

**City of Tifton
Council Workshop
January 7, 2019
5:30 PM
Tifton City Hall**

Attendees

Mayor Julie Smith
Council Member Wes Ehlers
Council Member Jack Folk
Council Member Johnny Terrell
Council Member Frank Sayles

Pete Pyrzenski, City Manager
Rob Wilmot, City Attorney
Jessica White, City Clerk

Mayor Julie Smith called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM.

Proclamation Declaring January 9, 2019, as Law Enforcement Appreciation Day

Mayor Julie Smith read aloud the proclamation and thanked the Tifton Police Department personnel present for their service in the community.

Bruce Green, Interim DDA and Main Street Director

Mr. Pyrzenski introduced the interim director selected to oversee the DDA and Main Street Program until the vacancy is filled. Mr. Green spoke and mentioned he was excited to come back to Tifton and assist with the transitioning. Mr. Jack Folk thanked Mr. Pyrzenski for bringing back Mr. Green who originally started the Main Street Program in Tifton.

Recommendations to Update the Land Development Code Regarding Fences and Walls in Commercial Downtown

Mr. Wilmot mentioned he reviewed the ordinances for Thomasville, Valdosta, and Albany and provided the Council with the ordinances from the communities referenced. Mr. Wilmot briefly reviewed the findings and mentioned the other communities have design standards for fencing in certain areas, but he did not find anything that restricted fences all together. Mr. Pyrzenski mentioned the current fencing issue in downtown met the city's requirements, but could cause a safety issue for emergency vehicles needing access to the building. The council briefly discussed and staff recommended two options: Not allowing chain length fences in the historic district or not allowing fencing adjacent to the right-of-way.

Commerce Way Redevelopment Fund Grant Project Scope Revision

Mayor Julie Smith left the meeting prior to discussion of the agenda item because of a possible conflict of interest. Mr. Pyrzenski provided a packet on the project revision request and mentioned a developer has come forward and is interested in redeveloping the Davis Building. The developer is interested in rehabbing the building to accommodate a retail space on the first floor and residential apartments on the second floor. The council discussed the project, and requested pictures of buildings completed by the developer in other communities. Mr. Pyrzenski mentioned the City would have to approve the change in project scope and submit a formal request to DCA for review and approval. Item will be discussed further once proposed revision is presented to DDA.

Mayor Smith returned to the meeting following the discussion and Council Member Terrell arrived to the meeting.

New Alcohol License for Dollar + Grocery & Meats located at 910 S. Central Ave

Ms. Jessica White mentioned the application was postponed at the last meeting. Ms. White provided Council with the latest inspection report completed at the location and mentioned the owners hope to have all items completed in order for Council to vote on the item at the January meeting. Council reviewed information provided.

Review of Bid for Lawn Mowers

Scotty Brogdon presented the bids received for the 60" Commercial Mower and 52" Commercial Mower. Staff recommended purchasing the 60" Exmark Mower from Chris' Mower Clinic for \$8,006.00 and 52" Exmark Mower from Chris' Mower Clinic for \$7,224.00. Mr. Brogdon mentioned the bids came in under budget. Bids submitted were as follows:

Commercial Lawn Mowers 60 inch		
Company Name	Equipment	Bid Amount
Atlantic and Southern	Spartan	\$7,259.00
Chris Mower Clinic	Exmark (751)	\$7,649.00
Chris Mower Clinic	Exmark (801)	\$8,006.00
Lasseter Tractor	JD	\$8,500.00

Commercial Lawn Mowers 52 inch		
Company Name	Equipment	Bid Amount
Lasseter Tractor	JD (48 inch)	\$7,000.00
Atlantic and Southern	Spartan	\$7,099.00
Chris Mower Clinic	Exmark (751)	\$7,224.00
Chris Mower Clinic	Exmark (801)	\$8,419.00

Review of Bids for Mini-Excavators and Trailers

Mr. Scotty Brogdon presented the bids received to purchase two (2) mini-excavators and trailers for public works. Mr. Brogdon mentioned nine bids were submitted but only three bids were qualified and met specifications. Staff recommended purchasing the Hyundai 60 from Crosby Equipment in the amount of \$123, 104.00. Mr. Brogdon mentioned the bid is within budget, and the qualified bids were as follows:

Company Name	Equipment	Bid Amount
Border Equipment	Case CX60	\$120,010.00
Crosby Equipment	Hyundai 60	\$123, 104.00
Flint Equipment	John Deere 50G	\$143,576.10

Review of Bids for Wheeled Excavator with 4' Brush Mower

Mr. Scotty Brogdon mentioned staff requested bids for a wheeler excavator to replace existing aged equipment. Three vendors submitted bids and were all within the requested specifications. Staff recommended purchasing the Hyndai HW180 from Crosby Equipment in the amount of \$184,132.69, and within budget. Bids received were as follows:

Wheeled Excavator and 4' Brush Mower		
Company Name	Equipment	Bid Amount
Crosby	Hyundai HW180	\$184,132.69
Flint	JD 190GW	\$209,700.00
Yancey	Cat M318F	\$231,382.00

Review of Bids for Goff Street and Fulwood Park Improvements

Mr. Scotty Brogdon mentioned the City requested bids to improve make improvements to the drainage pipes on Goff Street near 28th Street and to install a half mile walking trail at Fulwood Park. A total of three (3) bids were received and staff recommended awarding the bid to the lowest bidder KW Underground in the amount of \$244,128.18.

Request to Utilize State Contract Vendor for Purchase of six (6) Fleet Vehicles for Public Works and Utilities

Mr. Scotty Brogdon mentioned the City requested bids for 7 new fleet vehicles to replace existing vehicles in the Public Works and Utilities department and no bids were received. Since no bids were received, staff recommended purchasing the vehicles from a state contract vendor. Staff requested approval to purchase six (6) vehicles from Allan Vigil Ford-Lincoln in the amount of \$156,265.00. Requested vehicles to be purchased included (2) F-150 Trucks, (3) F-350 Crew Cabs, and (1) F-350 Crew Cab 4x4. Council reviewed the request.

Setting the Council Meeting Schedule for 2019

Council reviewed the schedule for 2019 and Ms. White mentioned the only known conflicts would be rescheduling the regular meeting dates which fall on Martin Luther King, Jr. Day and Labor Day holidays.

Recommendation for Amending the Code of Ordinances to Require New Multi-Unit Residential Buildings Install Individual Meters for Utilities

Mr. Shepard mentioned EPD has requested the City and County's ordinance be updated to require multi-unit residential buildings have individual meters for each unit. Council briefly discussed the issue and request. Mr. Wilmot will draft an ordinance to be adopted at the Council Meeting.

Resolution Setting Qualifying Fees

Resolution presented set qualifying fees for the 2019 City General Election. Qualifying fees were set as follows: Mayor - \$288.00 and City Council District 1 and 4 - \$207.00. Qualifying for the election will take place on the third week in August.

Resolution Designating Rhythm & Ribs BBQ Festival as a Festival

The resolution presented would allow alcohol sales at the Rhythm & Ribs BBQ Festival to be held March 1 thru 3, 2019.

Resolution Providing for a New Alcohol License for Gold Mine 4, Inc. Located at 701 E. 2nd Street

Ms. White presented the resolution for Gold Mine 4 which is a change of ownership at the location. Ms. White mentioned staff is recommending approval of the resolution and alcohol license.

Resolution Providing for a New Alcohol License for Aayden Food Mart located at 1005 E. 12th Street

Ms. White presented the resolution for Aayden Food Mart located at 1005 E. 12th Street. The location is changing ownership, and staff is recommending approval of the resolution and alcohol license.

Board Report

Council reviewed the board report, but no appointments were made.

City Manager Report

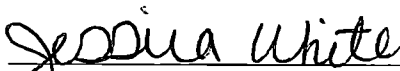
- a. Landfill Update: Ricky Hobby, Landfill Director, gave an update on the landfill and provided a plan for building roads to access additional areas of the landfill. He mentioned he has recently met with the landfill engineer and the engineers have stated that the landfill must begin building the additional access roads. Mr. Hobby also provided pictures of the effects of the rain at the landfill. Mr. Pyrzenski mentioned he has reached out to the County Manager and requested assistance with building and repairing roads at the landfill, but he has not heard a response back.
- b. Purchase Card Implementation: Mr. Wayne Putnal, Finance Director, mentioned the purchase card program will make getting supplies locally from suppliers and online easier for employees. Mr. Putnal mentioned the program will include access to the program and has a great rebate program. Mr. Putnal reviewed how the process would work compared to the current process.

Mr. Pyrzenski also mentioned the Pebblebrook waterline project is complete. Chief Bennett introduced the new training officer, Bryan Altman, and mentioned he has developed a volunteer training program for the City which begins this month.

Mayor Julie Smith invited everyone to the Mayor's Prayer Breakfast to be held at the Senior Center on February 7, 2019 at 7:30 am. Mayor Smith mentioned Mr. Tony McBrayer with Peanut Butter Jesus will be the guest speaker.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 7:10 PM.

Respectively Submitted,



Jessica White, City Clerk



Julie Smith, Mayor