

MINUTES
WAYCROSS CITY COMMISSION MEETING
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 2, 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, October 2, 2012. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Pro Tem Marian Solomon-Gaines at 7:00 p.m. with Commissioners Diane Hopkins, Norman Davis, William Simmons and Alvin Nelson present for the meeting. Mayor Clarence Billups was absent.

City Attorney Huey Spearman offered the invocation which was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Under Executive Duties, Mayor Pro Tem Solomon-Gaines introduced a Proclamation declaring October 7 – 13, 2012 as Fire Prevention Week. A Proclamation Declaring September 24 as Family Day in Waycross was read by Julie Dinkins, the City Clerk as follows:

PROCLAMATION

Fire Prevention Week

Whereas, the City of Waycross is committed to ensuring the safety and security of all those living in and visiting our city. Fire is a serious public safety concern both locally and nationally, and homes are the locations where people are at greatest risk from fire; and

Whereas, home fires killed more than 2, 600 people in the United States in 2010, according to the latest research from the nonprofit National Fire Protection Association, and fire departments in the United States responded to more than 369,000 home fires.

Whereas, residents who have planned and practiced a home fire escape plan are more prepared and will therefore be more likely to survive a fire; and

Whereas, only one-third of Americans have both developed and practiced a home fire escape plan. Almost three-quarters of Americans do have an escape plan; however, less than half have actually practiced it; and

Whereas, one-third of Americans households who made one and estimate they thought they would have at least 6 minutes before a fire in their home would become life threatening. The time available is often less; and

Whereas, working smoke alarms cut the risk of dying in reported home fires in half. First responders are dedicated to reducing the occurrence of home fires and home fire injuries through prevention and protection education; and

Whereas, Waycross residents are responsive to public education measures and are able

to take personal steps to increase their safety from fire, especially in their homes. The 2012 Fire Prevention Week theme, "Have Two Ways Out!" effectively serves to remind us to develop and practice a home fire escape plans during Fire Prevention Week and year-round.

Now, therefore, I, Clarence E. Billups, Mayor of the City of Waycross, do hereby proclaim October 7-13, 2012, as Fire Prevention Week throughout the City of Waycross, and I urge our citizens to protect their homes and practice their home fire escape plan during Fire Prevention Week 2012, and to support the many public safety activities and efforts of the Waycross Fire Department and emergency services.

Marian Solomon-Gaines, Mayor Pro Tem

Fire Chief David Eddins informed the public that the Waycross Fire Department would be observing Fire Prevention Week during the entire month of October. The WFD will be doing educational programs, a new puppet show, and a Boot Drive for the Jeremy Norris Scholarship Fund on October 5, 12, and 19, 2012.

Mayor Pro Tem Solomon-Gaines welcomed Jessica Deal to the City of Waycross as the new City Engineer. Commissioner Norman Davis made the motion to confirm the appointment of Jessica Deal as the City Engineer of the City of Waycross. Commissioner William Simmons seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the motion carried. Ms. Deal is scheduled to start work on October 10, 2012.

Commissioner William Simmons made the motion to confirm the appointment of Danny Lamonte as the Finance Director for the City of Waycross. Commissioner Alvin Nelson seconded the motion. Each Commissioner voted yes and the motion carried with a 5-0 vote. Mr. Lamonte was welcomed to the City and will begin work on October 10, 2012.

Human Resources Director Raphael Maddox introduced 20 year fire department veteran Ricky Roach as the Employee of the Month for the month of October 2012.

Deron W. King, City Manager, presented the City Manager's Report. 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, Prescription Take Back Day and the J Fly Jazz Festival. He congratulated all City employees and thanked everyone who helped with each event. Mr. King reminded the public that the Oak Street Festival is coming up in November.

Mr. King congratulated Jessica Deal as the new City Engineer and Danny Lamont as the new Finance Director and welcoming them to the City of Waycross.

Mr. King reminded everyone that work is progressing at the Albany cross at Albany and Plant. He asked that citizens please use caution when travelling in the vicinity and heed all traffic control measures.

Mayor Pro Tem Marian Solomon-Gaines gave a shout out to Chief Tanner and his staff for a job well done with the J Fly Jazz Festival as well as all City employees who helped with the

event. Mayor Pro Tem Solomon-Gaines said that the Commissioners appreciate all of the City employees for the jobs that they do.

There were no public remarks on official actions.

Mayor Pro Tem Marian Solomon-Gaines 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 17, 2012; and Waycross City Commission Meeting, Tuesday, September 18, 2012.

Ordinance Second Reading: Amending the Soil Erosion & Sedimentation Ordinance Adopted September 4, 2012, Chapter 32 ½ Sections 1-10.

There were no resolutions or privilege license renewals.

Commissioner Diane Hopkins 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.

Ms. Linda Jones, Purchasing Director, presented Bid #FY13-05 Copier for consideration. The Waycross PD has a FY 13 approved line item budget to purchase a new color copy machine. Purchasing received three proposals with the lowest being Oce of Waycross, Georgia for a total purchase price of \$14,820.12 which includes 36 months of maintenance. The copier is a Canon IR C5045. After review it is the staff's recommendation to award the bid to Oce of Waycross, Georgia, being the lowest and best bid meeting all specifications.

Commissioner Diane Hopkins made the motion to approve Bid #FY13-05 Copier to Oce of Waycross, Georgia Services for a total purchase price of \$14,820.12 which includes 36 months of maintenance. Commissioner William Simmons seconded the motion; all voted in favor and the motion carried with a 5 – 0 vote.

Mrs. Linda Jones, Director, Purchasing Department presented Surplus Property WAYX 13-02 to declare certain items no longer needed by any City Department or confiscated by the Waycross Police Department surplus. Ms. Jones requested that the property be declared surplus and sold on GovDeals.com.

The request was approved by motion of Commissioner Alvin Nelson; seconded by William Simmons; all voted affirmatively and the motion was approved with a 5-0 vote.

An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 20, Article VII, and Section 20-124 of the Code of Waycross, Georgia Pertaining to Parking Restrictions was presented for the first reading. This Ordinance will approve an amendment to the Waycross Parking Restrictions Ordinance by amending Section 20-124 prohibiting parking on Tebeau Street, East, from State Street to the City Limits from 10:00 p.m. to 5:00 a.m.

ORDINANCE NO. 12-13

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF THE CITY OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA; TO AMEND CHAPTER 20, ARTICLE VII, SECTION 20-124 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA PERTAINING TO PARKING RESTRICTIONS; TO PROVIDE FOR RENUMBERING; TO REPEAL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; TO PROVIDE FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE; TO PROVIDE FOR SEVERABILITY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Commissioner William Simmons made the motion to adopt the Ordinance to Amend Chapter 20, Article VII, and Section 20-124 of the Code of Waycross, Georgia Pertaining to Parking Restrictions as presented for the first reading. Commissioner Diane Hopkins second the motion; all voted positively and the motion carried with a 5-0 vote.

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

CITY OF WAYCROSS

BY: 
MARIAN SOLOMON-GAINES
MAYOR PRO TEM

ATTEST:

JULIE C. DINKINS, CITY CLERK