

**MINUTES
WAYCROSS CITY COMMISSION MEETING
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2015
7:00 P.M.**

The Regular Session of the Commission of the City of Waycross was held on Tuesday, October 6, 2015 in the Commission Chambers of City Hall. Mayor Pro Tem Alvin Nelson called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Those in attendance with Mayor Pro Tem Alvin Nelson were: Commissioners Marian Solomon-Gaines, Norman Davis, Diane Hopkins and Larry Ethridge. Mayor Clarence E. Billups was absent.

Commissioner Norman Davis introduced Verdell Long, Pastor, Mt. Zion AME Church, Putman Hall, Florida, who offered the opening invocation which was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Pro Tem Nelson presented a Proclamation celebrating November 1st as Retired Educators' Day.

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the Governor of the State of Georgia has proclaimed the day of Sunday November 1, 2015, as Retired Educators Day in Georgia; and

WHEREAS, there are more than 113,000 retired educators in Georgia, 25,000 plus of whom are members of the Georgia Retired Educators Association; and

WHEREAS, the retired educators of Georgia donate thousands of hours of volunteer service and make invaluable contributions to the welfare of their respective communities across the state; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that a day be designated for citizens to express their appreciation for the contributions that retired educators have made and continue to make for the betterment of human lives and for society; and

WHEREAS, local churches will recognize those lasting contributions made by retired educators in this community.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Clarence E. Billups, Mayor of the City of Waycross, do hereby proclaim the day of November 1, 2015, as "Retired Educators Day" in Waycross and I call upon the citizens of our community to observe that day in a appropriate manner honoring retired educators.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto signed my name and have caused the Seal of the City of Waycross to be affixed this 6th day of October, 2015.

CITY OF WAYCROSS

Clarence E. Billups, Mayor

During the City Manager's Report, Mr. Raphael Maddox congratulated Dereck Cobb, October Employee of the Month. Mr. Maddox stated that Officer Cobb was one of his first hires when he started with the City of Waycross.

City Manager Raphael Maddox introduced Fire Chief David Eddins as Fire Chief of the Year for the State of Georgia.

Police Chief Tony Tanner said the Waycross Police Department will be sponsoring a Waycross Police Department Camp beginning October 11 through 14, 2015 at Camp Okefenokee. This camp will be for 20 males, ages 13 to 17, first come, first serve, and will allow the members of the Police Department to get to know the youth in the community better. Chief Tanner also informed the Commission that a Pill Drop Box has been installed at City Hall where residents can dispose of their unwanted pills and prescriptions safely.

Mr. Maddox reminded the Commission of Pumpkinfest which will be held on October 15, 2015.

Mayor Pro Tem Nelson thanked the Public Works Department and all other Departments involved in the J Fly event. Mayor Billups always comments on the great job Public Works does during each event and Mayor Pro Tem Nelson wanted to be sure to relay the Mayors' gratitude.

Mayor Pro Tem Nelson reminded the public that Early Voting begins October 12 and the election is November 3. Go out and vote.

There were no public remarks on official action.

Mayor Pro Tem Nelson 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 14, 2015; Waycross City Commission Meeting, Tuesday, September 15, 2015; a Joint Meeting with Ware County, BOE and Legislators on September 17, 2015; and a Special Called Meeting on October 1, 2015.

One Ordinance Second Reading:

ORDINANCE NO. 15-25

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA; TO AMEND CHAPTER 23 – PARKS AND RECREATION, BY ADDING A NEW SECTION 23-90 PERTAINING TO THE NAMING, OR RE-NAMING, OF A CITY PARK, TO WIT: FOLKS PARK ALSO KNOWN AS MARY STREET PARK TO PERNELL ROBERTS MEMORIAL PARK; TO PROVIDE FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

No consent resolutions and no Privilege License renewals.

Commissioner Diane Hopkins made the motion to approve the Consent Calendar as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Larry Ethridge. All Commissioners voted in favor and the motion was approved with a 5 – 0 vote.

An Ordinance to Annex into the existing corporate limits of the City of Waycross, Georgia the entire right of way of Havannah Avenue and certain property at the corner of Havannah Avenue and US Highway #82 was presented for the first reading of an emergency adoption:

ORDINANCE NO. 15-30

AN ORDINANCE UNDER AUTHORITY OF GEORGIA LAW TO ANNEX INTO THE EXISTING CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA, THE ENTIRE RIGHT OF WAY OF HAVANNAH AVENUE AND CERTAIN PROPERTY AT THE CORNER OF HAVANNAH AVENUE AND U.S. HIGHWAY # 82; TO SET AN EFFECTIVE DATE; TO PROVIDE FOR SEVERABILITY; TO REPEAL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Commissioner Diane Hopkins made the motion to approve the first reading of An Ordinance Annexing Havannah Avenue into the City of Waycross. Commissioner Marion Solomon-Gaines seconded the motion; all voted in favor and the motion carried.

An Ordinance to Annex into the existing corporate limits of the City of Waycross, Georgia the entire right of way of Havannah Avenue and certain property at the corner of Havannah Avenue and US Highway #82 was presented for the second reading of an emergency adoption:

ORDINANCE NO. 15-30

AN ORDINANCE UNDER AUTHORITY OF GEORGIA LAW TO ANNEX INTO THE EXISTING CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA, THE ENTIRE RIGHT OF WAY OF HAVANNAH AVENUE AND CERTAIN PROPERTY

**AT THE CORNER OF HAVANNAH AVENUE AND U.S. HIGHWAY # 82;
TO SET AN EFFECTIVE DATE; TO PROVIDE FOR SEVERABILITY;
TO REPEAL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES;
TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

Commissioner Diane Hopkins made the motion to approve the second reading of An Ordinance Annexing Havannah Avenue into the City of Waycross. Commissioner Marion Solomon-Gaines seconded the motion; all voted in favor and the motion carried.

An Ordinance to amend the Code of the City of Waycross, Chapter 11 ½ Code of Ethics, by adding a new section 11 ½ - 23, pertaining to the use of government purchasing or credit cards was presented for the first reading.

ORDINANCE NO. 15-26

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF THE CITY OF WAYCROSS,
GEORGIA; TO AMEND CHAPTER 11 ½, CODE OF ETHICS, BY ADDING NEW
SECTION 11 ½ - 23, PERTAINING TO USE OF GOVERNMENT PURCHASING OR
CREDIT CARDS; TO REPEAL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; TO PROVIDE FOR
SEVERABILITY; TO PROVIDE FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE; TO PROVIDE FOR
RENUMBERING OR RELETTERING; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

Commissioner Norman Davis made the motion to approve an Ordinance to amend the Code of the City of Waycross, Chapter 11 ½ Code of Ethics, by adding a new section 11 ½ - 23, pertaining to the use of government purchasing or credit cards for the first reading. Commissioner Diane Hopkins seconded the motion; the vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

An Ordinance to Amend the Code, Chapter 20 pertaining to one-way streets designated; to revoke one-way designation for Oak Street from Tebeau Street to McDonald Street, for Oak Street from State Street to Grove Avenue and for Folks Street from State Street to Albany Avenue was presented for the first reading.

ORDINANCE NO. 15-27

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF THE CITY OF WAYCROSS,
GEORGIA; TO AMEND CHAPTER 20, ARTICLE VII, SECTION 20-120 PERTAINING
TO ONE-WAY STREETS DESIGNATED; TO REVOKE ONE-WAY DESIGNATION
FOR OAK STREET FROM TEBEAU STREET TO MCDONALD STREET, FOR OAK
STREET FROM STATE STREET TO GROVE AVENUE AND FOR FOLKS STREET
FROM STATE STREET TO ALBANY AVENUE; TO PROVIDE FOR RENUMBERING;
TO REPEAL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; TO PROVIDE FOR AN EFFECTIVE
DATE; TO PROVIDE FOR SEVERABILITY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

Commissioner Diane Hopkins made the motion to approve the Ordinance to Amend the Code, Chapter 20 pertaining to one-way streets designated; to revoke one-way designation for Oak Street from Tebeau Street to McDonald Street, for Oak Street from State Street to Grove Avenue and for Folks Street from State Street to Albany Avenue as presented for the first reading. Commissioner Norman Davis seconded the motion.

Commissioner Solomon-Gaines stated her opposition to changing Folks Street back to two-way, stating that the residents are opposed to the change. Commissioner Solomon-Gaines also asked State Street is continued to be used in this ordinance rather than Ossie Davis Parkway. City Attorney Rick Currie explained that the original ordinance used State Street and in revoking the previous ordinance, the same language must be used. This change will effectively erase all reference to State Street once the Ordinance is approved at the next meeting.

Commissioners Hopkins and Solomon-Gaines voted No; Commissioners Davis and Ethridge voted Yes; Mayor Pro Tem Alvin Nelson broke the tie with a yes vote; passing the motion with a 3 – 2 vote.

An Ordinance to Amend the Code by amending Chapter 18 by adding a new Article IX, Section 18-142 pertaining to temporary consumer fireworks retail sales stands was presented for the first reading.

ORDINANCE NO. 15-28

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF THE CITY OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA; TO AMEND CHAPTER 18 BY ADDING A NEW ARTICLE IX, SECTION 18-142 PERTAINING TO TEMPORARY CONSUMER FIREWORKS RETAIL SALES STANDS; TO REPEAL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; TO PROVIDE FOR SEVERABILITY; TO PROVIDE FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE; TO PROVIDE FOR RENUMBERING OR RELETTERING; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

An Ordinance to Amend the Code by amending Chapter 18 by adding a new Article IX, Section 18-142 pertaining to temporary consumer fireworks retail sales stands was approved for the first reading by motion from Commissioner Diane Hopkins; seconded by Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines; unanimous vote and approved.

An Ordinance to Amend the Code of the City of Waycross; to amend Chapter 23 – Parks and Recreation by adding a new section 23-91 pertaining to the naming of a city park, to-wit: Edwin Arthur Herrin Park was presented for the first emergency reading.

ORDINANCE NO. 15-29

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA; TO AMEND CHAPTER 23 – PARKS AND RECREATION,

BY ADDING A NEW SECTION 23-91 PERTAINING TO THE NAMING OF A CITY PARK, TO WIT: EDWIN ARTHUR HERRIN PARK; TO PROVIDE FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE; TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines made the motion to approve an Ordinance to Amend the Code of the City of Waycross; to amend Chapter 23 – Parks and Recreation by adding a new section 23-91 pertaining to the naming of a city park, to-wit: Edwin Arthur Herrin Park as presented for the first emergency reading. Commissioner Diane Hopkins seconded the motion; the vote was 5 – 0 in favor of passing the motion.

An Ordinance to Amend the Code of the City of Waycross; to amend Chapter 23 – Parks and Recreation by adding a new section 23-91 pertaining to the naming of a city park, to-wit: Edwin Arthur Herrin Park was presented for the second emergency reading.

ORDINANCE NO. 15-29

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA; TO AMEND CHAPTER 23 – PARKS AND RECREATION, BY ADDING A NEW SECTION 23-91 PERTAINING TO THE NAMING OF A CITY PARK, TO WIT: EDWIN ARTHUR HERRIN PARK; TO PROVIDE FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE; TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Commissioner Diane Hopkins made the motion to approve the Ordinance to Amend the Code of the City of Waycross; to amend Chapter 23 – Parks and Recreation by adding a new section 23-91 pertaining to the naming of a city park, to-wit: Edwin Arthur Herrin Park as presented for the second emergency reading. Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines seconded the motion; all Commissioners voted yes and the Ordinance was adopted.

A Resolution of the City of Waycross to Approve a Government Purchasing Card and Credit Card Policy for Elected Officials was presented for review:

RESOLUTION NO. 15-46

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA,
TO APPROVE A GOVERNMENT PURCHASING CARD AND CREDIT CARD
POLICY FOR ELECTED OFFICIALS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

WHEREAS, the Georgia General Assembly has established guidelines and penalties for the use of government purchasing cards or government credit cards used by elected officials of municipalities; and

WHEREAS, O.C.G.A. § 36-80-24 provides that “no such ... municipal corporation ... shall issue government purchasing cards or government credit cards to elected officials on or after January 1, 2016, until the governing authority of such ... municipal corporation, ... by public vote, has authorized such issuance and promulgated specific policies regarding the use of such government purchasing cards or government credit cards for elected officials of such ... municipal corporation ...”; and

WHEREAS, said matter having been considered.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Commission of the City of Waycross that the City Commission hereby adopts a government purchasing card policy for elected officials, as set forth in the document attached and made by reference as if fully set forth herein.

SO ADOPTED, this 6th day of October, 2015.

CITY OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA

ALVIN D. NELSON, Mayor Pro Tem

ATTEST:

JULIE C. DINKINS, City Clerk

The Resolution of the City of Waycross to Approve a Government Purchasing Card and Credit Card Policy for Elected Officials was approved by motion from Commissioner Norman Davis; seconded by Commissioner Diane Hopkins and unanimously approved.

A Resolution of the City of Waycross to Award a contract to Boyette Electric Industrial for Waste Water Treatment Plan Generator Transfer Switch Replacement was presented to the Commission for action:

RESOLUTION NO. 15-48

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA,
TO AWARD A CONTRACT TO BOYETTE ELECTRIC INDUSTRIAL
FOR WASTE WATER TREATMENT PLANT GENERATOR TRANSFER SWITCH
REPLACEMENT; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

WHEREAS, the Waste Water Treatment Plant generator transfer switch has failed due to lightning; and

WHEREAS, the unit is over forty (40) years old and is no longer current in design; and
WHEREAS, this is a critical electrical component that is required to ensure continuous operation of the pumping of sewerage for the entire City of Waycross; and

WHEREAS, three (3) contractors surveyed the installation and two (2) contractors submitted bids; and

WHEREAS, said matter having been considered.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Commission of the City of Waycross that the Mayor, City Clerk and City Manager be and are hereby authorized, directed and empowered to execute the documents and contracts necessary to award the contract to Boyette Electric Industrial as the best plan to keep the Waste Water Treatment Plant in operation during the replacement, and was the lowest cost submitted by the two (2) contractors, in the amount of twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000.00) to be paid from Water & Sewer Service Capital account (505-54-4-430-59-2540); and

SO RESOLVED, this 6TH day of October, 2015.

CITY OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA

ALVIN D. NELSON, Mayor Pro Tem

ATTEST:

JULIE C. DINKINS, City Clerk

Commissioner Norman Davis made the motion to approve a Resolution of the City of Waycross to Award a contract to Boyette Electric Industrial for Waste Water Treatment Plant Generator Transfer Switch Replacement as presented to the Commission for action. Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines seconded the motion. All Commissioners voted yes and the motion carried.

Pastor Richard Gifford, 1615 Camillia Dr, invited the Commissioners to the Save Our Children Block Park at Garlington Heights on Saturday, October 10, 2015.

Vanessa Meyer, 2205 Eastover Drive complained to the Commission about animal control, Okfenokee Humane Society, the lack of a veterinarian on staff at OHS, lack of requirements for rabies tags, micro chips and vaccinations for pets.

John Summerlin requested that the Commission revoke the sign up requirement for the City Commission meetings. Mr. Summerlin asked that the bridges at Herrin Park be repaired,

replaced or demolished, they are about to fall in. He asked that the trailers at Garlington Park be removed. Mr. Summerlin requested that the City consider restoring the old church on Corridor Z. This church is black history and should be restored. He also talked about City properties which need to be cleaned up.

During last call, Commissioner Solomon-Gaines stated that the trailers at Garlington Park are being addressed and the church on Corridor Z is privately owned and the owner is not interested in doing anything with the building at this time. Commissioner Solomon-Gaines also stated that she had received a compliment on Betty Presley with the customer stating that Ms. Presley was very nice and helpful when she was in City hall.

After last call, Commissioner Norman Davis made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Alvin Nelson seconded the motion. All voted in favor and Mayor Pro Tem Nelson adjourned the meeting.

CITY OF WAYCROSS

BY: 
CLARENCE E. BILLUPS, Mayor

ATTEST: 
JULIE C. DINKINS, City Clerk