

MINUTES
WAYCROSS CITY COMMISSION MEETING
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2018
5:00 PM

The Commission of the City of Waycross held their Regular City Commission Meeting on Tuesday, November 6, 2018 in the Commission Chambers of City Hall. The meeting was called to order by the Honorable Mayor John Knox at 5:00 p.m. Members in attendance were: Mayor John Knox, Mayor Pro Tem Jon Tindall, Commissioners Marian Solomon-Gaines, John Threat, and Diane Hopkins. Commissioner Norman Davis was absent.

Interim Manager Wilton Deloach offered the opening invocation. The Invocation was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Mayor John Knox.

Human Resource Director, Trinija Martin, introduced Terry Thompson, Driver Engineer, Fire Department as the employee of the month for November, 2018.

Commissioner Marian Solomon Gaines introduced representatives for the Okefenokee Black Nurses Association, a 501C3 non-profit group. The Okefenokee Black Nurses Association is very active in the community, participating in voter registration drives, health fairs and many other activities to benefit the residents of the City of Waycross.

Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines made a motion to reappoint Dr. Yolanda Rivers to the WWDA to serve a four year term to expire 12-31-2022. Commissioner Diane Hopkins seconded the motion; all voted in favor and the motion carried.

Mr. Wilton Deloach, Interim City Manager, stated that the Public Works Department is back on schedule with yard trash. Mr. Deloach submitted his resignation as Interim City Manager, stating that "due to circumstances beyond my control I need to step down as Interim City Manager".

Mayor John Knox informed the public that Waycross Animal Shelter had a surprise inspection last week and passed with flying colors. Waycross Middle School won region in football. Mayor Knox applauded Maddie Calhoun who saved two lives in a fire. Remember the Okefenokee Fair starts today and Veteran's Day is Monday, November 12, 2018/

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: Waycross City Commission Planning and Information Session and Executive Session, Monday, October 15, 2018; Waycross City Commission Meeting and Executive Session, Tuesday, October 16, 2018; Special Called Meeting and Executive Session, Wednesday, October 17, 2018; and Special Called Meeting and Executive Session, Tuesday, October 23, 2018..

There were no consent resolutions or ordinance second readings.

Privilege license renewals were submitted as follows:

1. American Legion Post 517, Anthony Dixon, 710A Dorothy St., Waycross, GA 31501
Package Sales Beer, Wine and Liquor.
2. American Legion Post 517, Anthony Dixon, 710 Dorothy St., Waycross, GA 31501
Consumption on Premises Beer, Wine and Liquor.
3. CVS Pharmacy, Cody Head, 1800 Brunswick Hwy, Waycross, GA 31501
Package Sales Beer and Wine
4. Cheers Package Store, Roy Rhodes, 508 City Blvd, Waycross, GA 31501
Package Sales, Beer, Wine and Liquor
4. Fancy Sushi, XiuFeng Lin, 514 Mary St., Waycross, GA 31501
Consumption on Premises Beer and Wine
5. George's Liquor Store, Ritesh Kumar Patel, 2401 ½ Plant Ave, Waycross, GA 31501
Package Sales Beer, Wine and Liquor
6. KD's Café, Kevin Woods, 504 Elizabeth Street, Waycross, GA 31501
Consumption on Premises Beer and Wine
7. Package Outlet, Nidhi Kant Patel, 1930 Brunswick Hwy, Waycross, GA 31501
Package Sales, Beer, Wine and Liquor
8. Rodeo Mexican Restaurant, 2020 Memorial Dr., Waycross, GA 31501
Consumption on Premises, Beer, Wine and Liquor

The Consent Calendar was approved by motion from Commissioner Diane Hopkins Marian Solomon-Gaines; seconded by Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines, and approved with a 4-0 vote.

Four requests to Waive Fees for the C C McCray City Auditorium were submitted:

1. The Early Risers Foundation
2. Bethesda Recovery, Inc.
3. WWC Sports Hall of Game
4. Ware County Schools

After discussion, Commissioner Diane Hopkins made the motion to approve the fee waiver request for Ware County Schools, and to continue the remaining three requests for further research. Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines seconded the motion; all approved with a 4-0 vote.

A Joint Resolution of the City of Waycross, Georgia and Board of Commissioners of Ware County, Georgia, to amend the service delivery strategy to reflect that water and wastewater services to the Industrial Park will be provided by the City of Waycross was presented for approval.

CITY OF WAYCROSS RESOLUTION NO. R18-80

WARE COUNTY RESOLUTION NO. _____

A JOINT RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA, AND THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF WARE COUNTY, GEORGIA, TO AMEND THE SERVICE DELIVERY STRATEGY TO REFLECT THAT WATER AND WASTEWATER SERVICES TO THE INDUSTRIAL PARK WILL BE PROVIDED BY THE CITY OF WAYCROSS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, the Waycross-Ware County Development Authority (hereinafter referred to as “WWDA”) is applying for a One Georgia Grant to extend City of Waycross water and sewer lines inside the Waycross – Ware County Industrial Park; and

WHEREAS, under the present Service Delivery Strategy, executed by Ware County and the City of Waycross in 2011, provides that Satilla Regional Water and Sewer Authority will provide water and sewer services to the Waycross – Ware County Industrial Park; and

WHEREAS, for the One Georgia Grant application to proceed, the Service Delivery Strategy must be amended to reflect that the water and wastewater services to the Waycross – Ware County Industrial Park will be provided by the City of Waycross; and

WHEREAS, the City of Waycross has enlisted the services of the Southern Georgia Regional Commission to prepare the proper documents and maps amend the Service Delivery Strategy which are attached hereto as an Exhibit and incorporated herein as if fully set forth; and

WHEREAS, said matter having been read and considered.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Commission of the City of Waycross and the Board of Commissioners of Ware County that the Service Delivery Strategy is hereby amended to reflect that the water and wastewater services to the Waycross – Ware County Industrial Park will be provided by the City of Waycross in the form attached hereto as an Exhibit and incorporated herein as if fully set forth.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this Resolution and the signed forms and attachments shall be forwarded to the Southern Georgia Regional Commission; and that the Acting City Manager and Mayor of the City of Waycross and the County Manager and the Chairman of the Ware County Board of Commissioners are hereby authorized, directed and empowered to execute any additional documents needed or appropriate, and to take any action necessary to implement this Resolution in the most effective manner possible.

SO RESOLVED AND ADOPTED at a meeting of the City Commission of the City of Waycross, this 6th day of November, 2018.

SO RESOLVED AND ADOPTED at a meeting of the Ware County Board of Commissioners, this ____ day of November, 2018.

CITY OF WAYCROSS
BY: JOHN KNOX, Mayor

ATTEST:
JULIE DINKINS, City Clerk

WARE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
BY: JIMMY BROWN, CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:
ANNA LANE, COUNTY CLERK

A Joint Resolution of the City of Waycross, Georgia and Board of Commissioners of Ware County, Georgia, to amend the service delivery strategy to reflect that water and wastewater services to the Industrial Park will be provided by the City of Waycross was approved by motion from Commissioner Diane Hopkins; seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Jon Tindall. Motion was approved with a 4-0 vote.

The Resolution of the City of Waycross, Georgia to approve continue use of American Data Group (ADG) accounting software package for fund management, utility billing, permits, business licenses, account payable and code Enforcement was presented for approval.

RESOLUTION NO. R18-79

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA,

**TO APPROVE CONTINUED USE OF AMERICAN DATA GROUP, INC.
ACCOUNTING SOFTWARE PACKAGE FOR FUND MANAGEMENT, UTILITY
BILLING, PERMITS, BUSINESS LICENSES, ACCOUNT PAYABLE AND CODE
ENFORCEMENT; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

WHEREAS, American Data Group, Inc. (hereinafter referred to as “ADG”) provides the City of Waycross’ governmental software package for Fund Management, Utility Billing, Permits, Business Licenses, Accounts Payable and Code Enforcement; and

WHEREAS, the City of Waycross desires to continue to utilize the governmental accounting software package maintained and supported by ADG for the above-referenced services; and

WHEREAS, annual maintenance and support for patching, fixes and upgrades is needed; and

WHEREAS, said matter having been considered.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Commission of the City of Waycross that the invoice, being invoice number 11122, received from American Data Group, Inc., in the amount of \$9,833.00 for annual maintenance and support be paid by the City of Waycross.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor, City Clerk and City Finance Director be, and are hereby authorized, directed and empowered to pay said invoice # 11122 to American Data Group, Inc., 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, this 6th day of November, 2018.

**CITY OF WAYCROSS
BY: JOHN KNOX, Mayor**

**ATTEST:
JULIE DINKINS, City Clerk**

Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines made the motion to approve the Resolution of the City of Waycross, Georgia to approve continue use of American Data Group (ADG) accounting software package for fund management, utility billing, permits, business licenses, account payable and code Enforcement as presented. Mayor Pro Tem Jon Tindall seconded the motion and all voted in approval.

The Resolution of the City of Waycross, Georgia to Amend the policy governing extension of water and sewer service in the City was presented for approval.

RESOLUTION NO. R18-82

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA,
TO AMEND THE POLICY GOVERNING EXTENSION OF WATER AND SEWER
SERVICE IN THE CITY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

WHEREAS, there being presented to and adopted by the Commission of the City of Waycross, Georgia, on October 20, 1998, a “Policy: Extension of Water & Sewer Service of the Present System”; and

WHEREAS, said policy states that its purpose is as follows: “This policy is intended to define the rules and regulations by which water and sewer services may be extended within the City of Waycross, thereby aiding in the orderly growth of the water and sewer system of the City of Waycross”; and

WHEREAS, said policy is now being amended to require that the City pay 100% of the costs for the installation of fire hydrants on existing water mains in the right of way of the City; and

WHEREAS, a copy of said amended policy is being attached hereto as an Exhibit and incorporated herein as if fully set forth; and

WHEREAS, said matter having been considered.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Commission of the City of Waycross, Georgia, that the City Commission hereby approves the updated and amended “POLICY: Extension of Water & Sewer Service of the Present System” attached hereto as an Exhibit and incorporated herein as if fully set forth

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and City Clerk are hereby authorized, directed and empowered to execute same on behalf of the City of Waycross and to take any action necessary to implement this Resolution in the most effective manner possible

SO RESOLVED, this 6th day of November, 2018.

CITY OF WAYCROSS
BY: JOHN KNOX, Mayor

ATTEST:
JULIE DINKINS, City Clerk

Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines made the motion to approve the Resolution of the City of Waycross, Georgia to Amend the policy governing extension of water and sewer service in the City as presented for approval. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Diane Hopkins and approved by a 4-0 vote.

A Resolution of the City of Waycross, Georgia, to appoint a new acting City Manager for the City of Waycross and to fix compensation was presented for approval.

RESOLUTION NO. R18-81

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA,
TO APPOINT A NEW ACTING CITY MANAGER FOR THE CITY OF WAYCROSS;
TO FIX COMPENSATION; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

WHEREAS, Section 25 of the City Charter provides that should the position of City Manager become vacant for any reason the Commission may appoint some properly qualified person as Acting City Manager for a period of not more than six months, and the compensation of the Acting City Manager shall be fixed by resolution of the Commission, and shall be paid by the City from the general funds of said City; and

WHEREAS, at a called meeting on July 13, 2018, the City Commission appointed Wilton Deloach as Acting City Manager, whose duties included the same duties as the former City Manager; and

WHEREAS, Wilton Deloach now desires to step down and relinquish his duties as Acting City Manager and return to his duties as Director of the Public Works Department; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission desires to now appoint David Eddins, being a properly qualified person, as the new Acting City Manager and desires to fix the salary of the new Acting City Manager at an increase of ten percent (10.0%) of his current annual salary, raising the annual salary to **\$76,359.42** and calculated on a bi-weekly base salary of **\$3,230.59** payable in bi-weekly installments and not to exceed six months from the effective date of this Resolution; 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 appoints David Eddins as the new Acting City Manager, effective November 7, 2018, and that his bi-weekly base salary shall be fixed at **\$3230.59** payable in bi-weekly installments, to be paid from the general funds of the City, and for a period of time not to exceed six months from the effective date of this Resolution.

SO RESOLVED, this 6th day of November, 2018.

CITY OF WAYCROSS

BY: JOHN KNOX, Mayor

ATTEST:

JULIE DINKINS, City Clerk

Commissioner Diane Hopkins made a motion to approve the Resolution of the City of Waycross, Georgia, to appoint a new acting City Manager for the City of Waycross and to fix compensation as presented for approval. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines. Commissioners Diane Hopkins, Marian Solomon-Gaines and John Threat all voted yes; Mayor Pro Tem Jon Tindall voted No. The motion carried with a 3 – 1 vote.

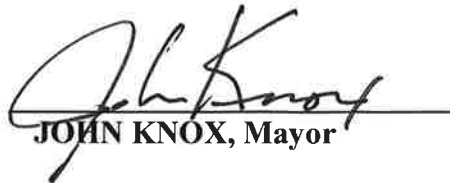
Dr. Yolanda Rivers, 1303 Tebeau Street, thanked the City of Waycross for allowing her to participate in the Revolving Loan Fund program. Dr. Rivers has paid off her first loan with the RLF.

During last call, all of the Commissioners expressed their appreciation to Wilton Deloach for serving as Interim City Manager and thanked Fire Chief David Eddins for agreeing to serve as Interim City Manager.

Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Diane Hopkins seconded the motion. All voted in favor and Mayor Knox adjourned the meeting.

CITY OF WAYCROSS

BY:


JOHN KNOX, Mayor

ATTEST:


JULIE C. DINKINS, City Clerk