

**MINUTES
WAYCROSS CITY COMMISSION MEETING
TUESDAY, AUGUST 17, 2021
5:00 p.m.**

The Commission of the City of Waycross held their Regular City Commission Meeting on Tuesday, August 17, 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, Norman Davis, John Threat, and Marian Solomon-Gaines.

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

China Agu, Acting City Clerk read of the Decorum.

Executive Duties:

Commissioner Henry Strickland motioned that agenda item V. D. Ordinances: Sec. 2 up on the agenda for Executive Duties. Commissioner Norman Davis seconded the motion. A unanimous vote approved the Ordinance.

China Agu, Acting City Clerk read an Ordinance of the City of Waycross, Georgia.

ORDINANCE NO. 021-31

An Ordinance Under the Authority of the Charter of the City of Waycross, Georgia, and Acts of the General Assembly of Georgia for Levying and Collecting Ad Valorem Tax for the Year 2021; To Declare an Emergency to Allow for Second Reading; and for Other Purposes.

Commissioner Henry Strickland made the motion to approve the Ordinance of the City of Waycross, Georgia. Commissioner John Threat seconded the motion. The Ordinance was approved with a 3/1 vote. Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines did not vote to approve the Ordinance.

Second Reading:

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James Smart, Public Works Director, introduced Dakota Knudsen as July Employee of the Month.

City Manager Report: Tonya Miller, City Manager –

- 1.) Stormwater Utility Meeting, Thursday at 6:00 p.m.

Public remarks on official actions.

Clay Gibson residing at 1006 Atlantic Ave. / Waycross, GA. Mr. Gibson commented on the noise ordinance.

Demetrius Causer, residing at 1300 Darling Ave. / Waycross, GA. Mr. Causer commented on the recent discussion of the Waycross Police Department acquiring assault rifles.

Ferrell Malone, residing at 709 Jones Street / Waycross, GA. Mr. Malone also commented on the recent discussion of the Waycross Police Department acquiring assault rifles.

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 Planning & Information Session, Monday, July 6, 2021, 3:00 p.m.
- 2.) Waycross City Commission Planning & Information Session, Monday, July 19, 2021, 5:00 p.m.

City Clerk read the following ordinances as second readings:

ORDINANCE NO. 021-25

An Ordinance To Abandon and Close an Alley Between Nicholls Street and Izlar Street Running in a Southerly Direction from Isabella Street toward Mary Street as Hereinafter Described; To Authorize a Quitclaim Deed; To Establish an Effective Date; To Repeal Conflicting Ordinances; and for Other Purposes.

ORDINANCE NO. 021-26

An Ordinance of the City Commission of the City of Waycross; To Amend Chapter 28 – Offenses, Article III. – Offenses Against Public Peace and Order, Division 5. – Noise; To Provide for Codification; To Provide for Severability; To Repeal Conflicting Ordinances; To Provide an Effective Date; and for Other Purposes..

ORDINANCE NO. O21-27

A Ordinance To Amend the Code of the City of Waycross, Georgia; To Amend Chapter 22 – Law Enforcement, Article II – Police, Division 3. – Police Auxiliary, Sections 22-73 and 22-75, and Add a New Division 4, Junior Police Auxiliary, Sections 22-76 Through 22-80; To Repeal Conflicting Ordinances; To Provide for Severability; To Provide for an Effective Date; and for Other Purposes.

ORDINANCE NO. O21-28

An Ordinance to Amend the Code of the City of Waycross, Georgia; To Amend Chapter 105 – Environmental Control, Article II – Storm Drainage, Section 105-23 – Drainage Requirements, and to Exempt Certain Areas of Smaller Development or Redevelopment; Repeal Conflicting Ordinances; To Provide for Severability; To Provide for an Effective Date; and for Other Purposes.

ORDINANCE NO. O21-29

An Ordinance to Amend the Code of the City of Waycross, Georgia; To Amend Chapter 6 – Alcoholic Beverages, Article II. – Licenses, Division 1. – Generally, Section 6-38. – Revocation, Suspension, Civil Penalties – Grounds; 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 Norman Davis motion for approval of the Consent Calendar and Commissioner Marian Solomon-Davis seconded the motion. All voted in favor, and the motion carried.

Bids presented by Linda Jones:

Bids:

1. Bid # FY22-01 Marion Street Repair and Resurfacing
Awarded to Thrift Brothers
Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines made the motion to approve to the bid;
Commissioner John Threat seconded the motion. A unanimous vote approved the motion.
2. Bid # FY22-02 Rifles
Awarded to Daniel Defense Rifles
Commissioner Davis moved that the motion be tabled indefinitely. There was no second.
Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines made the motion to approve to the bid;
Commissioner Henry Strickland seconded the motion. The Ordinance was approved with a 3/1 vote. Commissioner Norman Davis did not vote to approve the Ordinance.
3. Surplus Real Property WAYX2201 – 28 Parcels
Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines made the motion to approve to the bid;
Commissioner Henry Strickland seconded the motion. A unanimous vote approved the motion.

China Agu, Acting City Clerk read an Ordinance of the City of Waycross, Georgia.

ORDINANCE NO. O21-30

An Ordinance of the City of Waycross, Georgia, To Appoint Members to the Pension Committee for Retirement Fund; To Designate a pension Committee Secretary; To Repeal Conflicting Ordinances; To Provide for Severability; To Provide for an Effective Date; To Declare an Emergency to Allow for Second Reading; and for Other Purposes.

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

Emergency Second Reading:

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Commissioner Norman Davis made the motion to approve the Ordinance of the City of Waycross, Georgia. Commissioner John Threat seconded the motion. A unanimous vote approved the Ordinance.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 21-66

A Resolution of the City of Waycross, Georgia, To Award Bid Contract to Thrift Brothers, L.L.C. for Marion Street Repair and Resurfacing Project; and for Other Purposes.

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. 21-67

A Resolution of the City of Waycross, Georgia, to Declare Certain Real Property Owned by the City and Located in the City of Waycross as Surplus Property; To Authorize Sale to Highest Responsible Bidder; and for Other Purposes.

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.

Guests:

Katrena Felder residing at 800 Bertha Street / Waycross, GA. Ms. Felder spoke briefly about the Adult Education Program offered at Coastal Pines Technical College.

During Last call, Commissioner Davis asked James Smart about E.L. Saunders, and to also give an update on the sign for E.E. Moore Park. The Commissioner also expressed his condolences to families who have lost loved ones. Commissioner Threat asked Chief Cox to come forward and talk about the direction of the Waycross Police Department. Commissioner Threat took a moment to express his concern for the families and children of our community, but also his concern for the ladies and gentlemen who serve on the Waycross Police Department. Commissioner Solomon-Gaines thanked the City's Staff for all of their hard work. The Commissioner also took a moment to thank Chief Eddins for the lesson and invocation. She apologized to Chief Cox for some of the things that have been said, but also to thank the Chief for his commitment to the City of Waycross. Solomon-Gaines also urged the citizens to be careful and mindful of their speed and the children crossing streets and running after balls. Commissioner Strickland thanked the staff for their hard work. He also thanked the guests for coming out tonight. Mayor James invited the citizens to come by and share their concerns. He also appreciated the Mayor Pro Temp for standing in during the Public Hearing.

After the last call, Commissioner Norman Davis made the motion to adjourn. Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines seconded the motion. Mayor James adjourned the meeting.

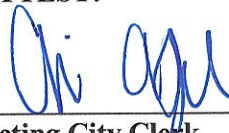
CITY OF WAYCROSS

BY:



MICHAEL-ANGELO JAMES, Mayor

ATTEST:



Acting City Clerk