

**MINUTES**  
**WAYCROSS CITY COMMISSION MEETING**  
**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 4, 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, October 4, 2011. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Clarence E. Billups at 7:00 p.m. with Commissioners Norman Davis, Diane Hopkins, William Simmons, Marian Solomon-Gaines and Daniel Yarbrough present for the meeting.

Mayor Pro Tem Diane Hopkins introduced Elder Stanley Evans, City Employee and Pastor of the First Born Church of the Living God in Nahunta, Georgia, who offered the invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Clarence Billups presented a Proclamation to Chief David Eddins and representatives of the Waycross Fire Department for Fire Prevention Week 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, 500 people in the United States in 2009, according to the latest research from the nonprofit National Fire Protection Association, and fire departments in the United States responded to more than 360,000 home fires. Cooking equipment is the leading cause of home structure fires and associated injuries, and the third leading cause of home fire deaths; and

**Whereas**, heating and electrical equipment and smoking materials are among the leading causes of all reported home fires. Home candle fires are reported to a United States fire department every 30 minutes on average; and

**Whereas**, the risk of dying in a home structure fire caused by smoking materials rises with age. Working smoke alarms cut the risk of dying in reported home fires in half. Automatic fire sprinkler systems cut the risk of dying in a home fire by about 80 percent.

**Whereas**, first responders are dedicated to reducing the occurrence of home fires and home fire injuries through prevention and protection education. Residents are responsive to public education measures and are able to take personal steps to increase their safety from fire, especially in their homes; and

**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**, the 2011 Fire Prevention Week theme, It's Fire Prevention Week. Protect your Family from Fire!" effectively serves to remind us all of the simple actions we can take to keep our homes and families safe from the fire during Fire Prevention Week and year-round.

**Now, therefore**, I, Clarence E. Billups, Mayor of the City of Waycross, do hereby proclaim October 9-15, 2011, as Fire Prevention Week throughout the City of Waycross, and I urge our citizens to protect their homes and families by heeding the important safety messages of Fire Prevention week 2011, and to support the many public safety activities and efforts of local fire and emergency services.

*Clarence E. Billups, Mayor of Waycross*

Human Resource Director Raphel Maddox presented Stanley Evans with the October Employee of the Month.

Deron W. King, City Manager, presented the City Manager's Report. Mr. King offered congratulations to Chief Tony Tanner and the Waycross Police Department for their canine work. He also congratulated Mr. Stanley Evans, the Employee of the Month. Mr. King commented that the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual JFly Music Festival at Phoenix Park and the Gram Parsons Guitar Pull at the Fairgrounds were both excellent events and well attended. He thanked the Police Department, Fire Department, Public Works, the sponsors, citizens and all employees of the City of Waycross who made these events successful.

Mr. King also informed the Commission and the citizens that CSX Transportation is in the middle of a remediation project on the old railroad tracks site. Contaminated dirt is being removed and replaced with clean dirt in preparation for the Rails to Trails project.

Mayor Clarence E. Billups presented the Mayor's Report. Mayor Billups also thanked City employees and for their work during the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual JFly Music Festival at Phoenix Park and the Gram Parsons Guitar Pull at the Fairgrounds. He also thanked the Waycross residents who attended at least one of the events scheduled for this past weekend. Mayor Billups announced that the National BBQ Cook-off is scheduled for November 4 – 5 at the Fairgrounds and the Rumble in the Swamp is October 22. The YMCA is having a 5K run on November 4 and the Oak Street Festival is November 5 with many events scheduled. Mayor Billups reminded the citizens that all of these 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 19, 2011; and Waycross City Commission Meeting, Tuesday, September 20, 2011.

There were no consent resolutions, ordinances 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.

Purchasing Director Linda Jones presented WAYX 12-02 to declare Surplus Real Property at 1732 Mosley Street. Ms. Jones requested that this property at 1732 Mosley Street be declared surplus to be sold to the highest bidder by sealed bid.

Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines made the motion to approve the request to declare 1732 Mosley Street surplus real property to be sold to the highest bidder by sealed bid. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Diane Hopkins; all voted in favor and the motion carried 5-0.

Mrs. Linda Jones, Director, Purchasing Department presented Surplus Property WAYX12-03 to declare certain property surplus. Ms. Jones requested that 1 1994 Garbage Truck, 1 Ascent CPU, and miscellaneous aluminum and metal signs and posts be declared surplus and the metal sold locally as scrap metal and the garbage truck and CPU sold on GovDeals.com.

Commissioner Diane Hopkins made the motion to declare the property surplus and the metal sold locally as scrap metal and the garbage truck and CPU sold on GovDeals.com. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines; the vote was unanimous and the motion passed with a 5-0 vote.

Mayor Billups asked for a motion to proceed with studio photographs and display. Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines made the motion to postpone photographs until January 2012 when the new calendar year begins. Commissioner Diane Hopkins seconded the motion. Commissioners Hopkins, Yarbrough, Simmons and Solomon-Gaines voted yes; Commissioner Davis voted no. The motion carried with a 4-1 vote.

An Ordinance Amending the Official Zoning Map and Rezoning the corner of Franklin and Dewey Streets from R-90 to C-2 was presented for emergency first reading.

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA AND THE ZONING MAP; TO REZONE THE PROPERTY DESCRIBED HEREIN LOCATED AT CORNER OF FRANKLIN STREET AND DEWEY STREET FROM R-90 RESIDENTIAL TO C-2 HIGHWAY COMMERCIAL; TO SET AN EFFECTIVE DATE; TO REPEAL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

Commissioner Diane Hopkins made the motion to approve the Ordinance Amending the Official Zoning Map and Rezoning the corner of Franklin and Dewey Streets for the emergency first reading. Commissioner Daniel Yarbrough seconded the motion. Commissioners Hopkins, Yarbrough, Simmons and Solomon-Gaines voted yes; Commissioner Davis voted no. The motion carried with a 4-1 vote.

An Ordinance Amending the Official Zoning Map and Rezoning the corner of Franklin and Dewey Streets from R-90 to C-2 was presented for emergency second reading.

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA AND THE ZONING MAP; TO REZONE THE PROPERTY DESCRIBED HEREIN LOCATED AT CORNER OF FRANKLIN STREET AND DEWEY STREET FROM R-90 RESIDENTIAL TO C-2 HIGHWAY COMMERCIAL; TO SET AN EFFECTIVE DATE; TO REPEAL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

Commissioner Diane Hopkins made the motion to approve the Ordinance Amending the Official Zoning Map and Rezoning the corner of Franklin and Dewey Streets for the emergency second reading. Commissioner Daniel Yarbrough seconded the motion. Commissioners Hopkins, Yarbrough, Simmons and Solomon-Gaines voted yes; Commissioner Davis voted no. The motion carried with a 4-1 vote.

A Resolution Approving the Emergency Purchase of an Aerator Mixer Motor for the Wastewater Treatment Plant was presented.

**RESOLUTION NO. 11-51**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA  
TO APPROVE EMERGENCY PURCHASE OF AERATOR MOTOR FOR  
WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

**WHEREAS**, an aerator motor on one of the two carousel aeration basins at the Wastewater Treatment Plant (“WWTP”) failed last month, leaving critical treatment process exposed to high risk of EPD enforcement action, particularly if the second aerator motor should fail; and

**WHEREAS**, without constant aeration live sludge cultures will die resulting in significant additional cost and time to reconstitute the City’s activated sludge process during which the City would be out of compliance with the City’s NPDES permit; and

**WHEREAS**, ESG acting through the City’s Purchasing Department secured several quotes for a 125 HP high/low speed motor, with Smith Electric being the lowest and best bidder, at a cost of \$6,400.00; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Manager authorized an “emergency requisition” to purchase said aerator motor from Smith Electric; and

**WHEREAS**, said matter having been considered.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Mayor, City Clerk, and City Manager be and are hereby authorized, directed and empowered to execute the documents necessary to ratify the purchase of the 125 HP high/low speed motor from Smith Electric as an emergency purchase for the Wastewater Treatment Plant, in the amount of \$6,400.00.

**SO RESOLVED**, this 4<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2011.

**CITY OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA**

**BY: CLARENCE E BILLUPS  
MAYOR**

**ATTEST: JULIE DINKINS, City Clerk**

Commissioner Diane Hopkins made the motion to Approve A Resolution Approving the Emergency Purchase of an Aerator Mixer Motor for the Wastewater Treatment Plant as presented. Commissioner Norman Davis seconded the motion. The Resolution passed with a vote of 5 – 0.

A Resolution Approving the Retirement and Sale of “Jari”, a Trained Police Dog to Bryan Smith was presented.

**RESOLUTION NO. 11-50**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA  
TO APPROVE THE RETIREMENT AND SALE OF “JARI”, A TRAINED POLICE  
DOG; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

**WHEREAS**, “Jari” has been a loyal and faithful police dog for many years and is now ready for retirement; and

**WHEREAS**, Purchaser has been the handler for said dog and is familiar with said dog; and

**WHEREAS**, “Jari” is not trainable to any other police officer and his time in the field has come to an end; and

**WHEREAS**, Seller is selling said dog and Purchaser is purchasing “Jari” upon the condition that Purchaser release Seller from any liability from Purchaser’s purchase of “Jari,” and indemnify and hold Seller harmless with respect to any claim which may arise hereafter with respect to “Jari”; and

**WHEREAS**, Seller is executing and delivering to Purchaser a Bill of Sale transferring ownership of “Jari” to Purchaser; and

**WHEREAS**, Seller is concerned about the threat of liability because trained dogs can cause injury and damage which may result in liability.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Commission of the City of Waycross that the City of Waycross transfer its interest in and to “Jari” to his handler, Bryan Smith.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Mayor, Chief of Police and City Clerk be and are hereby authorized, directed and empowered to execute the Bill of Sale and any other document necessary to accomplish the transfer of ownership of “Jari” to the Purchaser.

**SO RESOLVED**, this 4<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2011.

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**BY: CLARENCE E BILLUPS  
MAYOR**

**ATTEST: JULIE DINKINS, City Clerk**

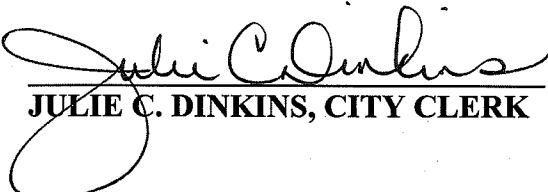
Commissioner Norman Davis made the motion to Approve A Resolution Approving the Retirement and Sale of “Jari”, a Trained Police Dog to Bryan Smith as presented. Commissioner Diane Hopkins seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the Resolution passed with a vote of 5 – 0.

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.

**CITY OF WAYCROSS**

**BY:**   
**CLARENCE E BILLUPS  
MAYOR**

**ATTEST:**

  
**JULIE C. DINKINS, CITY CLERK**