



MINUTES
WAYCROSS CITY COMMISSION MEETING
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 2023 – 5:00 P.M.
WAYCROSS CITY COMMISSION CHAMBERS

I. CALL TO ORDER:

The Waycross City Commission Meeting was called to order on Tuesday, September 5, 2023, at 5:00 pm by Mayor Michael-Angelo James. The meeting was held in the Commission Chambers of City Hall. Present was Mayor James, Mayor Pro Temp, Sheinita Bennett, Commissioners Norman Davis, Katrena Felder, Diane Hopkins and Henry Strickland.

A. Invocation:

Invocation was led by Mayor Michael-Angelo James

B. Pledge of Allegiance

C. City Clerk to Read Section 2-66 (a) – Decorum.

Read by Jacqueline Powell

D. Request Motion to Approve Agenda

Motion to approve the agenda was made by Commissioner Davis. Seconded by Mayor Pro Temp Sheinita Bennett. All voted in favor and the motion passed.

II. PUBLIC REMARKS ON OFFICIAL ACTIONS

III. EXECUTIVE DUTIES:

A. September Employee of the Month-

James Smart, Public Works Director presented the employee of the month to Joseph Dixon.

IV. OFFICIAL REPORTS:

A. City Manager's Report

The City's priorities remain connected to enhancing customer service and communication, community engagement & development, and economic growth. This week's Priorities are:

1. Continuous evaluation of city processes and systems that lead to better efficiency and customer service.
2. Community Clean up.
3. TIA2 preparation.
4. Streets, Roads, and Projects update (priority) update.
5. Midnight Basketball Update.
6. Community interaction/engagement (5

Lastly, the city manager asked for patience and grace as the city clean up remains the cities focus.

B. Mayor's Report (To Include Any Public Service Announcements).

V. CONSIDERATION OF OFFICIAL ACTIONS:

A. Consent Calendar:

1. Approval of Minutes:
 - a. Waycross City Commission Planning and Information Session, Monday, July 31, 2023, at 5:00 pm
 - b. Waycross City Commission Meeting, Tuesday, August 1, 2023, at 5:00 pm
 - c. Waycross City, Commission Planning and Information Session Monday, August 14, 2023, at 5:00 pm
 - d. Waycross City Commission Meeting, Tuesday, August 15, 2023, at 5:00 pm
2. Ordinance Second Readings:
 - a. An Ordinance of the Waycross City Commission to Amend the Waycross Zoning Ordinance; To Amend Article IX-Administration Enforcement, Penalties, Section 908 – Amendments, Subsection 908.5 – Public Hearings and Subsection 908.8 – Zoning Policies and Procedures for Public Hearings and Zoning Decisions Standards; To Provide for and Effective Date; and for Other Purposes.
3. Privilege License Renewals: n/a

Commissioner Hopkins made the motion to approve the Consent Calendar seconded by Mayor Pro Temp, Sheinita Bennett. All voted in favor and the motion was passed.

B. Privilege Licenses:

1. Woody's Top Putt, J. Woods, 538 Plant Ave, Waycross Ga. 31501, Beer and Wine Consumption on Premises.

There was a motion made by Commissioner Hopkins to approve this license. Seconded by Mayor Pro Temp, Sheinita Bennett. All voted in favor and the motion passed.

2. The Place on Pendleton Street, L. Hickox, 311 Pendleton St., Waycross Ga. 31501, Beer, Wine and Liquor, Consumption on Premises.

There was a motion made by Commissioner Felder to approve this license. Seconded by Mayor Pro Temp, Sheinita Bennett. All voted in favor and the motion passed.

C. Bids: n/a

D. Ordinances:

1. An Ordinance to Amend the Code of the City of Waycross Georgia; To Amend Chapter 2-Administration, Article IV. – Officers and Employees, Section 2-191. – Oath for City Clerk, Bond, Acting City Clerk; To Repeal Conflicting Ordinances; To Provide for Severability; To Provide for an Effective Date; To Provide for Codification, Renumbering or Relettering; and for Other Purposes.

There was a motion to approve the Ordinance by Commissioner Davis seconded by Mayor Pro Temp, Sheinita Bennett. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

E. Resolutions:

1. A Resolution of the City of Waycross, Georgia to Authorize the Signing of a Memorandum of Agreement with Coastal Pines Technical College; To Provide for Mutual Aid in Case of An Emergency as Defined by O.C.G.A. Section 36-69-2; and for Other Purposes.

There was a motion to approve this Resolution by Commissioner Hopkins. Seconded by Commissioner Felder. All voted in favor and the motion was carried.

2. A Resolution of the City of Waycross, Georgia to Approve Final Payment to Ten-8 Fire & Safety, LLC, for Repairs to an Arrow XT Aerial HD Ladder Fire Truck, and for Other Purposes.

There was a motion to approve this Resolution by Commissioner Felder. Seconded by Commissioner Davis and Commissioner Hopkins. All voted in favor and the motion was carried.

3. A Resolution of the City of Waycross, Georgia to Authorize an Agreement with CSRA Probation Services, Inc. to Provide Probation Supervision Services to the Municipal Court of the City of Waycross, and for Other Purposes.

There was a motion to approve this Resolution by Mayor Pro Temp, Sheinita Bennett. Seconded by Commissioner Davis. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

VI. LAST CALL and/or ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

Commissioner Davis- extended condolences to the Flucker family and all families who are bereaved. He commended the city manager and city workers for all they did after the storm. He acknowledged all commissioners for the great job they did during the storm and for each district.

Commissioner Bennett -thanked the city manager for all he did after the storm. She also thanked Eddie Merritt, a citizen, for helping her with picking up debris and making sure she was safe.

Commissioner Felder- thanked everyone for coming. She also extended her condolences to all families who have lost loved ones. She congratulated the employee of the month for his hard work and dedication. She encouraged citizens to be patient and understanding with the process of getting things back to normal.

Commissioner Hopkins- thanked the employee of the month for his 32years of service. She extended condolences to the Flucker family for their loss and gave thanks to all the staff and the city manager for their hard work.

Commissioner Strickland- thanked all for coming out, as well as the staff for their long hours and hard work after the storm. He recognized Mr. Moye Monroe and Jason Rogers for the cross-country bicycle ride they did for cancer awareness.

Mayor James- thanked all for coming out. He recognized the 700 Ga. Power workers that were here to restore our services with great humbleness and thanks. He also gave thanks to all the city workers as well as the city manager for their diligence in working together and managing the city after the storm.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

The mayor moved for a motion to adjourn, the motion was made by Commissioner Hopkins and seconded by Mayor Pro Temp, Sheinita Bennett. All voted in favor and the meeting was adjourned at 5:32 pm.

CITY OF WAYCROSS

BY:

Michael Angelo James
MICHAEL-ANGELO JAMES, Mayor

ATTEST:

Jacqueline Powell
JACQUALINE POWELL, City Clerk

