

MINUTES
WAYCROSS CITY COMMISSION MEETING
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 1, 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, October 1, 2013. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Clarence E. Billups at 7:00 p.m. Those in attendance with Mayor Billups were Mayor Pro Tem William Simmons, Commissioners Diane Hopkins, Marian Solomon-Gaines, Norman Davis, and Alvin Nelson.

Evangelist Gloria Green offered the opening invocation. The invocation was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance which was led by Master Wyatt Deal, a second grade student at Wacona Elementary School.

City Engineer Jessica Deal introduced Larry Yochachonis, Scott Murphy and Clay Sykes, ESG Operations who presented the 2013 Annual Rebate check to the Mayor. Mr. Yochachonis commented that the City and ESG have worked together on many projects this year and presented the rebate check in the amount of \$17,401.32 to Mayor Billups.

Ms. Avis Staten, HR Department, presented the October 2013 Employee of the Month to Eric Tomlin of the Engineering Department.

Deron W. King, City Manager, offered congratulations to Eric Tomlin for his Employee of the Month award. He recognized ESG Operations for their community involvement in the City of Waycross. Mr. King thanked the Waycross Police Department, Fire Department, Human Resources, Code, Public Works and IT and all City employees for the work with the 5th Annual J Fly Music Festival and the How Big Is Your Dream? Foundation.

City Manager Deron King announced that a Public Forum will be held by Georgia Department of Transportation on Monday, October 7, 2013 from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. at the Trembling Earth Complex to discuss the East Waycross By-Pass project.

Mr. King announced that a contest is going on to promote Ware County Football as the Game of the Week for First Coast News. He asked citizens to please go on-line and vote.

In the Mayor's Report, Mayor Billups offered accolades to Waycross Police Department, Fire Department, Human Resources, Code, Public Works and IT for the work with the 5th Annual J Fly Music Festival and the How Big Is Your Dream? Foundation.

Mayor Billups urged citizens of Waycross and Ware County to vote yes for the SPLOST referendum on November 5, 2013. The SPLOST will be a continuation of the current one and will continue 6 years and raise approximately \$45 million for City and County projects. Forty-Two Percent (42%) of the SPLOST is paid by consumers from outside the City and County.

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 & Information Session and Executive Session, Monday, September 16, 2013, and Waycross City Commission Meeting, Tuesday, September 17, 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 William Simmons seconded the motion; all Commissioners voted favorably and the motion carried with a 5-0 vote.

A Resolution of the City of Waycross Georgia to Approve the Application for a Loan Under the City's Revolving Loan Fund for Jeannie Henderson d/b/a "MOD CHIC FITNESS" was presented for review.

RESOLUTION NO. 13-54

A RESOLUTION OF THE WAYCROSS CITY COMMISSION TO APPROVE APPLICATION FOR A LOAN UNDER THE CITY'S REVOLVING LOAN FUND FOR JEANNIE HENDERSON D/B/A "MOD CHIC FITNESS"; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, the City of Waycross maintains a Local Revolving Loan Fund (RLF) through the Department of Community Affairs' (DCA) Community Development Block Grant Employment Incentive Program; and

WHEREAS, Revolving Loan Funds are designed to fund businesses as an alternative to traditional bank loans when said loans are difficult to obtain due to stricter underwriting standards, and help businesses to generate jobs and support the local community by employing local workers; and

WHEREAS, the City's Revolving Loan Fund Committee met and considered the application of Jeannie Henderson D/B/A "Mod Chic Fitness," and determined that said business meets all of the qualifications to be approved for a loan from the City's Revolving Loan fund, in the amount of \$10,000.00; and

WHEREAS, said funds are available and the matter has been duly considered;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Commission of the City of Waycross that the City of Waycross approve the Application of Jeannie Henderson D/B/A "Mod Chic Fitness," for a business loan in the amount of \$10,000.00, repayable with a one year deferment for the first year, and amortized thereafter for five (5) years at an interest rate of ten (10) percent, until the balance is paid in full.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor, City Clerk, City Manager, and Finance Director be and are hereby authorized, directed, and empowered to execute any necessary loan documents needed for the City Attorney to close the RLF transaction for said business, without delay.

SO RESOLVED this 1ST day of October, 2013.

CITY OF WAYCROSS
BY: CLARENCE E. BILLUPS, Mayor

ATTEST:
JULIE DINKINS, City Clerk

Commissioner Norman Davis made the motion to approve the Resolution of the City of Waycross Georgia to Approve the Application for a Loan Under the City's Revolving Loan Fund for Jeannie Henderson d/b/a "MOD CHIC FITNESS" as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines; all voted positively and the motion carried with a 5-0 vote.

Mr. Emory Marcus, 1200 Darling Avenue, appeared before the Commission to urge the citizens of the City of Waycross and Ware County to vote yes for the SPLOST on November 5, 2013. Mr. Marcus emphasized how important the SPLOST is to the City and County.

After closing remarks, Commissioner William Simmons made the motion to go into Executive Session to discuss Personnel, Litigation and Real Estate. Commissioner Norman Davis seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the meeting went into Executive Session.

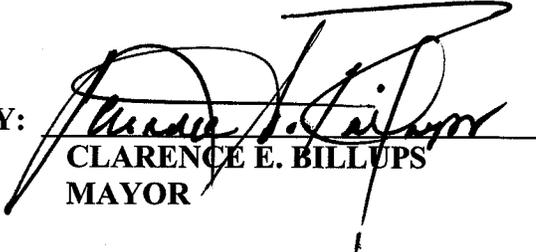
Commissioner Diane Hopkins made the motion to return to open session; Commissioner Alvin Nelson seconded the motion; all voted in favor and the meeting returned to open session.

Mayor Billups announced that Personnel, Litigation and Real Estate were discussed during the Executive Session.

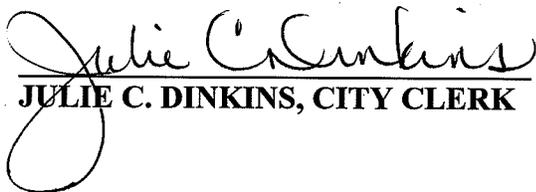
Commissioner William Simmons made the motion to adjourn the meeting; Commissioner Alvin Nelson seconded the motion. All voted in favor and Mayor Billups adjourned the meeting.

CITY OF WAYCROSS

BY:


CLARENCE E. BILLUPS
MAYOR

ATTEST:


JULIE C. DINKINS, CITY CLERK