

MINUTES
WAYCROSS CITY COMMISSION MEETING
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2017
5:00 PM

The Commission of the City of Waycross held their Regular City Commission Meeting on Tuesday, September 19, 2017 in the Commission Chambers of City Hall. The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by the Honorable Mayor John Knox. Members in attendance were: Mayor John Knox, Mayor Pro Tem Jon Tindall, Commissioners Diane Hopkins, Marian Solomon-Gaines, Norman Davis and Larry Ethridge.

Mayor John Knox introduced Public Works Director Wilton Deloach who offered the opening invocation. The Invocation was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Mayor Knox.

City Manager Raphel Maddox announced the re-scheduling of the October 2 Planning and Information Session from Monday, October 2 to Tuesday, October 3, 2017 at 3:00 p.m. due to a scheduling conflict.

Mr. Maddox announced the scheduling of a City of Waycross and Ware County Town Hall Meeting for Monday, October 9, 2017 at the City Auditorium with the time to be announced for the purpose of discussing the Transportation Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax (TSPLOST).

A Certificate of Appreciation was presented to the City of Waycross for outstanding support to the Soldier's Assigned to Delta Company and Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 121st Infantry Regiment during Hurricane IRMA 2017 signed by Lieutenant Colonel William R. Broach, Battalion Commander and Mayor A. Aaron Anderson, Executive Officer.

Included in the City Manager's Report, Mr. Maddox announced that letters of appreciation had been sent to the National Guard and the Governor and Rusty Hall at the YMCA for help during Hurricane Irma. Mr. Maddox thanked the City Staff who worked tirelessly during the Hurricane including the Police Department, Fire Department, Public Works and Engineering and many more. The City Manager also thanked local business owners who supported the City during the Hurricane Irma.

Police Fun Day was held and considered a great day in community policing.

Human Resource Director Trinija Martin announced a semi-annual job fair scheduled for Thursday, September 21, 2017 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 sponsored by Georgia Department of Labor and City of Waycross at the City Auditorium.

Mr. Maddox informed the Commissioners that the Department Heads held a food drive for the City Employees.

Mayor John Knox thanked Jonathan Daniels of Emergency Management Association as well as Barbara King and Rhonda Taylor, Red Cross volunteers, for exemplary efforts during Hurricane Irma.

There were 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 & Information Session and Executive Session, Monday, September 5, 2017; City Commission Meeting, September 5 2017 and Special Called Meeting, September 8, 2017.

No Ordinance Second Reading. Consent Resolutions or Privilege License Renewals.

The Consent Calendar was approved by motion from Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines; seconded by Commissioner Norman Davis; all voted in favor and the motion carried.

One New Privilege License for Kishan Patel d/b/a Jay Good Mart, 1302 Sweat Street, Retail beer and Wine was presented for approval. The Privilege License was approved by motion from Mayor Pro Tem Jon Tindall. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Larry Ethridge; and approved with a 4-0 vote.

Purchasing Director Linda Jones presented FY18-11 Water Improvements at Isabella, Elizabeth, Columbus and Garlington Avenue. The existing 6-inch water main on Elizabeth Street between Garlington Avenue and Columbus Street requires multiple repairs due to substandard materials (thin-wall PVC pipe). The existing 2-inch water main on Isabella Street between Garlington and Columbus services drinking water to 15 houses. Residual water main pressure is low and pipe size is inadequate to provide fire protection. Engineering Staff worked with Coastal Engineering Consultant to design water main replacement along these sections of Elizabeth and Isabella Streets. New 8-inch water mains will be installed and connected to adjacent existing 6-inch and 8-inch mains to provide adequate fire protection flow capability. Project bids were opened on September 65, 2017 with Thrift Brothers, LLC submitting the lowest and best bid of \$271,540.00. This project will be funded with SPLOST monies. The contract was approved by motion from Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines; seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Jon Tindall; all voted positively and the motion was approved.

An Ordinance to Abandon and Close a portion of Elizabeth Street and Jane Street right of ways was presented as an emergency reading:

ORDINANCE NO. 017-21

AN ORDINANCE TO ABANDON AND CLOSE ELIZABETH STREET AND JANE STREET RIGHTS-OF-WAY BETWEEN COLQUITT STREET AND COLUMBUS STREET; TO AUTHORIZE A QUIT CLAIM DEED; TO ESTABLISH AN EFFECTIVE DATE; TO REPEAL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines made the motion to approve the Ordinance to Abandon and Close a portion of Elizabeth Street and Jane Street right of ways as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Larry Ethridge; and approved for the first reading.

Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines made the motion to not present the Ordinance to Abandon and Close a portion of Elizabeth Street and Jane Street right of ways as an emergency reading. Commissioner Diane Hopkins seconded by motion; all Commissioners agreed by voting yes.

An Ordinance to Annex and Zone property located on Victory Drive was presented for the first emergency reading:

ORDINANCE NO. 017-23

AN ORDINANCE UNDER AUTHORITY OF GEORGIA LAW TO ANNEX INTO THE EXISTING CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA, CERTAIN PROPERTY LOCATED ON VICTORY DRIVE; TO ESTABLISH ZONING CLASSIFICATION FOR THE ANNEXED PROPERTY; TO ZONE SAID PROPERTY TO C-2 HIGHWAY COMMERCIAL; TO CHANGE THE LAND USE PLAN; TO SET AN EFFECTIVE DATE; TO PROVIDE FOR SEVERABILITY; TO REPEAL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines made the motion to approve the Ordinance to Annex and Zone property located on Victory Drive as presented for the first emergency reading. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Jon Tindall; all voted yes and the motion was approved.

An Ordinance to Annex and Zone property located on Victory Drive was presented for the second emergency reading:

ORDINANCE NO. O17-23

AN ORDINANCE UNDER AUTHORITY OF GEORGIA LAW TO ANNEX INTO THE EXISTING CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA, CERTAIN PROPERTY LOCATED ON VICTORY DRIVE; TO ESTABLISH ZONING CLASSIFICATION FOR THE ANNEXED PROPERTY; TO ZONE SAID PROPERTY TO C-2 HIGHWAY COMMERCIAL; TO CHANGE THE LAND USE PLAN; TO SET AN EFFECTIVE DATE; TO PROVIDE FOR SEVERABILITY; TO REPEAL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Commissioner Norman Davis made the motion to approve the Ordinance to Annex and Zone property located on Victory Drive as presented for the second emergency reading. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines; all voted yes and the motion carried.

An Ordinance to Annex and Zone 1283 Highway 84 in Pierce County was presented for the first reading.

ORDINANCE NO. O17-22

AN ORDINANCE UNDER AUTHORITY OF GEORGIA LAW TO ANNEX INTO THE EXISTING CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA, CERTAIN PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1283 HIGHWAY 84 IN PIERCE COUNTY; TO ESTABLISH ZONING CLASSIFICATION FOR THE ANNEXED PROPERTY; TO ZONE SAID PROPERTY TO C-2 HIGHWAY COMMERCIAL; TO CHANGE THE LAND USE PLAN; TO SET AN EFFECTIVE DATE; TO PROVIDE FOR SEVERABILITY; TO REPEAL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Commissioner Norman Davis made the motion to approve the Ordinance to Annex and Zone 1283 Highway 84 in Pierce County as presented for the first reading. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines. The vote was unanimous for approval.

A Resolution of the City of Waycross to Award a Bid Contract to Thrift Brothers, LLC for Water Main Replacement Project on sections of Elizabeth and Isabella Streets was presented:

RESOLUTION NO. R17-53

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA, TO AWARD BID CONTRACT TO THRIFT BROTHERS, L.L.C., FOR WATER MAIN REPLACEMENT PROJECT ON SECTIONS OF ELIZABETH AND ISABELLA STREETS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, the existing 6-inch water main on Elizabeth Street between Garlington Avenue and Columbus Street requires repairs multiple times each year due to substandard materials utilized (thin-wall PVC pipe); and

WHEREAS, the existing 2-inch water main on Isabella Street between Garlington Avenue and Columbus Street provides and serves water to 15 homes; and residual water pressure is low and pipe size is inadequate to provide fire protection; and

WHEREAS, the City of Waycross Engineering staff worked with Coastal Engineering Consultants to design water main replacement along the above-described sections of Elizabeth and Isabella Street; and

WHEREAS, the City of Waycross Purchasing Department offered the project through competitive bidding, and received and opened five (5) bids tendered; and

WHEREAS, Thrift Brothers, L.L.C. submitted the lowest and best bid for the project of \$271,540.00, and meeting all specifications and requirements; and

WHEREAS, said matter having been considered.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Waycross City Commission that the Bid Contract for the above-described water main replacement project on the above-described

sections of Isabella Street and Elizabeth Street be awarded to Thrift Brothers, L.L.C. in the amount of \$271,540.00, and to be paid from SPLOST 2014 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 AND ADOPTED, this 19th day of September, 2017.

CITY OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA
JOHN KNOX, Mayor

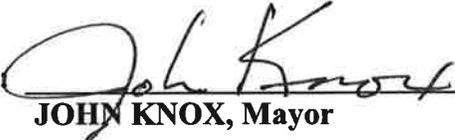
ATTEST:
Julie Dinkins, City Clerk

Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines made the motion to Award a Bid Contract to Thrift Brothers, LLC for Water Main Replacement Project on sections of Elizabeth and Isabella Streets as presented. Mayor Pro Tem Jon Tindall seconded the motion; all voted positively and the motion carried.

Pastor Stacy Taylor, 404 Spurgeon Street addressed the Commissioners inviting them to attend the Listening Party on Saturday, September 24, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. at the City Auditorium.

Following last call, Commissioner Norman Davis made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Larry Ethridge 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