

MINUTES
WAYCROSS CITY COMMISSION MEETING
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2015
7:00 P.M.

The Regular Session of the Commission of the City of Waycross was held on Tuesday, November 3, 2015 in the Commission Chambers of City Hall. Mayor Clarence E. Billups called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Those in attendance with Mayor Billups were Mayor Pro Tem Alvin Nelson, Commissioners Marian Solomon-Gaines, Norman Davis, and Diane Hopkins. Commissioner Larry Ethridge was not present.

Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines Deacon J. T. Carter, Emanuel International Cathedral of the Holy Spirit, who offered the opening invocation which was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Clarence E. Billups presented a Proclamation Declaring December 1, 2015 as “Betty Vandiver Day” in honor of Mrs. Betty Vandiver, Founder of the GMA Mayor’s Motorcade to Georgia Regional Hospitals.

CITY OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR



Proclamation

Declaring December 1, 2015 as Betty Vandiver Day

Whereas, Betty Russell Vandiver, wife of former Governor Ernest Vandiver, served as First Lady of Georgia from January 1959 to January 1963. At the time Mrs. Vandiver became First Lady, Central State Hospital in Milledgeville served as Georgia’s only state hospital for the mentally ill and developmentally disabled. In the late 1950s, Central State Hospital was home to more than 12,000 clients, many of whom had been abandoned by their families at an early age; and

Whereas, upon visiting the hospital Mrs. Vandiver became very concerned about the plight of the clients and their living conditions and she became determined that she would devote much of her time and energy as First Lady to raise public awareness of the needs of Georgia’s mentally ill and developmentally disabled. One of Mrs. Vandiver’s initiatives to show care and concern for the clients at Central State Hospital was to work with the Georgia Municipal Association to create a statewide Christmas gift collection drive known as the Mayors’ Motorcade; and

Whereas, the Mayors’ Motorcade was established in 1959 and expanded years later to support the clients of the state’s regional hospitals. Each year caring Georgians support the Mayors’ Motorcade by donating gifts to cities participating in the program. Through Mrs. Vandiver’s efforts thousands and thousands of clients residing at Georgia’s state hospitals have received Christmas gifts and visits from city officials at special Motorcade events; and

Whereas, the Georgia Municipal Association is encouraging cities across Georgia to honor Mrs. Vandiver for having the vision to create the program as a way of providing not only gifts, but also raising public awareness of the needs of Georgia's mentally ill and developmentally disabled.

Now, therefore be it resolved that the Commission of the City of Waycross does hereby proclaim December 1, 2015 as Mrs. Betty Vandiver Day in Waycross.

CITY OF WAYCROSS
Clarence E. Billups, Mayor

Human Resources Director Trinija Molina-Martin introduced William Kicklighter, Waycross Police Department, as the recipient of the November 2015 Employee of the Month.

Mr. Raphael Maddox presented the City Manager's Report. Mr. Maddox thanked the community for supporting the Homecoming Parade and Pep Rally. He invited the public to attend the Reception on Thursday, November 5, 2015 in honor of Clarence Gooden, CSX Transportation, at the City Auditorium from 4 – 7. Then be sure to attend the Ware County football game on Thursday night against Brunswick.

Mayor Clarence E. Billups presented the Mayor's report, thanking Natilia White and the Natilia Project, for her work feeding the hungry. Mayor Billups also thanked Commission Alvin Nelson for reaching out to the Natilia Project with his offer of food from the annual Post Office food drive. The Mayor's Motorcade will be coming up in December, and the Mayor thanked Matt Hall, WFD, for heading up the drive. Mayor Billups reminded the public to remember how blessed you are and do for the less fortunate.

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 19, 2015; and Waycross City Commission Meeting, Tuesday, October 20, 2015.

Ordinance Second Readings

Abandoning and Closing an Unopened Alley at 200 Banks Street between Nellie Street and Banks Street; and Authorizing a Quit Claim Deed.

No Privilege License renewals or consent resolutions.

Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines made the motion to approve the Consent Calendar as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Diane Hopkins. All Commissioners voted in favor and the motion was approved with a 4 – 0 vote.

The City of Waycross has approved FY16 funds for outsourcing the Utility Billing Print and Mail Service. Purchasing received seven (7) bids and after review the staff recommended awarding the bid to DataProse of Coppel, TX as the lowest and best bid meeting all specifications. Dataprose bid 10c per piece for a total estimated monthly charge of \$3,016.00.

Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines made the motion to accept the low bid for the outsourcing the Utility Billing Print and Main Service from DataProse in the estimated monthly amount of \$3,016.00. Commissioner Diane Hopkins seconded the motion; all voted positively and the bid was approved with a 4 – 0 vote.

The Waycross Police Department has approved FY16 SPLOST funds to purchase 8 new police vehicles. Purchasing received 5 bids from automobile vendors. After staff review, staff recommended awarding the bid to Hardy Chevrolet for 2 administrative and 5 patrol Chevrolet Impala vehicles for \$145,866.54 and one Ford Explorer to Wade Ford for \$26,228.00, for a total purchase price of \$172,094.54. Pricing is State of Georgia Contract pricing.

Commissioner Diane Hopkins made the motion to accept the low bid from Hardy Chevrolet for 2 administrative and 5 patrol Chevrolet Impala vehicles for \$145,866.54 and one Ford Explorer from Wade Ford for \$26,228.00 for a total bid price of \$172,04.54 to be paid from SPLOST funds. Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines seconded the motion; all voted affirmatively and the motion carried.

Purchasing Director Linda Jones presented WAYX 16-03, a list of items no longer needed by any department within the City of Waycross and requested these items be declared surplus and sold on GovDeals.com.

Commissioner Diane Hopkins made the motion to declare the listed items surplus to be sold on Gov.Deals.com. The motion was seconded by Commissioners Marian Solomon-Gaines and approved with a 4 – 1 vote.

A Resolution of the City of Waycross to Authorize and Direct the Mayor of the City of Waycross to Execute a Lease Supplement for a Lease under the GMA Direct Leasing Program for a John Deere Backhoe was presented for review:

RESOLUTION NO. 15-49

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA,
TO AUTHORIZE AND DIRECT THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF WAYCROSS TO
EXECUTE A LEASE SUPPLEMENT FOR A LEASE**

UNDER THE GEORGIA MUNICIPAL ASSOCIATION DIRECT LEASING PROGRAM FOR A JOHN DEERE BACKHOE; TO PROVIDE AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, the City of Waycross (hereinafter referred to as “the City”) has entered into a Master Lease (hereinafter referred to as the “Master Lease”) dated as of September 24, 2008, with the Georgia Municipal Association, Inc., for the leasing from time to time of certain equipment, machinery or other personal property pursuant to Supplemental Leases; and

WHEREAS, said matter having been considered.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF WAYCROSS:

1. The Mayor of the City is hereby directed, authorized and empowered to execute and deliver a Lease Supplement Pursuant to the Master Lease to put into effect one lease for **John Deere 310SL BACKHOE Loader** (hereinafter referred to as the “Leased Property”); said Mayor of the City is further directed, empowered and authorized, in the name and on behalf of the City, to execute and deliver: (i) one or more Lease Supplements for items of the Leased Property in substantially the form attached to the Master Lease, with such changes and additional information as may be approved by said officer, and (ii) such other documents as may be deemed by such officer to be necessary or desirable to effect the purposes hereof or of the Master Lease, and such execution shall constitute conclusive evidence that the executed document has been authorized and approved hereby; the aforesaid officer is further authorized to do all things necessary or appropriate to effectuate the purposes hereof.
2. An appropriation in the City’s current operating budget has previously been made which shall be sufficient to pay the “Rentals” and the “Termination Payment” during the “Starting Term” under such Lease Supplements;
3. Resolution 15-23, adopted by the City Commission on July 21, 2015, contemplated that said Lease Supplements were to be designated as “Qualified Tax-Exempt Obligations” within the meaning of Section 265 (b) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, but said Lease Supplement will not be designated as “Qualified Tax-Exempt Obligations”; thus, Resolution 15-23 is hereby revoked and this Resolution supersedes the actions of the City Commission in Resolution 15-23.
4. This authorization shall be effective immediately.

SO RESOLVED, This 3rd day of November, 2015.

CITY OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA

CLARENCE E. BILLUPS, MAYOR

ATTEST:
JULIE C. DINKINS, City Clerk

A Resolution of the City of Waycross to Authorize and Direct the Mayor of the City of Waycross to Execute a Lease Supplement for a Lease under the GMA Direct Leasing Program for a John Deere Backhoe was approved by motion from Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines; seconded by Commissioner Diane Hopkins and unanimously approved.

A Resolution of the City of Waycross to Approve Notice of Intent to Lease 2016 Knuckle Boom Mower with GMA under the master lease by and between GMA and the City of Waycross was presented to the Commission for action:

RESOLUTION NO. 15-50

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA,
TO APPROVE NOTICE OF INTENT TO LEASE 2016 KNUCKLE BOOM LOADER WITH
GEORGIA MUNICIPAL ASSOCIATION UNDER THE MASTER LEASE BY AND BETWEEN
GEORGIA MUNICIPAL ASSOCIATION, INC. AND THE CITY OF WAYCROSS; AND FOR
OTHER PURPOSES.**

WHEREAS, the City of Waycross (hereinafter referred to as “the City”) has entered into a Master Lease (hereinafter referred to as the “Master Lease”) dated as of September 24, 2008, with the Georgia Municipal Association, Inc., for the leasing from time to time of certain equipment, machinery or other personal property pursuant to Supplemental Leases; and

WHEREAS, the City of Waycross intends to enter into a Lease Supplement to finance certain equipment (a 2016 Kenworth Knuckle Boom Mower) pursuant to the Master Lease and Georgia Municipal Association; and

WHEREAS, the Lease Supplement should be effective on November 3, 2015 [not less than thirty (30) days after the receipt hereof] and the Lease Term is to be sixty (60) months; and

WHEREAS, Lessee City of Waycross chooses Monthly Payments – payable on the 1st day commencing with the month of December, 2015 for:

The equipment as described below:

2016 Kenworth T370 3BKHHM7X4GF498954	\$70,184.00
2015 Peterson TL3	
2015 Peterson TB1824	\$52,730.00
TOTAL	\$122,914.00

WHEREAS, said matter having been considered.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Commission of the City of Waycross that the City Commission hereby approves this Notice of Intent to Lease.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and City Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to execute the Lease Supplement on behalf of the City of Waycross, hereby ratifying and confirming all the acts and things done by said City Officials, in order to give effect to the purposes and intent of this Resolution.

SO RESOLVED, this 3rd day of November, 2015.

**CITY OF WAYCROSS
CLARENCE E. BILLUPS, MAYOR**

**ATTEST:
JULIE C. DINKINS, City Clerk**

Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines made the motion to approve A Resolution of the City of Waycross to Approve Notice of Intent to Lease 2016 Knuckle Boom Mower with GMA under the master lease by and between GMA and the City of Waycross as presented to the Commission for action. Commissioner Norman Davis seconded the motion. All Commissioners voted yes and the motion carried.

Mr. James Thomas addressed the Commission complaining about having to pay for yard trash pick-up when he doesn't utilize the service. He also complained that he problems not receiving his bills, receiving more than one bill and receiving his bills in Spanish. The Commission assured him they would check into it and remedy his problems.

After last call, Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines 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

ATTEST:


JULIE C. DINKINS, City Clerk