

**MINUTES**  
**WAYCROSS CITY COMMISSION MEETING**  
**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2017**  
**5:00 PM**

The Commission of the City of Waycross held their Regular City Commission Meeting on Tuesday, October 17, 2017 in the Commission Chambers of City Hall. The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by the Honorable Mayor John Knox. Members in attendance were: Mayor John Knox, Mayor Pro Tem Jon Tindall, Commissioners Diane Hopkins, Norman Davis and Larry Ethridge. Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines was absent.

Commissioner Norman Davis introduced Deacon Batten Hall, Jr., Founder and President, Men with Power Ministry, who offered the opening invocation. The Invocation was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Mayor Knox.

During the City Manager's Report, Mr. Maddox welcomed Allie Martinez, a sixth grade student from Waycross Middle School who attended the meeting for extra credit in her Social Studies class. Mr. Maddox also announced October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month and asked that City employees and residents wear pink on Friday and turn the City Pink.

There were no public remarks on official action.

Mayor Knox presented the Consent Calendar as read by City Clerk Julie Dinkins for consideration of official action as follows:

Approval of Minutes: Planning and Information Session, Tuesday, October 3, 2017; Waycross City Commission Meeting, September 19, 2017; and Town Hall Meeting October 9, 2017.

No Consent Resolutions, Ordinance Second Readings or Privilege License Renewals.

The Consent Calendar was approved by motion from Commissioner Diane Hopkins; seconded by Commissioner Larry Ethridge; all voted in favor and the motion carried.

Purchasing Director Linda Jones presented WAYX 18-06 Surplus Property. Public Works was a 1978 John Deere Road Grader for surplus. The repair estimate far exceeds the value of this grader. Purchasing requests declaring the road grader surplus property so that it may be sold on GovDeals.com or as scrap metal, whichever is the greatest. Commissioner Diane Hopkins made the motion to approve declaring the motor grader as surplus. Commissioner Norman Davis seconded the motion. The motion was approved with a 4-0 vote.

Purchasing Director Linda Jones presented bids for the Water Meter Replacement Project Award. The City secured a loan from GEFA from the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund in an amount up to \$3,600,000.00 for the Water Meter Replacement Project on February 7, 2017. The City secured the services of Carter & Sloope, Inc. to assist with the project to replace water meters in an effort to improve meter accuracy and water accountability and meet EPA no0lead requirements for water meters. Carter and Sloope prepared a Request for Proposals and the project was advertised. Four proposals were received from major meter distributors. A selection committee made up of Finance, Purchasing, Engineering, ESG Staff and Carter and Sloope Project Manager evaluated proposals and references, selecting Ferguson Waterworks, representing Mueller Systems water meters as the best source. Commission requests Commission to award Water Meter Replacement Project to Ferguson Waterworks for \$3,000,000.00. This amount to cover existing identified Water Meter Replacements of \$2,833,092.00 and allowing \$166,908 for contingency and potential expansion of large sewer-only account metering capability. Commissioner Norman Davis made the motion to approve the bid for the Water Meter Replacement Project. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Larry Ethridge; all voted in favor and the motion carried.

An Ordinance Pertaining to Blight providing for the removal and abatement of inoperable and junked motor vehicles was presented for the first reading.

**ORDINANCE NO. 017-24**

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF THE CITY OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA; TO AMEND CHAPTER 26 – NUISANCES, ARTICLE III. – ACCUMULATION OF REFUSE ON PROPERTY, SECTION 26-55, SUBSECTION (b), PERTAINING TO BLIGHT; TO PROVIDE FOR REMOVAL AND ABATEMENT OF INOPERABLE AND JUNKED MOTOR VEHICLES; TO REPEAL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; TO PROVIDE FOR SEVERABILITY; TO PROVIDE FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE; TO PROVIDE FOR RENUMBERING OR RELETTERING; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

Mayor Pro Tem Jon Tindall made the motion to approve the Ordinance Pertaining to Blight providing for the removal and abatement of inoperable and junked motor vehicles as presented for the first reading. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Diane Hopkins; all voted yes and the motion was approved.

An Ordinance pertaining to Taxation, Licenses and Business Regulations for Food Trucks was presented for the first reading.

**ORDINANCE NO. O17-25**

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF THE CITY OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA; TO AMEND CHAPTER 34 PERTAINING TO TAXATION, LICENSES AND BUSINESS REGULATIONS; TO ADD A NEW ARTICLE XV PERTAINING TO FOOD TRUCKS; TO PROVIDE FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

The Ordinance pertaining to Taxation, Licenses and Business Regulations for Food Trucks as presented for the first reading was approved by motion from Commissioner Diane Hopkins. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Jon Tindall. All voted positively and the motion carried.

A Resolution of the City of Waycross to Approve the Administrative Services Agreement with UMR/United Healthcare for Employee Health Benefit Plan Services Agreement was presented.

**RESOLUTION NO. R17-58**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA, TO APPROVE ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH UMR/UNITED HEALTHCARE FOR EMPLOYEE HEALTH BENEFIT PLAN SERVICES AGREEMENT; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Waycross has previously appointed UMR/United Healthcare as the administrator of the employee health benefit plan (medical, dental and Rx) for calendar year 2017; and

**WHEREAS**, the increased cost of the health benefit plan due to the rise in premiums, expected costs and claims makes it necessary to always explore other options; and

**WHEREAS**, after an insurance renewal analysis, the City of Waycross wishes to remain with UMR/United Healthcare as the administrator of the employee health benefit plan for the calendar year of 2018; and

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

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Commission of the City of Waycross that the City of Waycross enter into a formal agreement with UMR/United Healthcare for a period of one year beginning January 1, 2018, according to the terms and conditions agreed upon.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Mayor, City Clerk and City Attorney are authorized and directed to do all the acts and things necessary in order to carry out the purposes and intent of this Resolution.

**SO RESOLVED**, this 17th day of October, 2017.

**CITY OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA**  
**JOHN KNOX, Mayor**

**ATTEST:**

**Julie Dinkins, City Clerk**

Commissioner Diane Hopkins made the motion to approve a Resolution of the City of Waycross to Approving the Administrative Services Agreement with UMR/United Healthcare for Employee Health Benefit Plan Services Agreement as presented. Mayor Pro Tem Jon Tindall seconded the motion; all voted yes and the motion carried.

A Resolution to Award Contract for Water Meter Replacement Project to Ferguson Waterworks was presented:

**RESOLUTION NO. R17-57**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA, TO AWARD  
CONTRACT FOR WATER METER REPLACEMENT PROJECT TO FERGUSON  
WATERWORKS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

**WHEREAS**, by Resolution No. R17-08, the City secured and approved a loan from the Drinking Water State Revolving Loan Fund, administered by the Georgia Environmental Finance Authority (hereinafter "GEFA"), in the amount of \$3,500,000.00; and

**WHEREAS**, by the same Resolution, the City resolved to secure the services of Carter & Sloope to assist with said project to replace water meters in an effort to improve meter accuracy and water accountability; and

**WHEREAS**, Carter & Sloope prepared a Request for Proposals and, after the project was advertised, received and opened four (4) proposals from major meter distributors; and

**WHEREAS**, a selection committee (consisting of Finance Department, Purchasing Department, Engineering Department, ESG Staff and Carter & Sloope Project Manager) evaluated proposals and references, and whereupon, selected Ferguson Waterworks, representing Mueller Systems, as the best source for said project; and

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

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Waycross City Commission that the Water Meter Replacement Project be awarded to Ferguson Waterworks, representing Mueller Systems water meters, for \$3,000,000.00 - to cover existing identified Water Meter Replacements for \$2,833.092.00 and also allowing \$166,908.00 for contingency and potential expansion of larger sewer only account metering capability.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Mayor, City Clerk and City Attorney be authorized and directed to execute the award of contract on behalf of the City of Waycross, and to do all the acts and things necessary in order to carry out the purposes and intent of this Resolution.

**SO RESOLVED AND ADOPTED**, this 17<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2017.

**CITY OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA**  
**JOHN KNOX, Mayor**

**ATTEST:**  
**Julie Dinkins, City Clerk**

A Resolution to Award Contract for Water Meter Replacement Project to Ferguson Waterworks as presented was approved by motion from Mayor Pro Tem Jon Tindall; seconded by Commissioner Diane Hopkins; and approved with a 4-0 vote.

A Resolution to Change the Designated Parade Route for the 2017 Christmas Parade was presented for action.

**RESOLUTION NO. R17-59**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA, TO CHANGE THE DESIGNATED PARADE ROUTE FOR THE 2017 CHRISTMAS PARADE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Section 38-7 (i) (1) (a), each historically established parade shall follow either the “route followed by such parade in the next previous occurrence of such parade (i.e., traditional route) or the route set forth in subsection (j)”;

**WHEREAS**, the Christmas Parade, being one of the “historically designated parades” pursuant to Section 38-7 (j) (2), is authorized to and may follow the parade route set forth in subsection (j) (1) of this section, commencing at Mary Street, proceed easterly along Elizabeth Street to Plant Avenue; thence northeasterly along Plant Avenue from Elizabeth Street to Carswell Avenue; thence westerly along Carswell Avenue to Tebeau Street; thence southerly along Tebeau Street to Isabella Street; thence along Isabella Street to Mary Street Park; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to subsection (j) (2), parades shall terminate at Mary Street Park, now known as Pernel Roberts Memorial Park; and

**WHEREAS**, subsection (b) (3) provides that a historically established parade may request a variation of its traditional route for reasons of health and safety; and

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

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Commission of the City of Waycross, Georgia, that the parade route for the 2017 Christmas parade on Saturday, December 2, 2017, shall be as follows:

Commencing at Mary Street, proceed easterly along Elizabeth Street to Plant Avenue; thence northeasterly along Plant Avenue from Elizabeth Street to Carswell Avenue; thence westerly along Carswell Avenue to Church Street; thence northerly along Church Street to Albany Avenue, thence westerly along Albany Avenue to Tebeau Street; thence southerly along Tebeau Street to Isabella Street; thence along Isabella Street to Pernel Roberts Memorial Park.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized and directed to execute the award of contract on behalf of the City of Waycross, and to do all the acts and things necessary in order to carry out the purposes and intent of this Resolution.

**SO RESOLVED AND ADOPTED**, this 17th day of October, 2017.

**CITY OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA**  
**JOHN KNOX, Mayor**

**ATTEST:**  
**Julie Dinkins, City Clerk**

Commissioner Norman Davis made the motion to approve the Resolution to Change the Designated Parade Route for the 2017 Christmas Parade as presented. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Jon Tindall. The Commission all voted in favor of the motion and the motion carried.

During Last Call, Community Improvement Director Sloan Fountain updated the Commission on Pumkinfest scheduled for Thursday, October 26, 2017. Ms. Fountain also informed the public and the Commissioners of the requirements for the CHIP Grant, stating that applications will be available after October 28, 2017 at South Georgia Regional Center.

Following last call, Commissioner Norman Davis made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Mayor Pro Tem Jon Tindall seconded the motion. All voted in favor and Mayor Knox adjourned the meeting.

**CITY OF WAYCROSS**

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**JOHN KNOX, Mayor**

**ATTEST:**

  
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**JULIE C. DINKINS, City Clerk**