

**MINUTES
WAYCROSS CITY COMMISSION MEETING
TUESDAY, JULY 6, 2021
5:00 p.m.**

The Commission of the City of Waycross held their Regular City Commission Meeting on Tuesday, July 6, 2021, in the Commission Chambers of City Hall. Mayor James called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. Members in attendance were: Mayor Michael-Angelo James, Mayor Pro Tem Henry Strickland, Commissioners John Threat, Norman Davis, and Marian Solomon-Gaines.

Chief David Eddins offered the opening Invocation. Followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Finance Director, China Agu introduced Lauren Alexander as Employee of the month for the month of June.

City Attorney Rick Currie requested to set public hearings

1. To consider the rezoning of 2018 Tebeau Street for August 3, 2021 at 4:45 p.m.

PSA: Mayor James thanked the City for doing a great job with the fireworks for the Fourth of July Celebration.

There were no public remarks on official actions.

Mayor James presented the Consent Calendar as read by Acting City Clerk, China Agu for consideration of official action as follows:

Approval of Minutes:

- 1.) Waycross City Commission Meeting & Executive Session, Tuesday, June 15, 2021, 5:00 p.m.

City Clerk read the following ordinances as second readings:

**ORDINANCE NO. 021-21
AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF THE CITY OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA; TO AMEND CHAPTER 2 – ADMINISTRATION, ARTICLE VI. – DEPARTMENTS, DIVISION 3. – PURCHASING DEPARTMENT, SECTION 2-320. – OPERATIONS OF PURCHASING SYSTEM; TO REPEAL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; TO PROVIDE FOR SEVERABILITY; TO PROVIDE FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE; TO PROVIDE FOR RENUMBERING OR RELETTERING; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines motion for approval of the Consent Calendar and Commissioner Henry Strickland seconded the motion. All voted in favor, and the motion carried.

China Agu, Acting City Clerk presented the following privilege licenses.

- 1.) Cracker Barrel Old Country Store, Inc. DBA/Cracker Barrel #744, Darin A. Leonard, 2501 Memorial Drive, Waycross, GA 31503, Consumption on Premises, Beer & Wine.

Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines motion for approval of the Privilege License. Commissioner Henry Strickland seconded the motion. All voted in favor, and the motion carried.

Ms. Linda Jones, Purchasing Director, presented a Request from ESG for an emergency flight pump repair at the Kettle Creek lift station.

Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines made the motion to approve to the bid; Commissioner Henry Strickland second the motion. A unanimous vote approved the motion.

Ms. Linda Jones, Purchasing Director, presented a request from the Waycross Fire Department to purchase a new fire pumper using FY22 approved funds.

Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines made the motion to approve to the bid; Commissioner Henry Strickland second the motion. A unanimous vote approved the motion.

Ms. Linda Jones, Purchasing Director, presented Surplus Property WAYX 22-01.

Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines made the motion to approve to the bid; Commissioner Henry Strickland second the motion. A unanimous vote approved the motion.

Ms. Linda Jones, Purchasing Director, presented Bid #FY22 Annual Grinding.

Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines made the motion to approve to the bid; Commissioner Henry Strickland second the motion. A unanimous vote approved the motion.

China Agu, Acting City Clerk read a Resolution of the City of Waycross, Georgia.

RESOLUTION NO. 21-59

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA, TO APPROVE CONTRACT WITH FARMERS BULK SUPPLY LLC FOR CITY'S GRINDING SERVICES AND DISPOSAL FOR REMAINDER OF CALENDAR YEAR 2021; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, on June 16, 2020, the City of Waycross awarded its FY21 bid contract to Farmers Bulk Supply LLC of Homerville, Georgia, to grind and dispose of the City's yard and vegetative debris, with the option to extend for four (4) additional years if there were no increases and both parties were in agreement; and

WHEREAS, Farmers Bulk Supply LLC has agreed to keep their pricing firm for the remainder of calendar year 2021 (no price increase) and the Purchasing Department recommends extending this contract for the remainder of the calendar year; and

WHEREAS, said matter having been considered.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Commission of the City of Waycross that the contract to grind and dispose of the City's yard and vegetative debris be extended and awarded to Farmers Bulk Supply LLC until the end of calendar year 2021 at which time purchasing will determine if contract should be extended further or re-bid.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor, City Manager, City Attorney and City Clerk be authorized and directed to execute any Contract 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 July, 2021.

CITY OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA
BY: MICHAEL-ANGELO JAMES, Mayor

ATTEST:
Acting City Clerk

Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines made the motion to approve the Resolution of the City of Waycross, Georgia. Commissioner Henry Strickland seconded the motion. A unanimous vote approved the Resolution.

China Agu, Acting City Clerk read a Resolution of the City of Waycross, Georgia.

RESOLUTION NO. 21-60

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA, TO APPROVE PAYMENT TO XYLEM WATER SOLUTIONS FOR EMERGENCY WORK ON KETTLE CREEK LIFT STATION; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, in accordance with the Code of Ordinances of the City of Waycross, section 2-320 (b), the City Manager, or her designee, authorized emergency repair on the FLYGT pump at Kettle Creek Lift Station; and

WHEREAS, this work had to be performed on an emergency basis due to keep the lift station operational and was performed as a sole source repair; and

WHEREAS, all actions taken by the City Manager, or her designee, were pursuant to Code section 2-320 and were otherwise reasonable in the circumstances; and

WHEREAS, the charge by Xylem Water Solutions of Garden City, Georgia, was in the amount of \$17,026.00; and

WHEREAS, said matter being considered.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Commission of the City of Waycross that the City of Waycross approves the emergency procedures used by the City Manager, or her designee, on the emergency repair of the pump at Kettle Creek Lift Station and approves payment to Xylem Water Solutions of Garden City, Georgia, in an amount not to exceed \$17,026.00 and to be paid for from water & sewer funds.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor, City Clerk, City Manager or designee, and Finance Director be and are hereby authorized, directed, and empowered 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 July, 2021.

CITY OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA
BY: MICHAEL-ANGELO JAMES, Mayor

ATTEST:
CHINA WILLIAMS AGU, Acting City Clerk

Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines made the motion to approve the Resolution of the City of Waycross, Georgia. Commissioner Henry Strickland seconded the motion. A unanimous vote approved the Resolution.

China Agu, Acting City Clerk read a Resolution of the City of Waycross, Georgia.

RESOLUTION NO. 21-61

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA,
TO APPROVE PURCHASE OF A NEW 2021 PIERCE SABER FIRE PUMPER; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

WHEREAS, the City of Waycross Fire Department has requested the purchase of a 2021 Pierce Saber Fire Pumper; and

WHEREAS, there is no State of Georgia contract for purchasing emergency equipment such as fire trucks; and

WHEREAS, the City of Waycross Purchasing Department has identified and negotiated the purchase of a new 2017 Pierce Saber Fire Pumper from Ten 8 Fire & Safety of Bradenton, Florida, which is the only authorized Pierce dealer in the South, at a cost of \$484,852.00 and which includes all necessary equipment and discounts; and

WHEREAS, this purchase will be off the NPPGov Contract for Emergency Services and the price is lower than the price it could be purchased through the Florida Sheriffs, Florida Fire Chiefs and the Florida Association of Counties State Contract; and

WHEREAS, said matter having been considered.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Commission of the City of Waycross that a contract be awarded to Ten 8 Fire & Safety of Bradenton, Florida, for the purchase of a new 2021 Pierce Saber Fire Pumper in an amount not to exceed \$484,852.00, and to be paid from budgeted Fire Department funds.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor, City Manager (or her designee), City Clerk, City Finance Director and City Attorney be authorized and directed to execute the Contract 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 July, 2021.

CITY OF WAYCROSS
BY: MICHAEL-ANGELO JAMES, Mayor

ATTEST:
CHINA AGU, Acting City Clerk

Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines made the motion to approve the Resolution of the City of Waycross, Georgia. Commissioner Henry Strickland seconded the motion. A unanimous vote approved the Resolution.

During Last call, Commissioner Solomon-Gaines thanked Marc Hawkins, Community Improvement Director and any of the staff who had a hand in the Fourth of July Fireworks Celebration. Commissioner Threat thanked the staff for all of their work with the Fourth of July Celebration. Commissioner Threat also voiced that the County and the City should join together to do this project. Commissioner Strickland echoed how well everything went during the Fourth of July Celebration. The Commissioner also reminded the citizens to remember that when mowing their lawns to blow the debris back into their yards or into piles to be removed so that it does not clog up the drains and/or get into the water system. Mayor James thanked the employees for doing such a great job working together. He reminded the citizens of the upcoming Job Fair, and that the City Auditorium is now open for bookings.

After the last call, Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines made the motion adjourn to executive session. Commissioner Henry Strickland seconded the motion. Mayor James adjourned the meeting.



CITY OF WAYCROSS

BY: *+ Michael Angelo James*
MICHAEL-ANGELO JAMES, Mayor

ATTEST:

Marc Hawkins
Acting City Clerk