

**MINUTES  
WAYCROSS CITY COMMISSION MEETING  
TUESDAY, AUGUST 3, 2021  
5:00 p.m.**

The Commission of the City of Waycross held their Regular City Commission Meeting on Tuesday, August 3, 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, Marian Solomon-Gaines, and Diane Hopkins.

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

Executive Duties:

The Mayor presented plaques to our Fourth of July Celebration Sponsors.

2020 Sponsors –

Cheers Package Store

Holiday Inn Express

Clayton Homes of Waycross

2021 Sponsors –

Orthopedic Surgeons of Georgia

Enviva Pellets Waycross LLC

City Manager Report: Chief David Eddins, Acting City Manager –

- 1.) 4-Way Stop Request at Marion Street & Lee Ave.
- 2.) Public Hearing for Consideration of Millage Rate, August 4, 2021 at 10:00 A.M. & 6:00 P.M.;
- 3.) Public Hearing for Consideration of Millage Rate, August 17, 2021 at 4:00 P.M.

No public remarks on official actions.

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

Approval of Minutes:

- 1.) Waycross City Commission Meeting, Tuesday, July 20, 2021, 5:00 p.m.

City Clerk reported that there were no ordinances for second readings or privilege licenses.

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.

Marc Hawkins, Acting City Clerk read a Privilege License.

- 1.) Wiley's Top Shelf LLC, Dale R. Wiley Jr., 409 Alice Street, Waycross, GA 31502, Consumption on Premises, Beer, Wine, Liquor

Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines made the motion to approve the Privilege License. Commissioner Diane Hopkins seconded the motion. All voted in favor, and the motion carried.

Marc Hawkins, Acting City Clerk read an Ordinance of the City of Waycross, Georgia.

#### **ORDINANCE NO. O21-23**

An Ordinance of the Waycross City Commission To Amend the Zoning Map of the City of Waycross, Georgia; To Rezone the Property at 2018 Tebeau Street from M. Medical District to R-75 Residential; To Set an Effective Date; To Declare and Emergency to Allow for Second Reading; To Repeal Conflicting Ordinances; and for Other Purposes.

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**ORDINANCE NO.**

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.

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**ORDINANCE NO.**

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.

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**ORDINANCE NO. O21-24**

An Ordinance to Amend the Code of the City of Waycross, Georgia; To Amend Chapter 24 – Municipal Court, Article I. – in General, Section 24-1 – Where Sessions Held; To Allow Court, in the Discretion of the City Court Judge, to be Held at the Waycross City Auditorium; To Repeal Conflicting Ordinances; To Provide for Severability; To Provide for an Effective Date; To Declare an Emergency to Allow for Second Reading; To Provide for Renumbering or Relettering; and for Other Purposes.

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**ORDINANCE NO.**

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.

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

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**ORDINANCE NO.**

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.

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**ORDINANCE NO.**

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

Marc Hawkins, Acting City Clerk read a Resolution of the City of Waycross, Georgia.

**RESOLUTION NO. 21-64**

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 September 2021 on September 7, 2021, 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.

Marc Hawkins, Acting City Clerk read a Resolution of the City of Waycross, Georgia.

**RESOLUTION NO. 21-65**

A Resolution of the City of Waycross, Georgia to Accept Letter of Resignation from Municipal Court Public Defender Teresa Bowen; 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.

There were no guests.

Presentation of Plaques for Fourth of July Celebration Sponsors.

During Last call, Commissioner Davis expressed his condolences to families who have lost loved ones. He also inquired signs that state Children at Play near our parks, the E.E. Moore sign. James Smart came up to explain the progress on the sign for E.E. Moore. The Commissioner also inquired about the light near the alley way on Colley and Rockefeller. He also spoke a little about the bandstand. Commissioner Threat spoke about an area near Walters Street. James Smart elaborated about the rain water situation and the flooding. Mr. Smart also elaborated about the yard clippings getting being washed into the storm drainage. Commissioner Threat also addressed a complaint that an area in District 2 is unsafe. Chief Cox spoke a little on the complaint. Commissioner Solomon-Gaines asked Mr. Smart to explain the process of cutting and clearing away the cut debris. The Commissioner pointed out that school will be starting soon and urged the community to be mindful of children at bus stops and encouraged everyone to wear masks. Commissioner Hopkins welcomed our new Human Resources Director. Marissa Hendrix spoke a little. She also congratulated thanked all of the sponsors for the Fourth of July Celebration. She also gave an update on some upcoming lighting. Commissioner Strickland echoed James Smart's comments and explanation of lawn debris and the drainage issues. He encouraged our citizens to remember that when mowing their lawns to blow the debris back into their yards or into piles to be removed so that it does not clog up the drains and/or get into the water system. Mayor James asked Mr. Simmons to come up and expound on the upcoming Job Fair. The Mayor also thanked the citizens for coming out to the meeting.

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:**

  
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**MICHAEL-ANGELO JAMES, Mayor**

**ATTEST:**

  
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**Acting City Clerk**