

**CITY OF TIFTON  
COUNCIL WORKSHOP  
MARCH 4, 2019  
5:30 PM  
TIFTON CITY HALL**

**Attendees**

Mayor Julie Smith  
Council Member Wes Ehlers  
Council Member Frank Sayles  
Pete Pyrzenski, City Manager  
Rob Wilmot, City Attorney  
Jessica White, City Clerk

**Public Hearing for Amendments to the Land Development Code, Appendix A, to Increase Local Right-of-Ways Widths to accommodate Curbing, Gutters, Ditches, and Utilities**

Mr. Danny Wallace mentioned the text amendment is being requested from the Georgia EPS to future design of underground infrastructure meets current state regulations concerning distances between water, wastewater, and gas. The change would increase right-of-way widths from 40 feet to 60 feet. Mr. Wallace mentioned the change would only impact future developments and not affect current roads/streets. Mr. Wallace mentioned the requested text amendment was presented to the Planning and Zoning Board and was unanimously approved. The public hearing was opened for public comments, but no one spoke. Public hearing closed.

**Alcohol Beverage Hearing for A & D Krishna Krupa, LLC located at 1313 S. Ridge Ave**

Mr. Wilmot mentioned he needed to gather additional information concerning the case against Ms. Patel and asked that the hearing be continued.

**Check Presentation to Ruth's Cottage on Behalf of the Wellness Committee and Reggie Kinchen**

Ms. Emily Beeman on behalf of the City's Wellness Committee and Reggie Kinchen presented a \$125.00 donation to Ruth Cottage. Ms. Beeman mentioned Reggie Kinchen recently hosted a family and friends exercise class at the Senior Center and the money he collected at the event was being donated to Ruth Cottage. Ms. Beeman thanked Reggie for his partnership with the City and the community.

New Business

**Review of Project List for the 2019 Safety Grant for Road Striping**

Mr. Scotty Brogdon presented a request to apply for GDOT funding for striping of 23 streets within the City. Mr. Brogdon mentioned the project is estimated at \$60,697.24 and the City would be requesting \$44,000 from GDOT.

**Resolution Activating the Urban Redevelopment Agency of the City of Tifton**

Mr. Wilmot presented the resolution and mentioned this would activate the urban redevelopment agency, appoint a seven (7) members to the board, and the board would be tasked with initiating projects and objectives of the Urban Redevelopment Plan. Mr. Bruce Green gave an overview of the Urban Redevelopment Plan and mentioned how the board would steer its success.

**Resolution for Submittal of the FY2019 CDBG Application for the Matt Wilson Neighborhood YMCA/Youth Development Center**

Mr. Pyrzenski presented the resolution authorizing the City to submit a Community Development Block Grant application for the proposed youth development center near Matt Wilson School. He also

mentioned that the BOE has agreed to donate the land for the Youth Center. Council reviewed and briefly discussed.

#### **Update on EB Hamilton Road Project**

Mr. Pyrzenski presented a letter from Tift County updating the City on the progress of the EB Hamilton Road Project and requesting the City's first payment on the project. The first pay request totaled \$142,901.28 for the City's portion of the project cost.

#### **Discussion of House Bill 302**

Mr. Pyrzenski presented information concerning HB302. The proposed bill prohibits local governments from adopting local regulations on building designs for residential dwellings. Council briefly discussed how if the bill passed, it would take local control away from establishing character areas in neighborhood which didn't have covenants in place. Mr. Pyrzenski also presented a resolution opposing the bill.

#### **Discussion of Brunch Bill**

Staff presented information on the brunch bill, but no discussion followed.

#### Other Business

##### **Board Report**

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

##### **City Manager Report**

Mr. Pyrzenski reminded the Council that the Service Delivery deadline was fast approaching and discussion and meetings with the County need to begin soon. He also mentioned that the City was again recognized as a Tree City for 2018. Mr. Pyrzenski mentioned the Request for Proposals from Garbage Companies were due back on March 8<sup>th</sup> and he complimented everyone's efforts on the success of Rhythm & Ribs.

ESG also gave an update on upcoming projects.

##### **Mayor and Council Reports**

Council Member Wes Ehlers sent his condolences to Ms. Pam Barrett's family. Council Member Frank Sayles thanked everyone for their work on Rhythm & Ribs. He mentioned this year was the largest crowd. Mayor Julie Smith also thanked OMG, staff, and ESG for their efforts in making Rhythm & Ribs a success. Mayor Smith also mentioned that she and Pete would be speaking at the GMA Newly Elected Officials training in Tifton later this week.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 6:40 pm.

Respectively Submitted,

  
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Julie Smith, Mayor

  
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Jessica White, City Clerk