

MINUTES
WAYCROSS CITY COMMISSION MEETING
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2011
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, November 1, 2011. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Clarence E. Billups at 7:00 p.m. with Commissioners Daniel Yarbrough, Diane Hopkins, William Simmons, and Marian Solomon-Gaines present for the meeting. Commissioner Norman Davis was absent.

Commissioner Daniel Yarbrough introduced Reverend David White, Associate Pastor, Trinity United Methodist Church, who offered the invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Billups presented a Proclamation to the Retired Teachers Association in support of Georgia Retired Educators Day.

Proclamation

Whereas, the Governor of the State of Georgia has proclaimed the day of Sunday, November 6, 2011, to be known as Georgia Retired Educators Day; and

Whereas, There are more than 78,000 retired educators in Georgia, 17,750 plus of whom are members of the Georgia Retired Educators Association (GREA); 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, in honor and in recognition of our retired educators, I, ***Clarence E. Billups***, Mayor of the City of Waycross, do hereby proclaim the day of November 6, 2011, as

Retired Educators Day

and I call upon the citizens of Waycross to observe that day in an appropriate manner by honoring our local retired educators.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and have caused the Seal of the City of Waycross to be affixed this first day of November, 2011.

Clarence E. Billups, Mayor

In honor of the Friends of the Okefenokee Humane Society, Mayor Billups presented this group with a plaque of appreciation.

Proclamation

Whereas, a special group of avid animal lovers recently formed an association called the “Friends of the Okefenokee Humane Society” (OHS); and

Whereas, the focus of this group of concerned citizens is making it possible to raise funds for the local Okefenokee Humane Society animal shelter to purchase items for which its limited budget may not allow; and

Whereas, Friends of the Okefenokee Humane Society are partnering with the Okefenokee Humane Society in seeking to purchase and equip a 24-foot mobile animal adoption rescue unit. This special unit will enable the local shelter to have a visible presence in the community during the weekends and at other times of the year at designated adoption sites, and at events such as Swampfest, Oak Street Festival, the Okefenokee Agricultural Fair, Whale of a Sale, Gun Shows, the National Barbecue Fest, the JFly Annual Jazz Festival, the Gram Parsons Festival, and the annual Christmas Parade; and

Whereas, Friends of the Okefenokee Humane Society are organizing numerous fund-raising events including a raffle with the drawing to be held November 13 and a Motorcycle Benefit Ride on November 12 beginning at 8:00 a.m. at O’Mara’s V Twin followed by an afternoon of food, fun, and fellowship. Friends of the Okefenokee Humane Society ask our citizens to join them in helping raise funds for this much needed cause.

Now, therefore, in honor and in recognition of the numerous activities that are to be sponsored by the Friends of the Okefenokee Humane Society, I, *Clarence E. Billups, Mayor of the City of Waycross*, do hereby proclaim the week of November 6-13 as

Friends of the Okefenokee Humane Society Week

in Waycross and I call upon the citizens of Waycross to join the Friends of the Okefenokee Humane Society as it participates in finding loving homes for our community’s helpless animals.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and have caused the Seal of the City of Waycross to be affixed this first day of November, 2011.

Clarence E. Billups, Mayor

Mayor Billups thanked the Sallet Family who sponsors the Annual Thanksgiving Dinner, providing a special dinner to many of those in Waycross who are less fortunate.

Human Resource Director, Raphel Maddox presented the November Employee of the Month to Mrs. Marcia Kilmark. Ms. Kilmark's many contributions to the City of Waycross were acknowledged by each of the Commissioners.

Deron W. King, City Manager, presented the City Manager's Report. Mr. King reported on the 2011 Street Rehabilitation Project which is beginning this week. Dorothy and Riverside Streets will be resurfaced and Goodwin, Howe, Bunche, Bethune, and Carter will have drainage, curb and gutter and resurfacing. The rehab work on Dorothy Street has been completed and the drainage on Bunche is underway. This project should be complete the first of 2012.

The sewer main failure on Suwannee Drive will result in Suwannee being closed until March of 2012 for repairs.

A Community Pep Rally is scheduled for Thursday, November 3 from 5:30 until 7:00 in support of the Ware County Gators. This event is being sponsored by Main Street.

Mayor Clarence E. Billups presented the Mayor's Report. Mayor Billups announced that the National BBQ Cook-off is scheduled for November 4 – 5 at the Fairgrounds. The YMCA is having a 5K run on November 4 and the 8th Annual Oak Street Festival is November 5. Mayor Billups reminded the citizens that all of these activities are wholesome and family oriented and urged the citizens of Waycross to participate in these events.

Mayor Billups informed the Commission that the new welcome sign has been installed on the north end of Waycross on State Street.

Mayor Billups reminded everyone to get out and exercise your right to vote!

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 Meeting, Tuesday, October 18, 2011.

There were no consent resolutions, ordinances or privilege license renewals.

Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines made the motion to approve the Consent Calendar as presented. Commissioner William Simmons seconded the motion; all Commissioners voted favorably and the motion carried with a 4-0 vote.

Purchasing Director Linda Jones presented bid FY12-04: Copier for the City Manager, Purchasing, Public Works and Human Resources Departments. A FY12 approved budgeted line exists to fund this item between the four departments over a 3 year lease purchase period. Four proposals were received and Staff recommends the best bid was submitted by OCE of Waycross for \$9,209.16 for a Canon IR 6055 using the 5% local preference. This copier will be networked with all second floor departments and will have scan and fax capabilities. This will also allow us to centralize maintenance on all City Hall copiers with a local company.

Commissioner Diane Hopkins made the motion to approve the bid for the Copier as per the recommendation of the Purchasing Department. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines; all voted in favor and the motion carried 4-0.

An Ordinance amending the Code of the City of Waycross, Chapter 6 pertaining to Animals and Fowl was presented for the first reading:

ORDINANCE NO. 11-12

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF THE CITY OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA; TO AMEND CHAPTER 6 PERTAINING TO ANIMALS AND FOWL; TO REPLACE ARTICLE I IN GENERAL; TO REPLACE ARTICLE II RELATING TO BIRD SANCTUARY; TO REPLACE ARTICLE III RELATING TO IMPOUNDMENT OF ANIMALS; TO REPLACE ARTICLE IV RELATING TO RABIES CONTROL; TO REPLACE ARTICLE V RELATING TO DANGEROUS DOG CONTROL; TO REPLACE ARTICLE VI RELATING TO REGULATIONS FOR KEEPING OF ANIMALS; TO PROVIDE FOR RENAMING; TO REPEAL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; TO PROVIDE FOR SEVERABILITY; TO PROVIDE FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE; TO PROVIDE FOR RENUMBERING OR RELETTERING; TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

The Ordinance was approved for a first reading by motion from Commissioner Diane Hopkins; seconded by Commissioner Yarbrough; all voted in favor and the motion carried.

An Ordinance amending the Code of the City of Waycross, Chapter 6 pertaining to Animals and Fowl was presented for the second reading and approval:

ORDINANCE NO. 11-12

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF THE CITY OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA; TO AMEND CHAPTER 6 PERTAINING TO ANIMALS AND FOWL; TO REPLACE ARTICLE I IN GENERAL; TO REPLACE ARTICLE II RELATING TO BIRD SANCTUARY; TO REPLACE ARTICLE III RELATING TO IMPOUNDMENT OF ANIMALS; TO REPLACE ARTICLE IV RELATING TO RABIES CONTROL; TO REPLACE ARTICLE V RELATING TO DANGEROUS DOG CONTROL; TO REPLACE ARTICLE VI RELATING TO REGULATIONS FOR KEEPING OF ANIMALS; TO PROVIDE FOR RENAMING; TO REPEAL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; TO PROVIDE FOR SEVERABILITY; TO PROVIDE FOR AN

**EFFECTIVE DATE; TO PROVIDE FOR RENUMBERING OR RELETTERING; TO
DECLARE AN EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

The Ordinance was approved by motion from Commissioner Diane Hopkins; seconded by Commissioner Simmons; all voted in favor and the motion carried.

A Resolution Approving the Agreement between the City of Waycross and the Okefenokee Humane Society, Inc. was presented.

RESOLUTION NO. 11-52

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA
TO APPROVE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF WAYCROSS AND
OKEFENOKEE HUMANE SOCIETY, INC.; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES**

WHEREAS, the City of Waycross desires to provide for the safe and humane sheltering of stray or abused cats and dogs according to local and state Ordinances, rules and regulations; and

WHEREAS, the Okefenokee Humane Society, Inc., has accepted the responsibility for the humane sheltering of said animals from the City of Waycross Animal Services and Control Officer, and from Ware County, and is experienced in sheltering and providing humane treatment of cats and dogs; and

WHEREAS, the Okefenokee Humane Society will act as an Independent Contractor, and shall provide for the sheltering and care of said animals for the consideration of \$11,708.33 per month on the “effective date” as specified in the Agreement when certain conditions precedent have been fulfilled, anticipated to be completed during the month of November, 2011; and

WHEREAS, the parties desire formal approval of a written agreement in the form attached hereto; 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 and execute the Agreement between the City of Waycross and the Okefenokee Humane Society, Inc., providing for the safe and humane sheltering of stray or abused cats and dogs impounded by the City’s Animal Services and Control Officer.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and City Clerk be and are hereby authorized, directed and empowered to execute the Agreement in the name of the City of Waycross, Georgia.

SO RESOLVED, this 1st day of November, 2011.

CITY OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA

**BY: CLARENCE E BILLUPS
MAYOR**

ATTEST: JULIE DINKINS, City Clerk

Commissioner Diane Hopkins made the motion to approve the Resolution Approving the Agreement between the City of Waycross and the Okefenokee Humane Society, Inc. as presented. Commissioner William Simmons seconded the motion. The Resolution passed with a vote of 4 – 0.

A Resolution of the Waycross City Commission to Return Unused Cash Assets for the Department of Community Affairs in Excess of the Guidelines for the Local Revolving Loan Fund Program was presented.

RESOLUTION NO. 11-55

**A RESOLUTION OF THE WAYCROSS CITY COMMISSION
TO RETURN UNUSED CASH ASSETS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY
AFFAIRS IN EXCESS OF THE GUIDELINES FOR THE LOCAL REVOLVING LOAN
FUND PROGRAM; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

WHEREAS, the City of Waycross maintains a Local Revolving Loan Fund (RLF) through the Department of Community Affairs' (DCA) Community Development Block Grant Employment Incentive Program; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the Department's Local RLF Policy and Procedure Guide, the City has maintained RLF cash in excess of the Guideline limits; and

WHEREAS, in order to bring the City's RLF into compliance, a portion of the City's RLF cash assets must be returned to the Department, in the amount of \$120,000.00; and

WHEREAS, said funds are available and the matter has been duly considered;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Commission of the City of Waycross that the City of Waycross approve the transfer of the requested funds to the Department of Community Affairs, in order for the City to remain in compliance with the Department's RLF Policy and Guidelines.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor, City Clerk, City Manager, and Finance Director be and are hereby authorized, directed, and empowered to execute any necessary

documents and to transfer said cash assets to the Department of Community Affairs without delay.

SO RESOLVED this 1st day of November, 2011.

CITY OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA

**BY: CLARENCE E BILLUPS
MAYOR**

ATTEST: JULIE DINKINS, City Clerk

Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines made the motion to approve the Resolution of the Waycross City Commission to Return Unused Cash Assets for the Department of Community Affairs in Excess of the Guidelines for the Local Revolving Loan Fund Program as presented. Commissioner Diane Hopkins seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the Resolution passed with a vote of 4 – 0.

Mr. Emory O. Marcus addressed the Commission regarding the Bailey Street Park Monument. Mr. Marcus proposed a dedication for the monument on February 18, 2012.

Following the Mayor and Commissioner's closing remarks, Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines made the motion to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Commissioner William Simmons; all voted in favor and Mayor Billups adjourned the meeting.

CITY OF WAYCROSS

BY:


**CLARENCE E BILLUPS
MAYOR**

ATTEST:


JULIE C. DINKINS, CITY CLERK

