

**TIFTON CITY COUNCIL
EMERGENCY SPECIAL CALLED MEETING
MARCH 23, 2020
2:00 PM
VIA TELECONFERENCE**

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

The City of Tifton Mayor and City Council held an Emergency Called Meeting on Monday, March 23, 2020, to Consider Adopting an Ordinance for Declarations of Emergencies and Implementing Emergency Measures. Council, staff, and the public were invited to participate in the meeting via teleconference. Some meeting participants did have technical issues connecting during the meeting.

Mayor Julie Smith called the meeting to order at approximately 2:06 PM.

Ordinance to Amend Chapter 58 [Public Safety] To Add Article III To Provide For Declarations Of Emergencies And Powers Provided Therein And To Add Article IV To Chapter 58 Of The Code Of Ordinances To Implement Emergency Measures As A Result Of The Covid-19 Pandemic

Mayor Smith and City Attorney Rob Wilmot briefly explained the details of the ordinance. Mr. Wilmot mentioned the City's code of ordinances does not currently address emergency provisions. He mentioned the ordinance presented address emergencies in general and includes additional provisions for the current COVID-19 emergency. Mayor Smith briefly discussed what businesses were considered essential and would be able to stay open as described in the ordinance. Mayor Smith stated after the ordinance is put in place the stay in place requirement will be in effect beginning 8:00 am on Tuesday, March 24, 2020 and the curfew will be in place from 8:00 pm until 5:00 am each day. Mayor Smith informed those present that the ordinance and press release will be provided to the media and available on the City's website after approval. Mayor Smith called for a motion to approve the ordinance. Council Member Folk made the first motion for approval, motion seconded by Terrell, and unanimously approved. The ordinance was adopted.

Mayor Smith lastly mentioned that she and the City Manager will be doing another Facebook Live video at 6:00 PM to address the public and answer questions.

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

Respectively Submitted,



Julie Smith, Mayor



Jessica White, City Clerk