton condenser with two 1 ton evaporators (for the offices); and

WHEREAS, Johns' Heating and Air of Waycross, Georgia, submitted the lowest and best bid for the HVAC units of eight thousand, eight hundred dollars (\$8,800.00), and meeting all specifications and requirements; and

WHEREAS, said matter having been considered.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Commission of the City of Waycross that the Bid Contract for new heating, ventilation and air conditioning units, and installation, for the Armory (so it can be used as the temporary location for the Public Works Department) be awarded to Johns' Heating and Air of Waycross, Georgia, in the amount of \$8,800.00, and to be paid from SPLOST funds.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized and directed to execute the Bid Contract 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 18th day of September, 2018.

CITY OF WAYCROSS

BY: JOHN KNOX, Mayor

ATTEST:

JULIE DINKINS, City Clerk

Commissioner Diane Hopkins made the motion to approve the Resolution of the City of Waycross, Georgia to Award Bid Contract to Johns' Heating and Aid for HVAC for the Armory as presented. Mayor Pro Tem Jon Tindall seconded the motion and all voted in approval.

The Resolution of the City of Waycross, Georgia to Award Bid contract to Thrift Brothers LLC for Memorial Drive Water and Sewer Extension Project was presented for approval.

RESOLUTION NO. R18-70

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA, TO AWARD BID CONTRACT TO THRIFT BROTHERS, L.L.C., FOR MEMORIAL DRIVE WATER AND SEWER EXTENSION PROJECT; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, on July 10, 2017, the City Commission agreed to extend water and sewer lines across the canal at the Waycross Mall to the adjoining and vacant lots on Memorial Drive located between the Mall and Fuji's, with the City funding the cost to cross the canal but each developer being responsible for extending from said lots to the canal crossing; and

WHEREAS, Section 2.1 of the Charter of the City of Waycross gives the City of Waycross the power and authority to "enter into contracts and agreements with other governmental entities and with private persons, firms and corporations"; and

WHEREAS, the City of Waycross Purchasing Department offered the project for competitive bidding through advertisement in the Waycross Journal Herald, on the Georgia Procurement Registry and by email to four (4) local companies, but due to workload, only one bid was received and opened; and

WHEREAS, Thrift Brothers, L.L.C., submitted the lowest and best bid for the above-mentioned project, meeting all specifications and requirements, for a total project amount not to exceed \$51,140.00.

WHEREAS, said matter having been considered.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Commission of the City of Waycross that the Bid Contract for the Memorial Drive Water and Sewer Extension project be awarded to Thrift Brothers, L.L.C. in an amount not to exceed \$51,140.00, and to be paid from Water and Sewer funds.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor, City Clerk, City Manager and City Attorney be authorized and directed to execute the Bid Contracts 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 AND ADOPTED, this 18th day of September, 2018.

CITY OF WAYCROSS
BY: JOHN KNOX, Mayor

ATTEST:
JULIE DINKINS, City Clerk

Commissioner Diane Hopkins made the motion to approve the Resolution of the City of Waycross, Georgia to Award bid contract to Thrift Brothers LLC for Memorial Drive Water and Sewer Extension Project as presented for approval. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Jon Tindall and approved by a 4-0 vote.

Ms. Alexis Bell, 304 Howe St., Ms. Aeionna Bell, 903 E Myrtle Ave. and Mr. Larry Rood, 304 Howe Street addressed the Commission in reference to a police matter. Mayor Knox responded that the complaint would be handled through the WPD.

After last call, Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines made the motion to adjourn into Executive Session to discuss litigation and personnel. Commissioner Diane Hopkins seconded the motion; all voted in favor and the meeting adjourned into Executive Session.

Commissioner Diane Hopkins made the motion to reenter regular session; seconded by Commissioner John Threat and unanimously carried.

Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Diane Hopkins seconded the motion. All voted in favor and Mayor Knox adjourned the meeting.

CITY OF WAYCROSS

BY: 
JOHN KNOX, Mayor

ATTEST:


JULIE C. DINKINS, City Clerk