

**TIFTON CITY COUNCIL
COUNCIL MEETING
MARCH 16, 2020
5:00 PM
TIFTON CITY HALL**

ATTENDEES

Mayor Julie Smith

Vice Mayor Wes Ehlers

Council Member Jack Folk

Council Member Johnny Terrell

Council Member M. Jay Hall

Pete Pyrzenski, City Manager

Rob Wilmot, City Attorney

Jessica White, City Clerk

Mayor Smith called the meeting to order at 5:00 PM

Approval of the Agenda

It was requested to postpone items 1, 2, 3, 4, 11 until the April Workshop and remove item 14 from the agenda. Council Member Folk made the first motion for approval of the agenda with the proposed changes. Council Member Terrell seconded the motion and motion unanimously approved.

The following agenda items were postponed/removed:

1. Alcohol License Hearing for KD Foods, Inc. dba Pepi's Food Mart Located at 921 W. 20th Street
2. Alcohol License Hearing for Sheree Dutt, LLC dba Handy Stop Located at 207 W. 12th Street
3. Alcohol License Hearing for Jay Shree Maharaj Sales Corp. dba Speedgo #1 Located at 1939 Whiddon Mill Road
4. Annual Update from Keep Tift Beautiful
11. Resolution Approving Service Agreement with Charles Abbott Associates, Inc. for Building Inspection and Plan Review Services
14. Resolution Opposing House Bill 302, Preemption of Local Building Design Standards

Approval of the Minutes

Council Member Terrell made the first motion for approval of the minutes from February 17, 2020 and March 3, 2020, motion seconded by Folk, and unanimously approved.

Consent Agenda

Council Member Hall motioned, seconded by Terrell, and unanimously approved the following items on the consent agenda:

6. Approval of Budget Amendment for SPLOST Funding to cover EB Hamilton Road Project

7. Resolution Authorizing Execution of the GEFA Loan Agreement for up to \$2,000,000 for Improvements at the Wastewater Treatment Plant
8. Resolution Designating the Downtown Spring Fling as a Festival Pursuant to the Festival Ordinance
9. Resolution Approving the Submittal of a 2020 Roadside Enhancement and Beautification Grant (REBC)
10. Ordinance Amending the Fire Prevention Ordinance for Fire Alarm Credentialing

Ordinance Providing for Annexation of 16.449 Acres Located on N. US Hwy 125, Map & Parcel Number 0058 014, Submitted by David Deloach (PP20-0001)

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

Ordinance Providing for Rezoning of 16.449 Acres Located on N. US Hwy 125, Map & Parcel Number 0058 014, Submitted by David Deloach (PP20-0002)

Vice Mayor Ehlers made the first motion for approval of the ordinance. Motion seconded by Terrell and unanimously approved.

Resolution Providing for an Amended Alcohol Beverage License for Taco Loco Located at 307 W. 12th Street

Ms. Jessica White presented the resolution and stated the business has requested to add liquor and wine to their current license. Staff has reviewed the application and recommended approval. After review, Vice Mayor Ehlers made the first motion for approval, motion seconded by Hall, and unanimously approved.

Resolution Providing for a New Alcohol Beverage License for EZ Mart Located at 3301 US Hwy 82 W.

Ms. Jessica White mentioned the location is under new ownership. Mr. Sagheer Ahmad is leasing the business and has applied for a license for beer package sales as the new owner and manager for the location. Staff has reviewed the application and recommended approval. After review, Council Member Terrell made the first motion for approval, motion seconded by Folk, and unanimously approved.

City Manager Report

Mr. Pete Pyrzewski presented a draft emergency plan for dealing with the current coronavirus for Council to review. He mentioned he is still finalizing the details, but may be bringing it back to Council for approval if needed. He also stated that Mayor Smith did a video today updating the public on current measures being taking in light of the coronavirus and stated the City will also not be disconnecting water service for the next 30 days.

Mayor and Council Comments

Mayor Julie Smith: Mayor Smith confirmed that no active cases of the coronavirus in Tifton to date and asked people to view reliable sources and protect themselves.

Council Member M. Jay Hall: Hall suggested everyone take care of themselves during this time.

Vice Mayor Wes Ehlers: Ehlers gave thanks to Senator Summers for his efforts in moving the hotel/motel tax legislation forward for the City.

Council Member Jack Folk: Folk mentioned the virus is going to get worse before it gets better and asked people to distance themselves from others during this time.

Executive Session

Council Member Folk made the first motion to go into executive session to discuss personnel, motion seconded by Ehlers, and unanimously approved. Meeting closed to executive session.

Council Member Terrell made the first motion to go out of executive session, motion seconded by Ehlers and unanimously approved. Meeting opened back into regular session.

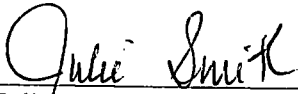
Approval for Settling Unemployment Claim

Council Member Folk motioned to settle Brandi Selph's unemployment claim by not further litigating or contesting Ms. Selph's claim in exchange for a full and complete release. Motion seconded by Terrell, and unanimously approved.

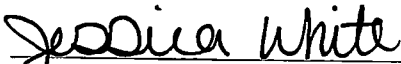
Resolution Providing for Executive Session

Vice Mayor Ehlers made the first motion for approval of the resolution, motion seconded by Terrell, and unanimously approved.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at approximately 5:40 PM.



Julie Smith, Mayor



Jessica White, City Clerk

AT A MEETING OF THE
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TIFTON
HELD ON March 16, 2020
A MOTION TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION

Council member JACK FOLK 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 Wes Ehlers seconds the motion.

Motion Approved

Those voting in favor of the motion for closure:

Council Members: Julie Smith, M. Jay Hall, Wes Ehlers,
Johnny Ferrell, + JACK FOLK

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>	
<u>✓</u>	_____	Julie B. Smith
<u>✓</u>	_____	Wes Ehlers
<u>✓</u>	_____	Jack Folk
<u>✓</u>	_____	Johnny Terrell
<u>✓</u>	_____	M. Jay Hall

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 16th day of March, 2020.
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 16th day of March, 2020, 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 11th day of march, 2020.

Julie Smith

Julie Smith
Mayor, City of Tifton

Wes Ehlers

Wes Ehlers
Councilman, District 1

Jack Folk

Jack Folk
Councilman, District 2

Johnny Terrell

Johnny Terrell
Councilman, District 3

M. Jay Hall

M. Jay Hall
Councilman, District 4

Sworn to and subscribed before me
By all City Council members
on this 11 day of
march, 2020.

Jessica White
Notary Public

