

MINUTES
WAYCROSS CITY COMMISSION MEETING
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2010 - 7:00 P.M.

The regular meeting of the Commission of the City of Waycross was held in the Commission Chambers of City Hall on Tuesday, September 21, 2010. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Clarence Billups at 7:00 p.m. with Commissioners William Simmons, Marian Solomon-Gaines, Norman Davis, Diane Hopkins, and Mayor Pro Tem Daniel Yarbrough present for the meeting.

Reverend Paul O'Connell, St. Joseph Catholic Church offered the invocation which was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Clarence Billups announced that under Executive Duties the new City Manager would be sworn in by City Attorney Huey Spearman as follows:

GEORGIA, WAYCROSS, WARE COUNTY.

OATH:

I, DERON WENDELL KING, do solemnly swear that I will faithfully demean myself as City Manager of the City of Waycross and that I have and will continue to uphold the laws of the City of Waycross, State of Georgia, and the United States of America.

I do further swear that I will discharge my duties as City Manager without the influence of fear, favor, affection, or reward or the hope thereof, but in all things pertaining to said office, I will be wholly governed by my convictions as to the public good.

I will well and truly perform all the duties of my office to the best of my ability;

I am not the holder of any unaccounted for public money due the State of Georgia or any political subdivision or authority thereof;

I am not the holder of any office of trust under the government of the United States, any other state, or any foreign state which office by the laws of the State of Georgia I am prohibited from holding;

I am otherwise qualified to hold said office according to the Constitution, laws of Georgia, and Charter and City Code of the City of Waycross.

I will support the Constitution of the United States and of the State of Georgia;

So help me God. This 21st day of September, 2010.

DERON WENDELL KING

Witnessed by:
Huey W Spearman
Julie Dinkins, City Clerk

City Manager Deron W King expressed his appreciation to the Mayor and Commission, Department Heads, the City staff and citizens for your expression of faith and the opportunity to serve the City of Waycross. He also thanked Acting City Managers Frank Baugh and Larry Gattis for the stepping in to keep the City running in the interim.

Mr. King reported that under the City's 2010 SPLOST street and drainage project curb and gutter installation is substantially complete on all but Seaman, Pine, Porter and Elkins Streets. The contractor is on track to complete the curb and gutter by the end of this month with soil and cement base and paving to begin next month. The completed project will include new curb and gutter and paved surface on portions of Jane, Izlar, James, Pine, Seaman, Watts, Porter and Carver Streets. Division Street water and sewer improvements are set to begin by Woodard Construction on September 27, 2010 to extend the sewer main approximately 420 feet. Work is expected to be completed by November 30, 2010.

City Manager King announced street closures scheduled for stadium and downtown traffic due to the football games and jazz festival.

Mr. King commended the Waycross Fire Department for all of their work for the MDA Boot Drive. Waycross Fire Department in partnership with the Muscular Dystrophy Association will mount its annual "fill the boot" fundraising campaign in support of the fight against neuromuscular diseases. This fundraising effort will begin on Thursday, 23 September and continue through Saturday 25 September. This year's campaign has special significance with one of our own, Firefighter Jeremy Norris, recently diagnosed with ALS or Lou Gehrig's disease. The Waycross Fire Department is dedicating this year's campaign in his honor and we invite everyone to join us in support of this important effort. MDA is the biggest private source of funding going toward ALS research. Again the dates are Thursday, 23 September through Saturday, 25 September and you'll be able to fill the boot near the following locations: The Mall at Waycross, Wal-Mart, Harvey's on Plant Ave. and Tebeau, Kroger and Lowe's.

In presenting the Mayor's Report, Mayor Clarence Billups reminded the Commission of the "Rumble in the Swamp" and J Fly Jazz Festival this weekend. He asked Waycross citizens to please adhere to all traffic safety and be good hosts to all of the visitors.

Mayor Billups, in acknowledging the MDA's boot drive, reminded citizens to go by and support the drive in honor of Jeremy Norris. Chief Eddins acknowledged that Ware County has joined the drive this year.

There were no public remarks on official actions.

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 and Information Executive Session to Discuss Personnel, September 7, 2010; Waycross City Commission Meeting, Tuesday, September 7, 2010. There were no ordinance second readings, resolutions or privilege license renewals.

Commissioner Norman Davis made the motion to approve the Consent Calendar as presented. Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines seconded the motion; all Commissioners voted favorably and the motion carried with a 5-0 vote.

Mrs. Linda Jones, Director, Purchasing Department, presented WAYX 11-03 Declaring Surplus Property. The surplus property list contains two WPD patrol cars which Ms. Jones is asking surplus and sell on Govdeals.com.

Commissioner Diane Hopkins made the motion to declare the property surplus; seconded by Commissioner Daniel Yarbrough. The motion carried with a 5-0 vote.

A Resolution of the City of Waycross, Georgia to Delay Implementation of New Rates and Charges for the Consumption of Water Services and the Consumption of Wastewater Services in the City of Waycross was presented:

RESOLUTION NO. 10-56

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA TO DELAY IMPLEMENTATION OF NEW RATES AND CHARGES FOR THE CONSUMPTION OF WATER SERVICES AND THE CONSUMPTION OF WASTEWATER SERVICES IN THE CITY OF WAYCROSS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, the Commission of the City of Waycross adopted a Resolution on July 20, 2010, to set new rates and charges for the consumption of water services and wastewater services furnished by the City to its customers; and

WHEREAS, said Resolution provided that the City of Waycross shall begin charging the new rates and charges for all accounts billed by the City of Waycross effective October 1, 2010; and

WHEREAS, implementation of the proposed new rates and charges for water and wastewater services is being delayed due to Arbitration with one of its customers regarding the proposed new rates and charges; and

WHEREAS, the City of Waycross desires to formally delay implementation of the new rates and charges until after the Arbitration process is complete; 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 shall delay implementation of the proposed new rates and charges for water and wastewater services until after the Arbitration process is complete. In the interim, the City of Waycross shall bill its customers at the same rates and charges now in effect from and after October 1, 2010, or until another Resolution is adopted setting forth proposed new rates and charges for water and wastewater services in the City of Waycross.

SO RESOLVED, this 21st day of September, 2010.

CITY OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA

BY: CLARENCE BILLUPS, MAYOR

ATTEST:

JULIE C. DINKINS, CITY CLERK

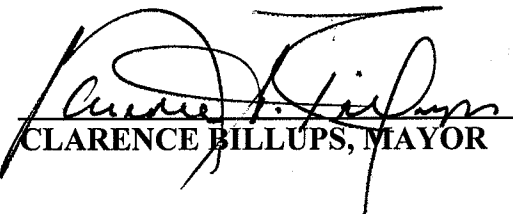
Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines made the motion to Approve the Resolution of the City of Waycross, Georgia to Delay Implementation of New Rates and Charges for the Consumption of Water Services and the Consumption of Wastewater Services in the City of Waycross as presented. Commissioner Norman Davis seconded the motion. All Commissioners voted favorably and the motion carried with a 5-0 vote.

Minister Romney Bellamy appeared before the Commission to give an update on the Back to School Pep Rally. Minister Bellamy thanked the Commission for all of their help and presented plaques to Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines, Commissioner Daniel Yarbrough and Waycross Police Department which was accepted by Captain Chris Tatem.

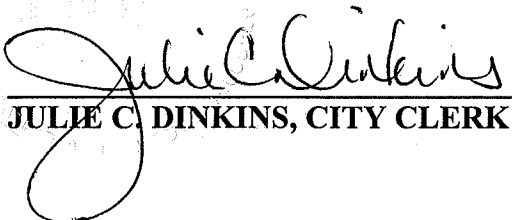
Following closing remarks, the meeting was adjourned by motion from Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines seconded by Commissioner William Simmons, all voted in favor and Mayor Billups declared the meeting adjourned.

CITY OF WAYCROSS

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