

**CITY OF TIFTON  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
MAY 15, 2017  
5:00 PM**

**ATTENDEES**

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

Pete Pyrzenski, City Manager  
Jessica Jones, City Clerk  
Rob Wilmot, City Attorney

**PUBLIC HEARING ON THE FY2018 PROPOSED BUDGET**

Mr. Rob Wilmot opened the Public Hearing on the FY2018 Proposed Budget. Mr. Wayne Putnal, Finance Director, reviewed the proposed FY2018 Budget which totaled \$42,584,388 for all funds. Mr. Putnal mentioned the proposed general fund budget does not include any tax increases, but does include quite a few cuts to get the city in a fiscally responsible condition. The Proposed FY2018 Budget was presented as follows:

General Fund	13,378,801
Hotel/Motel Tax Fund	1,107,700
Grants Fund	750,000
SPLOST IV	1,270,000
SPLOST V	9,875,500
Confiscated Asset Fund	15,000
Special Revenue Fund	31,825
Capital Projects Fund	1,021,069
Water Fund	3,563,200
Sewer Fund	3,846,513
Gas Fund	4,181,866
Solid Waste	3,237,532
Tift Theatre	305,382
<b>Total All Funds</b>	<b>42,584,388</b>

There was no public comment; therefore the Public Hearing was closed.

**Call to Order**

Mayor Julie Smith called the meeting to order at approximately 5:05 PM. Mayor Smith led the prayer and pledge of allegiance.

**Approval of the Agenda**

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

**Approval of the Minutes**

Council Member Sayles motioned, seconded by Folk, and unanimously approved to accept the minutes from the: April 17, 2017 Regular Meeting; May 1, 2017 Workshop/Special Called Meeting; and May 9, 2017 Budget Workshop.

### **Employer of the Year Award Received from SPADD**

Diversified Enterprises was present to present the award of Employer of the Year to the City of Tifton. Diversified Enterprises nominated the city for the SPADD Award in appreciation for maintaining their partnership since the 1980's by offering employment to persons with disabilities.

### **James E. Dove Memorial Scholarship Awards**

Ms. Donna Pate with Tifton Natural Gas presented the 2017 scholarships to Tift County High School Seniors Johnna M. Young and Karina E. Delgado. The Mayor and City Council congratulated the recipients on their awards and wished them the best on their future.

### **Swearing in Brad Barbee and Chris Beals to the Keep Tift Beautiful Board**

Mayor Julie Smith read aloud the oath of office and sworn in Mr. Brad Barbee and Mr. Chris Beals to the Keep Tift Beautiful Board.

### **Citizen Input**

Reverend Bernard Collier, 108 W. 13<sup>th</sup> Street, was present to discuss with Council issues of semi-trucks parking in front of his church on the church's property. He mentioned this past Sunday a semi-truck was parked right in front of the church door. He stated there is illegal activity and heavy foot traffic in the area and would like a solution to handle the issues. Chief Dowdy stated he was not aware of the truck parking, but he would handle the situation. Mr. Pyrzenski spoke with council about different options to consider and suggested making any needed changes to our ordinance to restrict semi-trucks from parking in residential areas.

### **Resolution supporting the DDA's DDRLF Application to Assist Baxley Properties and Investments, LLC with Development Project on Commerce Way**

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

### **Resolution Providing for an Alcohol Beverage License at Public Super Markets, Inc. #1422 Located at 620 Virginia Avenue**

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

### **Resolution Providing for an Alcohol Beverage License at The Shell Station located at 2302 US Highway 41 North**

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

### **Resolution Re-Designating & Classifying Hunt Road and Larkin Road**

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

### **Festival Ordinance**

Mr. Rob Wilmot stated he revised the ordinance based on Council's discussion at the previous workshop. Mr. Wilmot stated guns cannot be restricted at festivals so that restriction was removed. He also mentioned he added language to allow open containers until one (1) hour after sales ends for the festival area. After discussion, Vice Mayor Ehlers made the first motion for approval of the ordinance, seconded by Frank Sayles, and unanimously approved.

Council Member Terrell arrived to the meeting.

**City Manager Report**

Mr. Pyrzenski mentioned the Fish Fry for Older American Month went great. He also mentioned panhandling is becoming more frequent, and asked if Council was interested in looking for ways to control the issues on Hwy 82 and in downtown. The Council agreed there was issue and would like more information. Lastly Mr. Pyrzenski mentioned the Georgia Chamber Regional Office Grand Opening was this afternoon and encouraged everyone to attend.

There being no further business to discuss the meeting adjourned at 5:45 PM.

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Julie Smith, Mayor

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Jessica Jones, City Clerk