

MINUTES

WAYCROSS CITY COMMISSION MEETING

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 19, 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, October 19, 2010. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Clarence Billups at 7:00 p.m. with Commissioners Marian Solomon-Gaines, Norman Davis, Diane Hopkins, and Mayor Pro Tem Daniel Yarbrough present for the meeting. Commissioner William Simmons was not present.

Pastor Wilbert King, Potters House Christian Fellowship offered the invocation which was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Deron W. King, City Manager, presented the City Manager's Report. Mr. King thanked the Commissioners, staff and citizens for the great welcome he has received in Waycross. He also thanked the Commissioners, staff and citizens for the City Manager's reception, including all citizens who attended and employees who worked hard to put the affair together.

The City Manager reported a road closing on a segment of Darling Avenue which is the result of a failed culvert pipe. Darling Avenue will be closed until further notice.

Mr. King reported that the Okefenokee Humane Society has requested a joint meeting with Ware County and the City. County Manager, Paul Smith requested that the County meet with OHS first, then schedule a joint meeting.

In the area of Economic Development, a Master Plan for Downtown is being prepared with the cooperation of SGRC and Community Improvement.

In an effort to prepare to apply for Transportation Enhancement Grant Funds, Raphel Maddox and City Manager Deron King attended a workshop in Tifton.

In presenting the Mayor's Report, Mayor Clarence Billups, thanked the citizens of Waycross for taking the time to attend the City Manager's Reception and making him feel welcome. He also thanked the staff for pitching in for the Reception.

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 Meeting, Tuesday, October 5, 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 Daniel Yarbrough seconded the motion; all Commissioners voted favorably and the motion carried with a 4-0 vote.

The resolution to approve the Agreement and Temporary Access Easement with Thomas E. Blount was presented:

RESOLUTION NO. 10-59

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA
TO APPROVE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA
AND THOMAS E. BLOUNT FOR PURPOSES OF GRANTING A TEMPORARY
ACCESS EASEMENT TO CITY PROPERTY AT WASTEWATER TREATMENT
PLANT; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

WHEREAS, Thomas E. Blount owns a tract of land east of the Wastewater Treatment Plant that is currently "land-locked" with no means access except through City property to the west; and

WHEREAS, Thomas E. Blount has submitted a request for a temporary access easement through the City Wastewater Treatment Plant property for the purpose of harvesting timber on his property; and

WHEREAS, the City desires to enter into an agreement with Thomas E. Blount granting him a temporary access easement for the purposes stated herein, and to require Thomas E. Blount to remit to the City the fair market value of any timber within the easement area which by necessity must be harvested to effect ingress and egress to Mr. Blount's property; and

WHEREAS, said matter being considered and determined to be just and adequate compensation for the premises and for the use of said property.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Commission of the City of Waycross that the City of Waycross enter into an Agreement for the City to grant a temporary access easement through the City Wastewater Treatment Plant property to Thomas E. Blount for the purpose of harvesting timber on his property, and to remit to the City the fair market value of any timber within the easement area which is harvested to effect ingress and egress to Mr. Blount's property.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and City Clerk be and are hereby authorized, directed and empowered to execute the Agreement and access easement on behalf of the City.

SO RESOLVED, this 19th day of October, 2010.

CITY OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA

BY: CLARENCE BILLUPS, MAYOR

**ATTEST:
JULIE C. DINKINS, CITY CLERK**

Commissioner Diane Hopkins made the motion to approve the resolution to approve the Agreement and Temporary Access Easement with Thomas E. Blount as presented. Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines seconded the motion. All Commissioners voted favorably and the motion carried with a 4-0 vote.

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

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