

**WAYCROSS CITY COMMISSION MEETING  
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2021 | 5:00 p.m.**

The Commission of the City of Waycross held their Regular City Commission Meeting on Tuesday, September 21, 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 Norman Davis, Marian Solomon-Gaines, Diane Hopkins.

Mayor James offered the opening Invocation. Followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Employee of the Month for August and September.

A Public Hearing was set for 1441 Brunel Street.

Dr. Danette Kallay was appointed to the Okefenokee Library Board of Trustees by unanimous vote.

Buster Tyre was appointed to the Waycross Housing Authority by unanimous vote.

Tim Peacock had remarks on the previously presented Stormwater Ordinance.

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

City Clerk read the following ordinances as second readings:

**ORDINANCE NO.**

**An Ordinance to Amend the Code of the City of Waycross, Georgia; To Amend Chapter 105 – Environmental Control by Adding a New Article IV. – Stormwater Utilities, Sections 105-55 Through 105-67 Inclusive; To Provide for Codification; To Provide for Renumbering or Relettering; To Provide for Severability; To Repeal Conflicting Ordinances; To Provide an Effective Date; and for Other Purposes.**

Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines 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 our Bids.

1. Pump Purchase – Sole Source

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

2. Firehouse Software Upgrade

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

3. Surplus Property WAYX 22-02

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

4. Bid # FY 22-03 Cleaning/Diving Tank Cleaning

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

5. Surplus Property WAYX 22-03

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

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

**ORDINANCE NO.**

**An Ordinance to Amend the Code of the City of Waycross, Georgia; To Amend Chapter 6 – Alcoholic Beverage, Article I. – In General, By Amending Section 6-7. – Consumption Upon Public Ways, Public Street or Highway, Public Property or Public Places; To Provide for Codification; To Provide for Renumbering or Relettering; To Provide for Severability; To Repeal Conflicting Ordinances; To Provide for an Effective Date; 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.

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

**RESOLUTION NO.**

**A Resolution of the City of Waycross, Georgia, To Adopt Groundwater Monitoring & Statistical Analysis Report at the Closed Blackwell Street Landfill, Second Event of 2021, Completed by TTL of Valdosta, Georgia; 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.**

**A Resolution of the City of Waycross, Georgia, Recognizing Georgia Cities Week, October 3, 2021, Through October 9, 2021, and Encouraging All Citizens and Residents to Support the Celebration and Corresponding Activities; and for Other Purposes.**

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.

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

**RESOLUTION NO.**

**A Resolution of the City of Waycross, Georgia, To Approve Payment to Xylem Water Solutions for Emergency Work on Champion and J Street Lift Stations; and for Other Purposes.**

Commissioner Norman Davis made the motion to approve the Resolution of the City of Waycross, Georgia. Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines 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.**

**A Resolution of the City of Waycross, Georgia, To Formally Appoint Certain Designated and Qualified Members to the City's Board of Ethics; and for Other Purposes.**

There was no motion to approve the Resolution.

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

**RESOLUTION NO.**

**A Resolution of the City of Waycross, Georgia, To Approve Continued Use of ESO Fire RMS Software for Waycross Fire Department; and for Other Purposes.**

Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines 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.

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

**RESOLUTION NO.**

**A Resolution of the City of Waycross, Georgia, To Declare Certain Real Property Owned By the City Located on Francis Street and Grove Avenue as Surplus Property; and for Other Purposes.**

Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines 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.

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

**RESOLUTION NO.**

**A Resolution of the City of Waycross, Georgia, To Award Bid Contract to Underwater Solutions, Inc. of Mattapoisett, Massachusetts, for Cleaning Inground Potable Water Tanks; and for Other Purposes.**

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.

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

**RESOLUTION NO.**

**A Resolution of the City of Waycross, Georgia, To Declare Certain Real Property Already Surplused Not to be Sold 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 Norman Davis seconded the motion. A unanimous vote approved the Resolution.

Guests: Larry Capps, 2007 Nolan Street – Thanked the Commissioners for listening and Strickland for suggesting that he gets with Chief Cox about patrolling near his building on Albany Street.

During Last call, Commissioner Solomon-Gaines talked about the meeting that Commissioner Threat has scheduled to dialogue with leaders in the community concerning our youth. She also provided information for young ladies applying to be a debutant. The Commissioner also requested the Board of Ethics be put back on the next agenda. Commissioner Hopkins congratulated the Employees of the month for August and September. She also stated that Halloween will be observed on October 30<sup>th</sup>. Commissioner Davis expressed his condolences to the families who has lost loved ones. The Commissioner also pointed out some areas where it floods during the rain. He also took a moment to encourage the candidates to listen to their community and bring those issues to the meetings. He expressed his support for our Police Department. He stressed that this is the place you come to serve the public, not a place to attack the employees. Commissioner Henry Strickland thanked Mr. Larry Capps for coming in and the other guests. He said that this is where we come to grow and to learn. Mayor James thanked the guest for coming and expressing their concerns. He congratulated the City Manager on getting married. The Mayor also appreciated the City employees for doing such a great job working together. He thanked the Commissioners for being diligent. He congratulated Demetrius Causer on becoming a part of the legal team with GMA. Mayor James also pointed out that there is a mask mandate to come inside of City Hall.

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



**CITY OF WAYCROSS**

**BY:**   
**MICHAEL-ANGELO JAMES, Mayor**

**ATTEST:**

  
**Acting City Clerk**