

**CITY OF TIFTON
COUNCIL MEETING
MARCH 18, 2019
5:30 PM
TIFTON CITY HALL**

Attendees

Mayor Julie Smith

Council Member Wes Ehlers

Council Member Johnny Terrell

Council Member Frank Sayles

Pete Pyrzenski, City Manager

Rob Wilmot, City Attorney

Jessica White, City Clerk

Public Hearing to Discuss the Proposed Change in Scope for the Commerce Way Redevelopment Project, 16rd-x-137-2-5913

Mayor Smith called the Public Hearing to order. Ms. Jessica White reviewed background information concerning the proposed change. She mentioned the original project proposed demoing two blighted properties on Commerce Way and constructing a parking area for downtown. Since the inception of the project, a developer has approached the City and wishes to restore the two-story Davis Building to house retail on the first floor and residential apartments on the second floor. The developer has also agreed to demo the rear portion of the building leaving room for the City to construct a public parking area. The proposed change in scope will reduce the grant amount by \$64,529 and the change will bring the total grant amount to \$312,358. Mr. Pete Pyrzenski also mentioned the scope change will also go before the DDA for approval. The public hearing was opened for public comment, but being none the hearing was closed.

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

Mr. Wilmot opened the public hearing. Mr. Wilmot mentioned the Council tabled the application and scheduled a hearing back in January on this application. Ms. White mentioned a citation was issued and a hearing scheduled on the application because of findings disclosed in the applicant's criminal history. Ms. White mentioned the City's ordinance regulates convicted misdemeanor charges within the past five years and felony charges within the past 10 years. Ms. White stated the applicant, Ms. Patel, currently has a pending charge on her record and the application is being brought before Council for consideration. Mr. Wilmot mentioned he has spoken to the District Attorney's Office in Ware County and the charge was for a bad check. Mr. Wilmot stated the civil case had been dismissed since the check had been paid, but the criminal case is still pending. After a discussion, Council agreed to approve the application, but requested Mr. Wilmot to monitor the case. Council Member Wes Ehlers made the first motion for approval of the resolution and alcohol license, seconded by Sayles, and unanimously approved.

Meeting Call to Order

Mayor Julie Smith called the Council Meeting to order at approximately 5:50 pm.

Prayer & Pledge

Pastor Brandon Moore with Fervent City Church gave the invocation and Council Member Sayles led the pledge.

Approval of the Agenda

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

Approval of the Minutes

Council Member Terrell made the first motion for approval of the minutes from the February 18, 2019 Council Meeting and March 4, 2019 Council Workshop, seconded by Ehlers, and unanimously approved.

Public Comments

Mr. Bubba Harrison, 2201 Chestnut Avenue: Mr. Harrison spoke positively about the Rhythm & Ribs Festival. He mentioned he was a vendor and they had a great time. He sent kudos to the City staff, event organizers, and ESG staff.

Proclamation Recognizing April 2019 as Child Abuse Prevention and Awareness Month

Mayor Julie Smith read aloud the proclamation and Ms. Lillie McIntyre and Kelly Shoniker provided information on the upcoming events scheduled for the month which include the Pinwheel Ceremony and blue ribbon campaign.

Approval of Pay Request for EB Hamilton Road Project

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

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

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

Approval of Project List and Application Submittal for the 2019 LMIG Safety Grant for Road Striping

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

Ordinance Amending the Land Development Code Related to Minimum Right-of-Ways Widths

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

Resolution Activating the Urban Redevelopment Agency of the City of Tifton

Council Member Terrell made the first motion to postpone indefinitely, seconded by Sayles, and unanimously approved. Mayor Smith asked that resolution be ready for approval by June 2019.

Resolution Opposing House Bill 302

Mr. Pyrzenski mentioned the bill didn't pass through prior to crossover day so the bill is actually not moving forward during this legislative session, but suggested still moving forward with approving the resolution. Council Member Sayles made the first motion for approval of the resolution, seconded by Terrell, and unanimously approved.

Contract for Services with Chad Alexander, Tift County Tax Commissioner for Billing and Collection of Property Taxes

Mr. Wilmot mentioned the contract is being presented because the previous contract signed did not provide for an annual renewal. Mr. Wilmot mentioned the contract will continue and renew unless terminated by either party. After review, Council Member Ehlers made the first motion for approval. Motion seconded by Terrell and unanimously approved.

Board Report

Council Member Ehlers motioned, seconded by Sayles, and unanimously approved to reappoint the following members to their respective boards:

Arthur Pettiford, Tifton Housing Authority Board
Dennis Whitehead, Tifton Housing Authority Board
Bryant Hill, Tifton Housing Authority Board
Lori Felton, Tifton Tree Board
Al Potts, Tifton Tree Board

City Manager Report

Mr. Pyrzenski mentioned Tammy Floyd, cashier, was recently promoted to payroll clerk. He also mentioned that Bruce Green, Interim Downtown Manager, will be speaking at the upcoming Chamber Meeting. Mr. Pyrzenski also stated staff is underway with the budget process.

Mayor and Council Reports

Council Member Sayles mentioned Special Olympics will be held on Friday at EB Hamilton and also read aloud a positive Facebook post which expressing the pleasant experience the traveler experienced while in Tifton.

Council Member Terrell mentioned he appreciates the Community's support of the Matt Wilson Redevelopment.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned.

Respectively Submitted,



Julie Smith, Mayor



Jessica White, City Clerk