

**MINUTES  
WAYCROSS CITY COMMISSION MEETING  
TUESDAY, APRIL 20, 2021  
5:00 p.m.**

The Commission of the City of Waycross held their Regular City Commission Meeting on Tuesday, APRIL 20, 2021, in the Commission Chambers of City Hall. Mayor James calls 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 Diane Hopkins. Marian Solomon-Gaines was absent.

Pastor Rodney Carter offered the opening Invocation. Following the Invocation, Mayor James led the Pledge of Allegiance.

City Manager Tonya Miller introduced Jordan Waters, Human Resources Generalist as the Employee of the Month.

Mayor James presented a proclamation for Child Abuse Awareness.

City Attorney Rick Currie set a public hearing scheduled for May 18, 2021, at 4:45 p.m. to consider the closure of an alley.

Mayor Michael-Angelo James announced that vaccinations are still being offered at the Mall Parking Lot.

There were no public remarks on official actions.

Mayor James presented the Consent Calendar as read by City Clerk, Michelle Love for consideration of official action as follows:

Approval of Minutes: 1.) Waycross City Commission Planning & Information Session, Monday, April 5, 2021, 5:00 p.m.; 2.) Waycross City Commission Meeting and Executive Session Tuesday, April 6, 2021, 5:00 p.m.

City Clerk read the following ordinances as second readings:

**ORDINANCE NO. 021-10**

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF THE CITY OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA; TO AMEND CHAPTER 2 - ADMINISTRATION, ARTICLE II. - CITY COMMISSION, DIVISION 2. - MEETINGS, SECTION 2-66 - DECORUM; TO REPEAL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; TO PROVIDE FOR SEVERABILITY; TO PROVIDE FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE; TO PROVIDE FOR RENUMBERING OR RELETTERING; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

**ORDINANCE NO. 021-11**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA, TO CREATE THE CITY OF WAYCROSS MAYOR'S YOUTH COMMISSION; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

Commissioner Diane Hopkins motion for approval of the Consent Calendar and Commissioner

Norman Davis seconded the motion. All voted in favor, and the motion carried.

Ms. Linda Jones, Purchasing Director, presented a Bid # FY21-18 Color Copier for the Second Floor.

Commissioner Norman Davis made the motion to approve to the bid; Commissioner Diane Hopkins second the motion. A unanimous vote approved the motion.

Ms. Linda Jones, Purchasing Director, presented a request to pay the Body Shop of Waycross, Georgia for repairs to a 2006 Spartan Fire Truck.

Commissioner Diane Hopkins made the motion to approve to the bid; Commissioner Norman Davis second the motion. A unanimous vote approved the motion.

Ms. Linda Jones, Purchasing Director, presented a request to extend our annual printing bid for FY22 with Brantley Printing.

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

Ms. Linda Jones, Purchasing Director, presented Bid # FY21-19 for purchase of annual Mosquito Control Spray with Adapco.

Commissioner Diane Hopkins made the motion to approve to the bid; Commissioner Norman Davis second the motion. A unanimous vote approved the motion.

For first reading to the Commission, City Clerk presented the ordinances:

**ORDINANCE NO. 021-12**

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF THE CITY OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA; TO AMEND CHAPTER 6 – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES, ARTICLE II. - LICENSES, DIVISION 1. - GENERALLY, SECTIONS 6-38. REVOCATION, SUSPENSION, CIVIL PENALTIES – GROUNDS, AND SECTION 6-39. - SAME – PROCEDURE, AND BY ADDING A NEW SECTION 6-40. - APPEAL; 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 Diane Hopkins made the motion to approve the Ordinance. Commissioner Henry Strickland seconded the motion. A unanimous vote approved the Ordinance.

**ORDINANCE NO. 021-13**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSION TO AMEND THE WAYCROSS ZONING ORDINANCE TEXT; TO AMEND ARTICLE VIII – SIGNS, SECTION 807.2 - EXEMPT SIGNS, SUBSECTIONS (M) AND (N) PERTAINING TO**

**UNIFORM SIZE OF CONSTRUCTION AND POLITICAL SIGNS; TO PROVIDE FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

Commissioner Norman Davis made the motion to approve the Ordinance. Commissioner Diane Hopkins seconded the motion. A unanimous vote approved the Ordinance.

Michelle Love, City Clerk read a Resolution of the City of Waycross, Georgia.

**RESOLUTION NO. R21-25**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA, TO APPROVE REHABILITATION ASSISTANCE FOR 933 FOLKS STREET AS PART OF C.H.I.P. GRANT NUMBER 2017-112; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Waycross received Georgia Department of Community Affairs Community HOME Improvement (hereinafter "C.H.I.P.") funds for the year 2019, being grant number 2017-112, and is currently administering said grant; and

**WHEREAS**, there is a need for rehabilitation assistance for residents within the city limits from the grant in order to complete the grant process; and

**WHEREAS**, a citizen, Annette Heard, has completed the process and has been approved for rehabilitation assistance; and

**WHEREAS**, the City should request a draw on above-referenced C.H.I.P. rehabilitation assistance grant in the amount of \$62,590.00 for improvements to the property located at 933 Folks Street; 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 approves Annette Heard's request for rehabilitation assistance, being loan number CH17XWAYC-02, in compliance with the program policies adopted by the City of Waycross in the amount of \$62,590.00 to be paid from C.H.I.P. grant number 2017-112.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Mayor, City Manager, City Clerk, Finance Director, and Community Improvement Director be and are hereby authorized, directed, and empowered to execute the documents needed and necessary to submit the application set forth herein.

**SO RESOLVED** this 20<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2021.

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

**ATTEST:**  
China Agu, City Clerk

Commissioner Diane Hopkins made the motion to approve the Resolution of the City of Waycross, Georgia. Commissioner Norman Davis seconded the motion. A unanimous vote approved the Resolution.

Michelle Love, City Clerk read a Resolution of the City of Waycross, Georgia.

**RESOLUTION NO. R21-26**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA, TO APPROVE**

**REHABILITATION ASSISTANCE FOR 1121 THOMAS STREET  
AS PART OF C.H.I.P. GRANT NUMBER 2017-112; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Waycross received Georgia Department of Community Affairs Community HOME Improvement Program (hereinafter "CHIP") funds for the year 2019, being grant number 2017-112, and is currently administering said grant; and

**WHEREAS**, a citizen, Carol Wilson, has a need for rehabilitation assistance, has completed the process and has been approved for rehabilitation assistance; and

**WHEREAS**, the amount of the loan for said rehabilitation assistance is \$62,550.00; and

**WHEREAS**, the City should request a draw on above-referenced C.H.I.P. rehabilitation assistance grant for improvements to the property located at 1121 Thomas Street; 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 hereby approves Carol Wilson's request for rehabilitation assistance, being loan number CH17XWAYC-01, in compliance with the program policies adopted by the City of Waycross in the amount of \$62,550.00 to be paid from C.H.I.P. grant number 2017-112.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Mayor, City Clerk, City Manager, Finance Director, Community Improvement Director and City Attorney be and are hereby authorized, directed, and empowered to execute the documents needed and necessary to submit the application and loan set forth herein, and to do all the acts and things necessary in order to carry out the purposes and intent of this Resolution.

**SO RESOLVED** this 20<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2021.

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

**ATTEST:  
CHINA AGU, City Clerk**

Commissioner Norman Davis made the motion to approve the Resolution of the City of Waycross, Georgia. Commissioner Diane Hopkins seconded the motion. A unanimous vote approved the Resolution.

Michelle Love, City Clerk read a Resolution of the City of Waycross, Georgia.

**RESOLUTION NO. R21-27**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA, TO HOLD THE CITY COMMISSION WORK SESSION SET FOR THE MONDAY BEFORE THE FIRST TUESDAY IN THE MONTH OF JUNE 2021 ON JUNE 1, 2021, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Section 2-60 (d) of the Waycross Code of Ordinances, amended and approved by the City Commission on July 7, 2020, "Work sessions shall be held at 5:00 p.m. on the Monday before the regular commission meeting held on the first ... Tuesday of each month unless otherwise provided by resolution and approved by the commission"; and

**WHEREAS**, the Monday before the first Tuesday in the month of June 2021, is May 31, 2021, and being Memorial Day, a holiday celebrated by the national and state government, as well as by the City of Waycross; and

**WHEREAS**, said matter having been considered.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Commission of the City of Waycross that the City Commission work session, scheduled by Ordinance 2-60 (d) to be held on Monday, May 31, 2021, shall be held on **Tuesday, June 1, 2021, at 3:00 p.m.**

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized and directed to do all the acts and things necessary in order to carry out the purposes of this Resolution, hereby ratifying and confirming all actions taken and to be taken .

**SO RESOLVED**, this 20<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2021.

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

**ATTEST:**  
**CHINA AGU, City Clerk**

Commissioner Diane Hopkins made the motion to approve the Resolution of the City of Waycross, Georgia. Commissioner John Threat seconded the motion. A unanimous vote approved the Resolution.

Michelle Love, City Clerk read a Resolution of the City of Waycross, Georgia.

**RESOLUTION NO. R21-28**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE WAYCROSS CITY COMMISSION TO CANCEL ASSIGNMENT OF RENTS AND LEASES BY LESSOR AS SECURITY FOR PAYMENT OF DEBT OWED BY LESSOR FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 3289 MEMORIAL DRIVE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Waycross received a Community Development Block Grant (“CDBG”) from the State of Georgia to expand economic opportunities; and

**WHEREAS**, in Georgia, the majority of the CDBG economic development projects are funded through annual economic development set-asides known as Employment Incentive Program (“EIP”); and

**WHEREAS**, from the grant, the City of Waycross created a Revolving Loan Fund (“RLF”) to fund a low interest loan, lease or other activity to generate revenue or program income; and

**WHEREAS**, the *Assignment Of Rents And Leases By Lessor As Security For Payment of Debt Owed By Lessor*, as part of EIP CDBG Grant number 01Q-X-148-2-2622, dated February 18, 2003, and recorded in Deed Book 42-B, Page 293, granted to the City of Waycross the entire Lessor’s interest in and to certain rents and leases for payment of the loan for improvements to the property located at 3289 Memorial Drive; and

**WHEREAS**, the loan has been paid in full; and

**WHEREAS**, this matter has been duly considered.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Commission of the City of Waycross that the City of Waycross hereby authorizes the execution of a Cancellation of the above-mentioned *Assignment Of Rents And Leases By Lessor As Security For Payment of Debt Owed By Lessor*, in the form which is attached hereto and is incorporated herein as if fully set forth.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Mayor, City Manager and City Clerk be and are hereby authorized, directed, and empowered to execute the documents needed and necessary to submit and file the Cancellation of Deed to Secure Debt set forth herein.

**SO RESOLVED** this 20<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2021.

**CITY OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA**  
**BY: MICHAEL-ANGELO JAMES, MAYOR**

**ATTEST:**  
**CHINA AGU, CITY CLERK**

Commissioner Norman Davis made the motion to approve the Resolution of the City of Waycross, Georgia. Commissioner Diane Hopkins seconded the motion. A unanimous vote approved the Resolution.

Michelle Love, City Clerk read a Resolution of the City of Waycross, Georgia.

**RESOLUTION NO. R21-29**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA, TO APPROVE ANNUAL PRINTING  
BID CONTRACT WITH BRANTLEY PRINTING OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA, FOR FISCAL YEAR 2022;  
AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

**WHEREAS**, in June 2019, the City of Waycross awarded its FY20 Annual Printing Bid Contract to Brantley Printing of Waycross, Georgia, with the option to extend for four (4) additional years if there were no increases and both parties were in agreement; and

**WHEREAS**, Brantley Printing has agreed to keep their pricing firm for FY22 with no price increase, and the Purchasing Department recommends extending this bid for another year; and

**WHEREAS**, said matter having been considered.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Commission of the City of Waycross that the FY22 Contract for Annual Printing be extended and awarded to Brantley Printing with no price increase from the FY20 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 20<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2021.

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

**ATTEST:  
CHINA AGU, City Clerk**

Commissioner Diane Hopkins 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.

Michelle Love, City Clerk read a Resolution of the City of Waycross, Georgia.

**RESOLUTION NO. R21-33**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA, TO ADOPT  
2021 JOINT COMPREHENSIVE PLAN UPDATE FOR WARE COUNTY AND  
THE CITY OF WAYCROSS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Waycross has completed the 2021 Joint Comprehensive Plan Update for Ware County and the City of Waycross;

**WHEREAS**, this document was prepared according to the Standards and Procedures for Local Comprehensive Planning as established by the Georgia Planning Act of 1989 and the Rules of the Georgia Department of Community Affairs Chapter 110-12-1, Minimum Standards and Procedures for Local Comprehensive Planning, effective October 1, 2018;

**WHEREAS**, said matter having been considered.

Michelle Love, City Clerk read a Resolution of the City of Waycross, Georgia.

**RESOLUTION NO. R21-32**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA, TO APPROVE AND AWARD BID FOR MOSQUITO CONTROL CHEMICAL SPRAY PROJECT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2022 TO ADAPCO, INC. OF SANFORD, FLORIDA; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Waycross recognizes the yearly and continued need for mosquito control chemical spraying; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Waycross Purchasing Department offered the project through competitive bidding, and received and opened three (3) bids tendered; and

**WHEREAS**, ADAPCO, Inc. of Sanford, Florida, submitted the lowest and best proposal to meet all of the City's needs and specifications for PermaSease 4-4 at a price of \$16.19 per gallon or \$4,452.25 per tote (a 275 gallon container); and

**WHEREAS**, the City Purchasing Department recommends approving and awarding bid for mosquito control chemical spray project to ADAPCO, Inc.; and

**WHEREAS**, said matter having been considered.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Commission of the City of Waycross that the bid contract for mosquito control chemical spray project be approved and awarded to ADAPCO, Inc. of Sanford, Florida, for one year, with four (4) additional one year extensions to be awarded as long as it remains in the City's best interests and there is no price increase.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Mayor, City Manager, City Attorney and City Clerk be authorized and directed to execute any bid 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 20<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2021.

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

**ATTEST:**  
**CHINA AGU, City Clerk**

Commissioner Diane Hopkins 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.

Michelle Love, City Clerk read a Resolution of the City of Waycross, Georgia.

**RESOLUTION NO. R21-30**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA, TO APPROVE PAYMENT TO THE BODY SHOP OF WAYCROSS, L.L.C. FOR EMERGENCY WORK FOR REPAIRS TO A 2006 SPARTAN FIRETRUCK; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

**WHEREAS**, in accordance with the Code of Ordinances of the City of Waycross, section 2-320 (b), the City Manager authorized emergency work for repairs on a 2006 Spartan Firetruck; and

**WHEREAS**, this work had to be performed on an emergency basis due to public safety and the need to be prepared for appropriate response to our citizens in time of need; and

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

**WHEREAS**, the charge by the Body Shop of Waycross, L.L.C. for their work was in the amount of \$5,198.52; and

**WHEREAS**, said matter being considered.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Commission of the City of Waycross that the City of Waycross proclaims an emergency and approves the emergency procedures used by the City Manager for the repairs to a 2006 Spartan Firetruck in the amount not to exceed \$5,198.52.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Mayor, City Manager, City Clerk and City Finance Director be and are hereby authorized, directed and empowered to pay the above-referenced bill in this matter and to all the acts and things necessary in order to carry out the purposes and intent of this Resolution.

**SO RESOLVED**, this 20<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2021.

**CITY OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA**  
**BY: MICHAEL-ANGELO JAMES, MAYOR**

**ATTEST:**  
**CHINA AGU, CITY CLERK**

Commissioner Diane Hopkins 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.

Teresa Anderson Lewis, 516 McDonald Street, Waycross, Georgia, addressed the Commission about cleaning up Oak Street and getting the property owners.

During Last call, Commissioner Davis inquired about Thomas Street and Colley Street, and a possible water leak. Commissioner Threat inquired about a park in the branch area. He pointed out how dark it is near the park, and getting some lighting in that area. He also spoke about the dumping problem in the City. Commissioner Diane Hopkins thanked the Public Works Department. Mayor Pro Tem Henry Strickland encouraged everyone to lend a hand and help to keep our City clean. Mayor James spoke about announced the upcoming State of the City Address, and encourage everyone to work together to make our City beautiful.

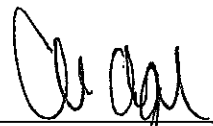
After the last call, Commissioner Norman Davis made the motion adjourn to executive session. Commissioner Henry Strickland seconded the motion. Mayor James adjourned the meeting.

**CITY OF WAYCROSS**

**BY:**

  
**MICHAEL-ANGELO JAMES, Mayor**

**ATTEST:**

  
**CHINA AGU, Acting City Clerk**