



**MINUTES**  
**WAYCROSS CITY COMMISSION MEETING**  
**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 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, December 5, 2023, at 5:01 pm by Mayor James. The meeting was held in the Commission Chambers of City Hall. Present were Commissioners, Henry Strickland, Katrena Felder, Norman Davis and Mayor Pro Temp, Sheinita Bennett (in at 5:23)

- A. Invocation: Commissioner Felder

Invocation was led by James Smart, Public Works Director

- 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 Felder, seconded by Commissioner Strickland. All voted in favor and the motion passed.

**II. PUBLIC REMARKS ON OFFICIAL ACTIONS**

**III. EXECUTIVE DUTIES:**

- A. December Employee of the Month

Chief Cox, WPD, presented Anthony Rolle as the Employee of the Month.

**IV. OFFICIAL REPORTS:**

- A. City Manager's Report

First, the Christmas Bonuses will go out tomorrow, thank you to all the commissioners for your approval. City Report will out be out next week. Lastly the meeting with GDOT will be tomorrow, he will head that meeting with the county invited. Ts will be the first meeting. The commissioners will be asked to participate in future meetings once the scope is laid out.

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

Mentioned the events that will be happening throughout the city. He encouraged the citizens to go out and enjoy.

Mr. Michael McGee presented the City and the Mayor with Men and Women Empowerment Plaque. Thanking them for all they do.

**V. CONSIDERATION OF OFFICIAL ACTIONS:**

**A. Consent Calendar:**

**1. Approval of Minutes:**

- a. Waycross City Commission and Information Session, Monday November 20, 2023, at 5:00 pm.
- b. Waycross City Commission Meeting, Tuesday, November 21, at 5:00 pm.

**2. Ordinance Second Readings:**

- a. An Ordinance to Abandon and Close an Unopened Alley in Block 6 of South Northside Subdivision; To Authorize Quitclaim Deeds to the Adjoining Property Owners; To Establish an Effective Date; To Repeal Conflicting Ordinances; and for Other Purposes.

**3. Privilege License Renewals:**

- a. Pizza Inn, H. Dhar, 501 City Blvd, Waycross, Ga. 31501, Beer and Wine, consumption on premises.
- b. Applebee's Neighborhood Grill & Bar, T. Rubenbauer, 1901 Memorial Dr, Waycross, Ga. 31501, Beer, Wine and Liquor, consumption on premises.
- c. Food Lion #2844, M. Hoyle, 1312 Plant Ave, Waycross, Ga. 31501, Beer and Wine, package sales only.
- d. Walmart #4257, C. Stacey, 1630 Plant Ave., Waycross, Ga 31501, Beer and Wine, package sales only
- e. Cracker Barrel Old Country Store, #744, N. Mactier, 2501 Memorial Dr, Waycross Ga. 31503, Beer and Wine, consumption on premises.
- f. Walmart #556, B. Landrum, 2425 Memorial Drive, Waycross, Ga. 31503, Beer and Wine, package sales only.
- g. Olive Garden, L. Smith, 2497 Memorial Drive, Waycross, Ga. 31503, Beer, Wine and Liquor, consumption on premises.
- h. King Claw, Y. Fu, 1803 Knight Ave Suite I, Waycross Ga. 31501, Beer, Wine and Liquor, consumption on premises
- i. Plant Café, M. Howell, 504 Plant Avenue, Waycross, Ga. 31501, Beer and Wine, consumption on premises.
- j. Tipsy's, P. Patel, 1711 Ossie Davis Pkwy, Waycross Ga. 31501, Beer, Wine and Liquor, package sales only.
- k. Quick Mart, R. Patel, 800 Ossie Davis Pkwy, Waycross Ga. 31501, Beer and Wine, package sales only.
- l. Booze Outlet, R. Patel, 1930 Brunswick Highway, Waycross, GA 31501, Beer, Wine and Liquor, package sales only.
- m. The Vibe Events, R. Patel, 215 Knight Ave, Waycross, GA 31501, Beer, Wine and Liquor, Consumption on premises.

- n. Waycross Area Community Theatre, 309 Pendleton Street, Waycross Ga., Wine consumption on premises.
- o. Gooley's Pizza Too, S. Meis, 910 Memorial Dr. Waycross Ga. 31501, Beer conception on premises.
- p. Thai Smile 2, C. Seangmontri, 314 Pendleton Street, Waycross Ga. 31501, Beer, Wine and Liquor, consumption on premises
- q. Om Food Convenience Store, V. Trivedi, 1302 Sweat Street, Waycross Ga. 31501, Beer, package sales only.

Commissioner Davis made the motion to approve the consent calendar, seconded by Commissioner Strickland. All voted in favor and the motion passed.

**\*\*There was a motion made by Commissioner Davis and seconded by Commissioner Strickland for an amendment to the agenda to allow for the addition of the WWDA Nominations. For District 3 nominee was Chris Kovacs and District 2 it was Stephen Burse. Commissioner Strickland motioned for the acceptance of the nominee and Commissioner Felder seconded. All voted in favor and the motion passed. \*\***

B. Privilege Licenses: n/a

C. Bids: n/a

D. Ordinances:

- 1. An Ordinance to Amend the Code of the City of Waycross, Georgia; To Amend Chapter 34 – Taxation, Licenses and Business Regulations, Article IV. – Occupation Tax, Section 34-90 By Adding Language that Other Business Locations in the City are Taxed for Gross Receipts; 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 Davis made the motion to approve the ordinance, seconded by Commissioner Strickland. All voted in favor and the motion passed.

E. Resolutions:

- 1. A Resolution of the City of Waycross, Georgia, To Authorize Payment of A Christmas Bonus To Each City Employee; and for Other Purposes.

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

## **VI. LAST CALL and/or ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Commissioner Davis- Extended condolences to the mayor and all families who are bereaved currently. He thanked Mr. McGee for his recognition to the city, and he expressed his happiness that the employees will be receiving the Christmas Bonus.

Commissioner Bennett - apologized for arriving late. She extended condolences to the mayor for his family's loss, thanked everyone for coming out and wanted everyone to remember the homeless.

Commissioner Felder- thanked everyone for coming. She thanked all the citizens and staff for their sacrifices and thanked officer Rolle for being the employee of the month.

Commissioner Strickland- thanked all for coming out, also congratulated the employee of the month. He extended condolences to the mayor and his family.

Mayor James- thanked all for coming out. He congratulated Officer Rolle and thanked Mr. McGee for the presentation to the city.

**VII. ADJOURNMENT**

The mayor adjourned the meeting at 5:34

**CITY OF WAYCROSS**

**BY:**

*Michael Angelo James*  
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MICHAEL-ANGELO JAMES, Mayor

**ATTEST:**

*Jacqueline Powell*  
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JACQUALINE POWELL, City Clerk

