

MINUTES
WAYCROSS CITY COMMISSION MEETING
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2014
7:00 P.M.

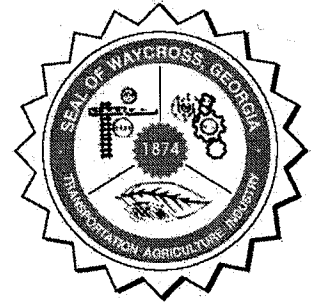
The Commission of the City of Waycross met in Regular Session on Tuesday, October 21, 2014 in the Commission Chambers of City Hall. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Clarence Billups at 7:00 p.m. Those in attendance with Mayor Billups were Mayor Pro Tem Diane Hopkins, Commissioners, Marian Solomon-Gaines, Norman Davis, Larry Ethridge, and Alvin Nelson.

Public Works Director Wilton Deloach offered opening invocation. Mayor Billups introduced Zoie Daniels, a student at Daffodil who led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Clarence E. Billups presented a Proclamation proclaiming November 2, 2014 as Retired Educators Day in Waycross.

CITY OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA

Office of the Mayor



PROCLAMATION

Whereas, the Governor of the State of Georgia has proclaimed the day of Sunday, November 2, 2014 as Retired Educators Day in Georgia; and

Whereas, there are more than 105,000 retired educators in Georgia, 25,000 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 declare Sunday, November 2, 2014 as **Retired Educators Day in Waycross** and I call upon the citizens of our community to observe that day in an appropriate manner honoring retired educators.*

***In witness whereof**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the City of Waycross to be affixed this 21st day of October, 2014.*

Clarence E. Billups, Mayor

City Manager Raphael Maddox presented the City Manager Report, reminding the Commissioners and citizens about Pumkinfest scheduled for Thursday, October 23, 2014 from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Mr. Maddox urged citizens to bring their kids for an evening of free entertainment in downtown Waycross.

Mr. Maddox announced that the City of Waycross and the Greater Satilla Area Employers' Committee will be holding a Job Fair in the City Auditorium on November 20, 2014 from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Resume' and application assistance and will be available from 8:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m.

Mayor Billups thanked Scott Cooper and the Waycross Journal Herald for publishing information regarding the observance of Halloween

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, October 6, 2014; Zoning Public Hearing (942 Pendleton Street) October 7, 2014, Waycross City Commission Meeting, Tuesday, October 7, 2014 and Legislative Meeting with State Representatives, Waycross City Commission, Ware County Commission, Board of Education on Wednesday, October 8, 2014.

Two Ordinances were submitted for second readings.

ORDINANCE NO. 14-23

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF THE CITY OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA; TO AMEND CHAPTER 27, ARTICLE II, SECTION 27-17; TO ESTABLISH THE OATH OF OFFICE FOR POLICE OFFICERS; TO PROVIDE WHO SHALL ADMINISTER THE OATH; TO PROVIDE FOR SEVERABILITY; TO PROVIDE FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE; TO PROVIDE FOR RENUMBERING OR RELETTERING; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

ORDINANCE NO. 14-24

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF THE CITY OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA; TO AMEND CHAPTER 12, ARTICLE II, SECTION 12-18; TO ESTABLISH THE OATH OF OFFICE FOR MEMBERS OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT; TO PROVIDE WHO SHALL ADMINISTER THE OATH; TO PROVIDE FOR SEVERABILITY; TO PROVIDE FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE; TO PROVIDE FOR RENUMBERING OR RELETTERING; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

There were no Consent Resolutions or Privilege License Renewals.

Mayor Pro Tem Diane Hopkins made the motion to approve the Consent Calendar as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Norman Davis. All Commissioners voted yes and the motion was approved with a 5 – 0 vote.

Purchasing Director Linda Jones presented WAYX 15-05 Surplus Property for approval. A list of items no longer needed in any City Department were submitted so that they may be declared surplus and sold on GovDeals.Com along with several bicycles which will be donated to area agencies. Commissioner Norman Davis made the motion to approve the Surplus Property for sale and donation. Commissioner Alvin Nelson seconded the motion; all voted in favor and the motion carried.

An Ordinance to amend the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Waycross to rezone 942 Pendleton Street was presented for the first reading.

ORDINANCE NO. 12 – 26

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 942 PENDLETON STREET FROM C-1 NEIGHBORHOOD COMMERCIAL TO C-2 HIGHWAY COMMERCIAL; TO SET AN EFFECTIVE DATE; TO REPEAL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Mayor Pro Tem Diane Hopkins made the motion to approve the Ordinance to amend the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Waycross, to rezone 942 Pendleton Street as presented for the first reading. Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines seconded the motion; all voted in favor and the motion carried.

The first reading of the second ordinance presented was An Ordinance to Repeal Sections 12-19 and 12-21 of Chapter 12, Article II of the Code Pertaining to the Repeal of City Manager as Ranking Head of the Fire Department etc.

ORDINANCE NO. 12-25

AN ORDINANCE TO REPEAL SECTIONS 12-19 AND 12-21 OF CHAPTER 12, ARTICLE II OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA; TO PROVIDE FOR SEVERABILITY; TO PROVIDE FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE; TO PROVIDE FOR RENUMBERING OR RELETTERING; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

The first reading of the An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 12, Article II Section 12-18 of the Code Pertaining to the City Manager and the Fire Department was approved by motion from Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Diane Hopkins. The Commissioners unanimously voted to approve the motion with a 5-0 vote.

A Resolution approving FY2014 Homeland Security Grant Program Agreement for the Waycross Police Department was submitted for approval.

RESOLUTION NO. 14-71

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA,
TO APPROVE FY 2014 HOMELAND SECURITY GRANT PROGRAM
AGREEMENT FOR THE WAYCROSS POLICE DEPARTMENT;
AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (hereinafter referred to as DHS), Federal Emergency Management Agency (hereinafter referred to as FEMA) and Grant Programs Directorate (hereinafter referred to as GPD) approved the application and awarded grant funding from the FY 2014 Homeland Security Grant Program to the Georgia Emergency Management Agency (hereinafter referred to as GEMA); and

WHEREAS, GEMA will maintain overall responsibility and accountability to the federal government for the duration of the grant program; and

WHEREAS, GEMA, as Grantee, has awarded a grant amount of \$18,560.00 to the **Waycross Police Department**, as Subgrantee, in accordance with the FY2014 Homeland Security Grant Program/State Homeland Security Grant Program; and

WHEREAS, the Subgrantee agrees to use allocated funds to build and enhance capabilities to prevent, protect against, respond to, and recover from terrorist attacks, major disasters and other emergencies in accordance with goals and objectives of the State Strategic Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Subgrantee's authorized representative is requested to sign the Agreement on behalf of the interests of the Subgrantee; and

WHEREAS, said matter having been read and considered.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Commission of the City of Waycross that the City of Waycross hereby approves the FY 2014 Homeland Security Grant Program Grantee-Subgrantee Agreement in the form attached hereto for the purposes stated therein.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and City Clerk be, and the same are hereby authorized, directed and empowered to execute the Agreement in the name of the City of Waycross on behalf of the Waycross Police Department, hereby ratifying and confirming the execution of said Agreement by the Mayor and City Clerk, and approving the act and things done as necessary to give effect to said Agreement.

SO RESOLVED, this 21st day of October, 2014, *nunc pro tunc* to 10/07/2014.

CITY OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA

BY: CLARENCE E. BILLUPS, Mayor

ATTEST:

JULIE DINKINS, City Clerk

Commissioner Norman Davis made the motion to approve a Resolution approving FY2014 Homeland Security Grant Program Agreement for the Waycross Police Department as submitted for approval. Mayor Pro Tem Diane Hopkins seconded the motion; all voted in favor and the motion carried.

A Resolution of the City of Waycross To Approve Payment for Microsoft Licensing for FY2014 was presented.

RESOLUTION NO. 14-72

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA
TO APPROVE PAYMENT FOR MICROSOFT LICENSING FOR FY 2015;
AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

WHEREAS, the City of Waycross makes use of Microsoft computer software on all City computers; and

WHEREAS, by purchasing a licensing agreement, the City is able to load the software lawfully onto all computers; and

WHEREAS, the rate for the licensing agreement for FY2015 is \$19,668.99 plus SharePoint and Windows Server \$5,853.73 totaling \$25,522.72 under the state enterprise agreement; and

WHEREAS, said matter having been considered.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Commission of the City of Waycross that the City of Waycross approve the annual payment for the Microsoft License Agreement.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Mayor, City Clerk, Finance Director and City Manager be and are hereby authorized, directed and empowered to execute the agreement on behalf of the City.

SO RESOLVED, this 21st day of October, 2014.

CITY OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA

BY: CLARENCE E. BILLUPS, Mayor

ATTEST:

JULIE DINKINS, City Clerk

The Resolution of the City of Waycross To Approve Payment for Microsoft Licensing for FY2014 was approved by motion from Mayor Pro Tem Hopkins. Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines seconded the motion. All Commissioners voted affirmatively and the motion was approved with a 5-0 vote.

Sister Hillman and Sister Smith, Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, appeared before the Commission volunteering their services to the community. They are missionaries to Waycross and are looking for public service opportunities.

Mr. Curtis Virgil, Jr., 1405 Bunche Street talked with the Commission and public regarding infectious diseases and HIV. Mr. Virgil cited many statistics regarding HIV in the Waycross Ware County area. Mr. Virgil asked the Commissioners and City to support an Infectious Diseases / HIV day planned for December 1, 2014 to promote testing and increase education in the Waycross area. He also requested a Proclamation in support of the Day of Awareness.

Ms. Carolyn Hayes, 1516 Myers Avenue, addressed the Commission regarding her concerns over the need for the citizens to work together, pray together, support and encourage the public officials.

Mr. Maurice Mungin, 1516 Myers Avenue, shared a poem of encouragement with the Commission.

Ms. Ngwebifor Fobi, Soul Shop Art Guild, 207 Sylvia Lane, addressed the Commission regarding harassment by the Waycross Police Department. Ms. Fobi complained that the WPD is inconsistent in applying the law and cited several examples. She asked that there not be retaliation from the City from her addressing the Commission. Ms. Fobi was advised by several Commissioners that if she has complaints they should be documented in writing.

Mrs. Barbara King and Mr. Wilbur King, 602 Magnolia Drive, invited the Commission and the public to the 11th Annual Oak Street Festival, Saturday, November 1, 2014 from 10:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. Ms. King also encouraged the Commission and the PD saying she has never had any negative dealings with either entity.

Ms. Kim Sumner, 1806 Thomas Street spoke to the Commission, introducing them to a new ministry for troubled youth. She said she had a ministry of recovery open to anyone in the community with a need.

During last call, Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines reminded everyone that in addition to be Breast Cancer Awareness Month, it is also Domestic Violence Awareness. Commissioner Solomon-Gaines also commended the PD, FD and all other agencies for an awesome Teen Maze.

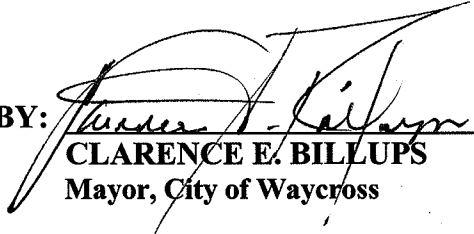
Commissioner Norman Davis requested that the Armory be placed on all agendas in the future for regular status reports. He also requested that the City proceed with naming the Armory.

Mayor Pro Tem Hopkins reminded everyone about Pumpkinfest.

Mayor Clarence Billups suggested that the Sound of Gold Marching Band Competition on Saturday would be a good outing for families and don't forget Pumpkinfest.

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 Billups adjourned the meeting.

CITY OF WAYCROSS

BY: 
CLARENCE E. BILLUPS
Mayor, City of Waycross

ATTEST: 
JULIE C. DINKINS, City Clerk

