

**CITY OF TIFTON
COUNCIL MEETING
JANUARY 22, 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

Mayor Julie Smith called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM. Pastor Denise Brown with Day Springs Inspirational gave the invocation and led the pledge of allegiance.

Approval of the Agenda

Council Member Terrell made the first motion for approval of the agenda, seconded by Folk, and unanimously approved.

Approval of the Minutes

Mayor Smith asked that the minutes be amended to reflect she came back to the meeting following the Commerce Way Project discussion on January 7, 2019. Council Member Folk made the first motion to approve the minutes with the requested change, seconded by Ehlers, and unanimously approved.

Public Comments

No one spoke.

Keep Tift Beautiful Annual Report

Brad Barbee, KTB Chairman, mentioned Keep Tift Beautiful is in good standing with Keep Georgia Beautiful. In the past year they completed multiple outreach projects, purchased children educational materials, and installed a Bee Pollinator on the ABAC campus. Mr. Barbee also mentioned the adopt a mile program is also growing. The Council thanked KTB for their efforts in litter control and beautification.

Recognizing Ritchie Swindell w/ Georgia Department of Transportation

Pete Pyrzenski, City Manager, recognized Mr. Ritchie Swindell and the GDOT crews for assisting the City with debris pickup following the recent storms. Mayor Julie Smith presented Mr. Swindell a certificate of appreciation for their partnership efforts in the community.

Consent Agenda

Council Member Ehlers motioned, seconded by Folk, and unanimously approved to accept the following items on the consent agenda:

3. Award of Bid for Lawn Mowers to Chris' Mower Clinic in the Amount of \$15,230.00
4. Award of Bid for Two Mini-Excavators and Trailers to Crosby Equipment in the Amount of \$123,104.00
5. Award of Bid for Wheeled Excavator to Crosby Equipment in the Amount of \$184,132.69

6. Award if Bid for Goff Street and Fulwood Park Improvement to KW Underground in the Amount of \$244,128.18
7. Approval to Utilize State Contact Vendor for Purchase of Six (6) Fleet Vehicles for Public Works and Utilities in the amount of \$156,265.00
8. Adoption of the 2019 Council Meeting Schedule
9. Resolution Setting Qualifying Fees for the 2019 General Election
10. Resolution Designating Rhythm & Ribs BBQ Festival as a Festival
11. Resolution Providing for a New Alcohol License for Gold Mine 5, Inc. located at 701 E. 2nd St.
12. Resolution Providing for a New Alcohol License for Aayden Food Mart located at 1005 E. 12th St.

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

Jessica White mentioned the business has completed the inspections from the Georgia Department of Agricultural for their permit and staff is recommending approval. Council Member Folk made the first motion for approval, seconded by Ehlers, and approved with Mayor Smith and Council Member Sayles voting in favor. Council Member Terrell opposed. Resolution passed by a 4 to 1 vote.

Ordinance Amending the Code of Ordinances, Chapter 82-34, Meters Required

Council Member Ehlers made the first motion for approval of the ordinance, seconded by Sayles, and the ordinance was unanimously approved.

Request for Disclosure of Any Conflict of Interest in the Proposed FY2019 Community Development Block Grant Project Area.

Rob Wilmot read aloud the conflict of interest information pertaining to CDBG funding which states, "Any person who is an employee, agent, consultant, officer, or elected official or appointed official of the state, or unit of general local government, or any designated public agencies, or sub recipients which could be affected (in any way) by CDBG Funding must make full disclosure to DCA prior to award. Ms. White mentioned the Matt Wilson Redevelopment Area is being considered for funding for CDBG. Council Member Johnny Terrell disclosed that he lives and owns property in the CDBG Area.

As a result of the possible conflict of interest, Council Member Terrell left the meeting prior to discussing the RFQ.

Review of Request for Qualifications Received from Architectural Firms to Provide Services on the FY2019 Community Development Block Grant

Ms. White mentioned the City had requested qualifications and proposals for planning, design, and architectural services for the 2019 CDBG Project Application. Qualifications were received from two firms: McCall Architecture and J. Glenn Gregory Architects. Formal evaluations of the firms have been completed by staff and it is staff's recommendation to award the RFP to McCall Architecture. Council reviewed the information and briefly discussed. Council Member Sayles made the first motion to award the RFQ to McCall Architecture, motion seconded by Folk, and approved by Smith and Ehlers.

Council Member Terrell returned to the meeting following the RFQ discussion.

Resolution Providing for an Amended Alcohol License for Flash Foods located at 802 7th Street

Ms. White mentioned Flash Foods updated their manager and staff has processed the application and recommends approval of the alcohol license. Council Member Ehlers made the first motion for approval, seconded by Folk, and unanimously approved.

Review of Alcohol License Renewal Submitted by Quality Inn located at 1104 Kind Road

Mr. Pete Pyrzenski mentioned there are pending issues with the application and requested the item be tabled and a hearing be scheduled. Council Member Sayles made the first motion to table, seconded by Terrell, and unanimously approved.

Review of New Alcohol License Submitted by A & D Krishna Krupa

Mr. Pete Pyrzenski mentioned there are pending issues with the application and requested the item be tabled and a hearing be scheduled. Council Member Sayles made the first motion to table, seconded by Terrell, and unanimously approved.

Resolution Authorizing Sunday Alcohol Sales on February 3, 2019, for Restaurants, Bars, and Lounges

Jessica White mentioned the City received a request from Terminal South to allow Sunday Sales for the Super Bowl. Ms. White mentioned the other bars were contacted and they all agreed on the one-time Sunday Sales date. Council Member Sayles made the first motion for approval of the resolution, seconded by Terrell, and unanimously approved.

Board ReportWilliam Bowen Reappointed to the Tifton-Tift County Tourism Association

Council Member Folk made the first motion to reappoint Mr. Bowen, motion seconded by Sayles, and unanimously approved.

Jimmy Dill Reappointed to the Keep Tift Beautiful Board

Council Member Terrell made the first motion to reappoint Mr. Dill, motion seconded by Folk, and unanimously approved.

City Manager Report

Mr. Pyrzenski mentioned the Gas Department completed their annual inspection without any findings. Mr. Pyrzenski congratulated the department on the high accomplishment.

Financial Update

Mr. Putnal provided financial reports for the first 6 months of the fiscal year. Mr. Putnal briefly reviewed the reports with Council. Council Member Folk requested the reports be provided prior to the meeting for review.

Mayor and Council Reports

Mayor Smith spoke in reference to continued issues with panhandling in Downtown. Council Member Sayles mentioned the DDA is working on cross-walk improvements and he is also working with the City Manager on improving the lighting and signage in his district. Council Member Folk spoke highly of the financial position of the City.

Executive Session


Council Member Terrell made the first motion to go into executive session to discuss real estate. Motion seconded by Terrell, and unanimously approved. Meeting closed to executive session.

Council Member Folk made the first motion to go out of executive session, seconded by Terrell, and unanimously approved.

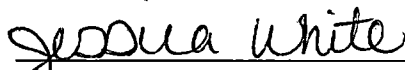
Resolution Providing for Executive Session

Council Member Folk made the first motion for approval of the resolution, seconded by Terrell, and unanimously approved.

Respectively Submitted,



Julie Smith, Mayor



Jessica White, City Clerk

**AT A MEETING OF THE
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TIFTON
HELD ON January 22, 2019
A MOTION TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Council member Terrell makes the following motion:

1. That City Council now enters into executive session as allowed by O.C.G.A. Section 50-14-4 and pursuant to advice by the City Attorney, for the purpose of discussing the following:

(check all that apply)

- Legal Matters.
- Personnel Matters.
- Real Estate Matters.

That each member of this body, in open session, at the conclusion of such executive session, and consistent with the provisions of City of Tifton Resolution No. 99-66, either:

1. Execute the Affidavit, the form of which having been previously approved; or
2. Vote upon the Resolution, the form of which having been previously approved, to be followed by the execution of the above-referenced Affidavit by so many members of this Council that so desire,

all of which is in compliance with O.C.G.A. Section 50-14-4; thereby this body, by appropriate form of either Affidavit or Resolution/Affidavit, ratifying the actions of the Council taken in executive session and confirming that the subject matters of the closed session were within exceptions permitted by the Open Meetings law.

Council member Folk seconds the motion.

Motion Approved

Those voting in favor of the motion for closure:

Council Members: Wes Ehlers, Frank Sayles.

Those voting against the motion for closure:

Council Members: None.

AFFIDAVIT

Personally appeared before the undersigned attesting officer, duly authorized to administer oaths in the State of Georgia:

<u>Present</u>	<u>Absent</u>	
_____	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Julie B. Smith
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	_____	Wes Ehlers
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	_____	Jack Folk
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	_____	Johnny Terrell
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	_____	Frank Sayles

Who, after being duly sworn, deposes and on oath states the following:

1. I am a member of the Tifton City Council and I was present at a meeting of the City Council held on the 22nd day of January, 2019.
2. That it was my understanding that O.C.G.A. Section 50-14-4(b) provides as follows:

When any meeting of an agency is closed to the public pursuant to subsection (a) Of this Code section, the chairperson or other person presiding over such meeting shall execute and file with the official minutes of the meeting a notarized affidavit stating under oath that the subject matter of the meeting or the closed portion thereof was devoted to matters within the exceptions provided by law and identifying the specific relevant exception.
3. The subject matter of the closed meeting or closed portion of the meeting held on the 22nd day of January, 2019, which was closed for the purpose(s) of :

- Legal Matters
- Personnel Matters
- Real Estate Matters

As allowed by O.C.G.A., Title 50, Chapter 14, was devoted to matters within those exceptions and as provided by law.

4. This affidavit is being executed for the purpose of complying with the mandate of O.C.G.A. Section 50-14-4(b) that such an affidavit be executed.
5. This affidavit is likewise executed by the following members of the City Council present at such executive session in support of open and honest government and in compliance with City of Tifton Resolution 99-66.

This 22nd day of January, 2019.

Did not participate in Discussion
 Julie Smith
 Mayor, City of Tifton

[Signature]
 Wes Ehlers
 Councilman, District 1

[Signature]
 Jack Folk
 Councilman, District 2

[Signature]
 Johnny Terrell
 Councilman, District 3

[Signature]
 Frank Sayles, Jr.
 Councilman, District 4

Sworn to and subscribed before me
 By all City Council members
 on this 22nd day of January, 2019.

Jessica Jones
 Notary Public

