

**City of Tifton**  
**Council Workshop/Regular Meeting**  
**April 16, 2018**  
**5:00 PM**  
**Tifton City Hall**

**Attendees**

Mayor Julie Smith  
Vice Mayor Wes Ehlers  
Council Members Jack Folk  
Council Members Johnny Terrell  
Council Members Frank Sayles

Mayor Julie Smith called the workshop to order at 5:00 PM.

**Review Roles and Responsibilities of City Boards**

Mr. Pete Pyrzenski mentioned the Council requested to discuss the roles and responsibilities of certain boards and tonight they will be discussing the Downtown Development Authority and Tourism Association. Mr. Pyrzenski stated the Main Street program and Tourism are a part of the service delivery discussions with the County. Mayor Smith gave a brief overview of the importance of service delivery for the public present. Mr. Pyrzenski opened by presenting resolutions which created the DDA, established roles of the authority and the By-Laws of the organization. He also presented information pertaining to the Main Street Program and Tift Theatre being supervised by the DDA. Mr. Rob Wilmot mentioned the purpose of the DDA is to administer projects for development which includes having the authority to issue bonds and acquire loans. After a brief review of the documents, Mr. Pyrzenski and Mayor Smith suggested for the Council to attend an upcoming DDA meeting to discuss the roles and expectations of the board, staff, and board accomplishments for the past year.

Secondly Mr. Pyrzenski presented information on the By-Laws of the Tifton-Tift County Tourism Association, Articles of Incorporation, and Contract for Services. Mr. Rob Wilmot gave a brief overview of the development and funding of the Tourism Association, whom receives funding from the City's Hotel/Motel Tax. Mr. Wilmot mentioned the Tourism Association gets a portion of the hotel-motel tax revenues to use for marketing of promotions. Mr. Pyrzenski mentioned the City needs to discuss the tourism funding and hotel-motel tax with the County during service delivery discussions. After discussion, Mr. Folk requested information on the function and activities of all boards. Ms. Vicky Horst from the Library Board stated she would be glad to provide a library board update at any time.

**Call to Order of the Regular Meeting**

Mayor Julie Smith called the regular Council Meeting to Order at 5:30 PM.

**Pledge & Prayer**

Mr. Jerry Hammock gave the invocation and Chief Bobby Bennett led the pledge.

Captain Steve Hyman introduced Office Jonathon Toledo and K-9 Kimba. Captain Hyman mentioned the officer and the K-9 "Kimba" have just completed training in Dooley County and are now out in the community working.

#### **Approval of the Agenda**

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

#### **Approval of the Minutes**

Council Member Terrell made the first motion for approval the minutes from the Council Meeting on March 19, 2018. Motion seconded by Sayles, and unanimously approved.

#### **Public Comments**

No one spoke

#### **Consent Agenda**

Council Member Folk moved, seconded by Sayles, and unanimously approved to accept the following items on the consent agenda.

1. Approval to Purchase a Service Vehicle for the IT Department from State Contract Vendor Don Jackson Chrysler Dodge Jeep Ram in the Amount of \$19,563.00
2. Award of Bid for the 2017 LMIG Resurfacing Project to Reeves Construction Company in the Amount of \$572,872.00
3. Approval to Purchase a Elgin Pelican Street Sweeper form State Contract Vendor Environmental Products of Georgia in the Amount of \$204,728.00
4. Approval to Purchase a Trailer Mounted Asphalt Patcher from State Contract Vendor Environmental Products of Georgia in the amount of \$105,130.00
5. Approval of the Master Service Agreement for Engineering Services from ESG Engineering and Authorize the City Manager to Execute Agreement.

#### **Resolution Providing for a New Alcohol License for John Place located at 314 12<sup>th</sup> Street**

Council Member Sayles made the first motion for approval of the resolution and alcohol license. Motion seconded by Folk, and all members unanimously approved.

#### **Resolution Providing for a New Alcohol License for EZ-Mart 2 located at 301 W. 7<sup>th</sup> Street**

Council Member Folk made the first motion for approval of the resolution and alcohol license. Motion seconded by Sayles with Ehlers and Smith voting in favor. Council Member Terrell opposed. Motion passed 4 to 1.

Council Member Johnny Terrell left the meeting.

**Panhandling, Begging, & Solicitation Ordinance**

Mr. Rob Wilmot mentioned he had made the requested changes as discussed at the workshop. Council Member Folk made the first motion for approval, seconded by Sayles, and unanimously approved the ordinance.

**Ordinance Amending Article V. Section 10, Coin Operated Amusement Machines**

Mr. Wilmot reviewed with Council the recent discussions he had with the state on the regulation of coin operated machines. He also mentioned the ordinance was updated to reflect the maximum number of machines of 9 as requested by Council at the workshop. After a brief discussion, Vice Mayor Ehlers made the first motion for approval, seconded by Sayles, and unanimously approved.

**Disclosure of Conflict of Interest for CDBG Redevelopment Fund Grant (Grant No. 16rd-x-137-2-5913)**

Mr. Rob Wilmot stated the City of Tifton is seeking an exception to conflict of interest requirements so the City can acquire property located at 331 Commerce which is currently owned by Mr. Jack Stone. Mr. Wilmot mentioned in order to request the exception the disclosure must be made at a public meeting. Mr. Wilmot explained Mr. Jack Stone is a board member of the Downtown Development Authority and the City intends to use grant funds to purchase the property, demolish the building, and construct a parking area in downtown. Mr. Wilmot mentioned the City will be purchasing the property, but the DDA has entered into a MOU with the City to partially fund the construction project. Mr. Wilmot mentioned this conflict of interest must be disclosed and a letter seeking the exception must be submitted to DCA. Mr. Wilmot mentioned nothing needs to be voted on, the item was for public disclosure only.

**Board Report**

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

**City Manager Report**

Mr. Pete Pyrzenski reminded everyone of the Special Olympics scheduled for Friday and the Volunteer Breakfast scheduled for April 25, 2018.

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



Julie Smith, Mayor



Jessica Jones, City Clerk