

MINUTES

WAYCROSS CITY COMMISSION MEETING

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2011

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 20, 2011. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Clarence E. Billups at 7:00 p.m. with Commissioners Norman Davis, Diane Hopkins, and Marian Solomon-Gaines and Daniel Yarbrough present for the meeting. Commissioner William Simmons was absent.

Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines introduced Minister Fer-Rell "Maurice" Malone Jr., Youth Minister, Macedonia Baptist Church who offered the invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Deron W. King, City Manager, presented the City Manager's Report. Mr. King offered his condolences to the family of Sgt. Isaac Whitfield upon his passing. Sgt. Whitfield was a 30 year veteran of the Waycross Police Force. Mr. King also offered his prayers for a successful surgery and quick recovery to Police officer Allan Dowling who is receiving a liver transplant. The 3rd Annual JFly Music Festival at Phoenix Park and the Gram Parsons Guitar Pull at the Fairgrounds are both this weekend.

Mayor Clarence E. Billups presented the Mayor's Report. Mayor Billups encouraged Waycross residents to attend at least one of the events scheduled for this weekend, emphasizing that the activities are wholesome and family oriented.

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 and Information Session Executive Session to Discuss Personnel, September 6, 2011; Waycross City Commission Zoning Public Hearing and Waycross City Commission Meeting, Tuesday, September 6, 2011.

There were no consent resolutions, ordinances or privilege license renewals.

Commissioner Norman Davis made the motion to approve the Consent Calendar as presented. Commissioner Daniel Yarbrough seconded the motion; all Commissioners voted favorably and the motion carried with a 4-0 vote.

A Privilege License for Lita S.Osburn d/b/a LL Creek, 421 Memorial Drive, Waycross, Georgia, Consumption on Premises, Beer, Wine, and Liquor was presented to the Commissioners. Commissioner Diane Hopkins made the motion to approve the Privilege License; seconded by Commissioner Daniel Yarbrough; all voted in favor and the motion carried 4-0.

Mrs. Linda Jones, Director, Purchasing Department presented Bid# FY12-06 for an Animal Control Truck. Purchasing has obtained 4 bids. Staff recommends awarding the bid to Bobby Jones Ford, Augusta, Georgia, as being the lowest and best bid meeting all specifications in the amount of \$16,476.25.

Commissioner Diane Hopkins made the motion to award the bid to Bobby Jones Ford, Augusta, Georgia, as being the lowest and best bid meeting all specifications in the amount of \$16,476.25. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Norman Davis. All voted favorably and the motion carried with a 4-0 vote.

Mayor Billups asked for a motion to remove the Delayed Action Amending the Official Zoning Map and Rezoning the corner of Franklin and Dewey Streets from the September 6, 2011 Public Hearing from the table. Commissioner Diane Hopkins made the motion to remove the Delayed Action Amending the Official Zoning Map and Rezoning the corner of Franklin and Dewey Streets from the September 6, 2011 Public Hearing from the table. Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines seconded the motion. All voted in favor of removing this item from the table.

Commissioner Diane Hopkins made the motion to approve the request from Miles-Odum Funeral Home to amend the Official Zoning Map of the City of Waycross by rezoning the property at the corner of Franklin and Dewey Streets from R90 to C-2 Highway Commercial and to have the City Attorney prepare the appropriate ordinance. Commissioner Daniel Yarbrough seconded the motion. Commissioners Hopkins, Solomon-Gaines, and Yarbrough voted yes; Commissioner Norman Davis voted no in opposition to the spot zoning.

An Ordinance of the City of Waycross, Georgia to Approve the Millage Rate for 2011 and to Declare an Emergency was presented.

ORDINANCE NO. 11-10

AN ORDINANCE UNDER THE AUTHORITY OF THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA AND ACTS OF GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA FOR LEVYING AND COLLECTING AD VALOREM TAX FOR THE YEAR 2011; TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

WHEREAS, pursuant to authority under the Charter of the City of Waycross, Georgia and Acts of General Assembly of Georgia, the Commission of the City of Waycross levies and collects ad valorem taxes in the City of Waycross; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to OCGA Section 48-5-32 the Commission of the City of Waycross caused notice of this public meeting and the Current 2011 Tax Digest and Five Year History of Levy to be published in the legal organ of the City of Waycross on Friday, September 2, 2011 ; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED by the Commission of the City of Waycross, and it is hereby ordained by the authority of same, as follows:

- (1) That there is hereby levied and shall be collected an ad valorem tax of 10.998 mills on all property, real and personal, within the corporate limits of the City of Waycross, which is taxable under the laws of the State of Georgia for the year 2011 for the purpose of supporting, maintaining and bearing expenses of the City government.
- (2) These taxes are levied and shall be collected under the terms and provision of Georgia laws and the various acts amendatory thereof, and all other laws and ordinances applicable to the levying and collection of ad valorem taxes in the City of Waycross.
- (3) Said taxes are due December 1, 2011. Interest of one percent (1%) per month interest to be charged on all unpaid taxes after December 1, 2011.
- (4) The Commission of the City of Waycross, Georgia finds and declares that an emergency exists as is contemplated by Section 2-42 of the Code of the City of Waycross so that this Ordinance can be read twice by unanimous consent at the same meeting and passed.

SO ORDAINED, this the 20th day of September, 2011.

CITY OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA

**BY: CLARENCE E BILLUPS
MAYOR**

ATTEST: JULIE DINKINS, City Clerk

Read First Time: 09-20-2011

Commissioner Diane Hopkins made the motion to Approve an Ordinance of the City of Waycross, Georgia to Approve the Millage Rate for 2011 and to Declare an Emergency as presented for the first reading. Commissioner Daniel Yarbrough seconded the motion. The Resolution passed with a vote of 4 – 0.

An Ordinance of the City of Waycross, Georgia to Approve the Millage Rate for 2011 and to Declare an Emergency was presented for the 2nd and Emergency reading.

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Read Second Time: 9-20-2011

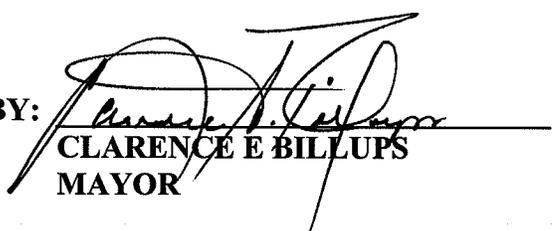
Commissioner Diane Hopkins made the motion to Approve An Ordinance of the City of Waycross, Georgia to Approve the Millage Rate for 2011 and to Declare an Emergency as presented for the second and emergency reading. Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines seconded the motion, all voted in favor and the Resolution passed with a vote of 4 – 0.

Mr. Emory O. Marcus addressed the Commission to brag on Chief Tony Tanner and to comment on what a good police chief he is. He also wanted to thank Chief Tanner for the security provided at the Bailey Street Park for the second year with no problems. Mr. Marcus also inquired who is responsible for maintenance at the Bailey Street Park and who would be responsible for installing the new sign. The City Manager was asked to determine this information and report back to Mr. Marcus.

Following the Mayor and Commissioner's closing remarks, Commissioner Norman Davis made the motion to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Commissioner Diane Hopkins; all voted in favor and Mayor Billups adjourned the meeting.

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MAYOR

ATTEST:


JULIE C. DINKINS, CITY CLERK