

**CITY OF TIFTON
COUNCIL MEETING
MAY 18, 2020
5:30 PM
TIFTON CITY HALL**

Attendees

Mayor Julie Smith

Vice Mayor Wes Ehlers

Council Member Jack Folk (via teleconference)

City Clerk

Council Member Johnny Terrell

Council Member M. Jay Hall

Pete Pyrzenski, City Manager

Rob Wilmot, City Attorney

Jessica White,

Call to Order

Mayor Julie Smith called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM.

Prayer & Pledge

Council Member Hall gave the invocation and Ross Peters, Boy Scout, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of the Agenda

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

Approval of the Minutes

Council Member Terrell motioned, seconded by Hall, and unanimously approved the following meeting minutes: March 16, 2020 Council Meeting, March 20, 2020 Called Meeting, and March 23, 2020 Called Meeting.

Public Comments

None

Eagle Scout Presentation by Ross Peters, Boy Scout Troop 62

Ross Peters presented the City with a flag repository for the community to drop-off retired flags for proper disposal. Ross explained how he converted seven (7) newspaper boxes into flag repositories and how this community project was his last accomplishment before becoming an Eagle Scout. Council congratulated Ross on his accomplishments.

Alcohol License Hearing for Jay Shree Maharaj Sales Corporation dba Speedgo #1 located at 1939 Whiddon Mill Road

Deputy Shane Mims with the Tift County Sheriff's Office gave Council an overview of the undercover operation performed after receiving numerous complaints from parents in reference to underage alcohol sales. Attorney Dan Johnson representing Speedgo, mentioned the owners were admitting the underage sales charges but asked Council for consideration since this was their first offense. City Council had the opportunity to ask questions and comment on the presented case.

Alcohol License Hearing for Shree Dutt, LLC dba Handy Stop located at 207 W. 12th Street
TPD Investigator Patrick Hogan and Deputy Shane Mims of the TCSO presented evidence on the case and multiple underage purchases made at the location. The Sheriff's office provided info on one underage sale and Tifton Police Department presented evidence on two underage sales. Mr. Jagar Patel, owner, responded to the evidence presented and asked Council for consideration. Attorney Dan Johnson asked Council for consideration since this was their first offense. City Council had the opportunity to ask questions and comment on the presented case.

Alcohol License Hearing for KD Food, Inc. dba Pepi's Food Mart located at 921 W. 20th Street

Mr. Wilmot mentioned Attorney Jonathan Arant had contacted his office and agreed upon the facts of the case presented for underage sales citation. Attorney Arant mentioned the Patel family has owned and operated the current business for the past ten years without any prior violations. Mr. Arant explained to Council that the clerk that sold to those underage was young and inexperienced. He asked that the Council consider the current economic decline and the owner's track record when making a decision. City Council had the opportunity to ask questions and comment on the presented case.

Consent Agenda

Council Member Hall motioned, seconded by Folk, and unanimously approved to accept the following items on the consent agenda:

- 5. Resolution Opposing House Bill 302, Preemption of Local Building Standards**
- 6. Resolution Providing for a New Alcohol Beverage License for Nita's Food Store located at 1520 S. Central Ave**
- 7. Resolution Supporting the DDA's DDRLP Application to Assist Magnolia Properties, LLC with Development of 101 S. Tift Avenue**
- 8. Resolution Supporting the Low Income Housing Tax Credit Application being Submitted by Integrity Development Partners, LLC for the South Tifton Development**

Resolution Adopting the Revisions to the Tift County Service Delivery Strategy for Updating the Existing and Proposed Water Service Area Maps

Mr. Pyrzenski mentioned the service area maps need to be updated to include a new development in the County. Council Member Terrell made the first motion for approval of the resolution, motion seconded by Hall, and unanimously approved.

Resolution Approving the Board Appointment Policy

Council requested additional time to review the policy, item was postponed until the June Workshop.

City Manager Report

Mr. Pyrzenski spoke briefly about reopening City Hall since the COVID-19 closure. He also recognized the Public Works Staff since it was National Public Works Week.

Council Comments

Vice Mayor Ehlers mentioned he was very excited about the Goff Street Project and upcoming LMIG Resurfacing. He also mentioned the hard work of Ross Peters was very humbling and he was very proud of Ross on his accomplishment of being an Eagle Scout.

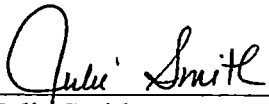
Council Member M. Jay Hall thanked Pete for his leadership in running a strong team.

Mayor Julie Smith thanked Dana for her work in preparing the upcoming budget. She also thanked the school and hospital for helping the City stay engaged during this time

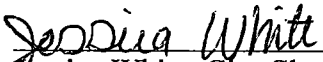
Council Member Terrell congratulated the Big Store on 100 years of business.

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

Respectively Submitted,



Julie Smith, Mayor



Jessica White, City Clerk