

**CITY OF TIFTON
WORKSHOP/CALLED MEETING
APRIL 2, 2018
TIFTON CITY HALL**

Attendees

Mayor Julie Smith

Vice Mayor Wes Ehlers

Council Member Jack Folk

Council Member Johnny Terrell

Council Member Frank Sayles

Pete Pyrzenski, City Manager

Rob Wilmot, City Attorney

Jessica Jones, City Clerk

Proclamation Declaring April as Child Abuse Prevention & Awareness Month

Mayor Julie Smith read aloud the proclamation and presented it to Ms. Kelly Shoniker. Ms. Shoniker spoke about TCCCY's Blue Ribbon Fundraiser and encouraged everyone to purchase a blue ribbon to display throughout the month. She also mentioned 586 child abuse reports were made in Tift County within the past year and hoped that number would decrease. Ms. Shoniker encouraged everyone to wear blue on Friday to show their support.

Panhandling, Begging, and Loitering Ordinance

Mr. Rob Wilmot reviewed the proposed ordinance with Council. He mentioned the ordinance would protect the personal safety, privacy, and public safety concerns with panhandling. He mentioned the ordinance would restrict these activities within 8 feet of an intersection, ATM location, and sidewalk café. He also stated activities would not be allowed on a state highway median. Council briefly reviewed the ordinance and discussed. They additionally requested an ordinance on transferring money in and out of vehicles.

Review of Bids Received for IT Department Service Vehicle

Mr. Jonathon Taylor stated the department requested bids for the vehicle, but upon return of the bids it was discovered that the vehicle would have to custom ordered. After review of the bids received, staff is recommending purchasing a van through a state contract vendor in order to purchase by the fiscal year end. Mr. Taylor presented a request to purchase one vehicle from Don Jackson Chrysler Dodge Jeep Ram in the amount of \$19,563.00. Mr. Taylor mentioned this was a budgeted item.

Review of Bids Received for 2017 LMIG Resurfacing Project

Mr. Jeff West presented bids received for the resurfacing of portions of eleven city streets. Mr. West mentioned the city received three bids on the project and staff recommended awarding the bid to the lowest bidder Reeves Construction Company in the amount of \$572,872.00. The project will be funded using \$215,364.03 of LMIG Funding and the remainder will come from SPLOST.

Bids received were as follows:

1. Reeves Construction Co. - \$572,872.00
2. The Scruggs Co. - \$609,563.76
3. Reams and Sons Construction Co. - \$579,622.66

Request to Purchase Elgin Pelican Street Sweeper

Mr. Jeff West presented a request to purchase a new street sweeper to replace one of the City's current sweepers. Mr. West mentioned the current sweeper was past its life value and it is costly to maintain the machine. Mr. West requested to purchase a new sweeper through a state contract vendor, Environmental Products of Georgia, in the amount of \$204,728.00.

Request to Purchase a Trailer Mounted Asphalt Patcher

Mr. Jeff West presented a request to purchase a trailer mounted asphalt patcher through the state contract vendor, Environmental Products of Georgia, in the amount of \$105,130.00. Mr. West mentioned the equipment would allow for public works to repair potholes with hot asphalt and would be a better solution than using cold mix. Council briefly discussed the need and Mr. West mentioned after approval it would take about six weeks for the equipment to be onsite.

Master Service Agreement for Engineering Services – ESG Engineering

Mr. Pete Pyrzenski presented a request for a master service agreement to utilize ESG Engineering to complete engineering for various priority projects recently approved by Council. The contract will be for multiple project and the cost will be billed for work completed on the specific projects.

Resolution Providing for a New Alcohol License for John Place located at 314 12th Street

Ms. Jessica Jones presented a resolution for a new alcohol license for John's Place. Ms. Jones mentioned the business would be opening at a new location which was previously a thrift store. Ms. Jones mentioned the application and background checks have been reviewed by staff and staff is recommending approval of the resolution and alcohol license.

Resolution Providing for a New Alcohol License for EZ-Mart 2 located at 301 W. 7th Street

Ms. Jones presented a resolution for a new alcohol license for EZ-Mart 2. Ms. Jones mentioned the location is being leased by the applicant from Mr. Qadeer Ahmad. Ms. Jones mentioned the application and background checks have been reviewed by staff and staff is recommending approval of the resolution and alcohol license.

Resolution Authorizing the City to Employ a Certain Law Firm for Representation of Potential Litigation Against Contributors of Opioid Addiction Crisis

Mr. Rob Wilmot mentioned the resolution will authorize the city to enter into a multi-district litigation with other communities for a suit against opioid suppliers and manufactures. Mr. Wilmot explained the resolution will authorize the city to hire the firm, Blasingame, Burch, Garrard, & Ashley, P.C. to represent them in the litigation suit. Mr. Wilmot explained the city will not accrue any costs if not awarded and if the lawsuit is awarded the firm would be entitled to 30%.

Ordinance Amending Article V. Section 10, Coin Operated Amusement Machine Ordinance

Mr. Wilmot mentioned the ordinance was updated to reflect changes made in the state law. He also reviewed how the city would track the registering of the machines for the City of Tifton. Mr. Wilmot suggested taking out the reporting requirements since the stated is regulating the machines. Council requested additional information on how the state regulates the machine operators and questioned if the state would notify us of businesses that are not in compliance. Council briefly discussed limiting the number of machines a business can have and Council decided

to keep the number of machines at a maximum of 9 machines. Council reviewed the ordinance and briefly discussed the changes and process for regulating coin operated machines.

Ordinance Amending Design Standards for Manufactured Homes, LDC Chapter 4

Mr. Pyrzenski mentioned staff has been focusing on updating the standards for manufactured homes and has focused on aesthetics, code enforcement, and zoning. He provided Council with a proposed ordinance documenting the proposed changes. Mr. Wilmot explained that manufactured homes are regulated by HUD under federal law and there is not a lot the city can do to regulating except regulate through the zoning process. Mr. Pyrzenski mentioned the ordinance was being presented for review and council reviewed the ordinance and discussed various code enforcement issue and cleaning up the city.

Board Report

Ms. Jessica Jones presented the board report, but no appointments were made. Council did request for each board to make an annual report to Council and requested to have an upcoming meeting to discuss responsibilities and board requirements for the Tourism Board and DDA.

City Manager Report

Mr. Pete Pyrzenski mentioned the parking improvements have begun at the Senior Center and the LUCA address listing update has been submitted to the Census Bureau. He also provided Council with information on T-SPLOST and the proposed marketing plan for the referendum. He also mentioned the Service Delivery Committee has met with the County and the items outstanding to be discussed are EMS, Airport, Main Street, Library, and the Senior Center. Council Member Frank Sayles requested an update of what has been discussed and agreed upon.

CALLED MEETING

Resolution Authorizing the City to Employ a Certain Law Firm for Representation of Potential Litigation Against Contributors of Opioid Addiction Crisis

Council Member Folk motioned, seconded by Terrell and unanimously approved to accept the resolution.

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

Julie Smith, Mayor

Jessica Jones, City Clerk