

**TIFTON CITY COUNCIL**  
**FY2020 BUDGET PRESENTATION**  
**MAY 20, 2019**  
**4:30 PM**  
**TIFTON CITY HALL**

**ATTENDEES**

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

Rob Wilmot, City Attorney  
Pete Pyrzenski, City Manager

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Julie Smith called the meeting to order at approximately 4:30 PM.

**FY2020 BUDGET PRESENTATION**


Mr. Pyrzenski presented the Proposed Budget for Council consideration. Mr. Pyrzenski mentioned he has met with the budget committee and made some changes based on their recommendations. He mentioned the proposed budget does not include a tax increase and he felt the City's financial condition is the best it has been in many years. The presented budget totaled \$43,032,546.00. He mentioned the City is estimating a \$31,000 increase in the tax digest, but he is still waiting on the final tax digest from the Tax Commissioner. Based on revenues from the current year the budget includes a \$190,000 shortfall in franchise fees and a \$61,000 decrease in insurance premium tax revenues. He also stated the budget included a contingency amount to cover a possible health insurance increase and a proposal to give employees a 1% one-time pay increase.

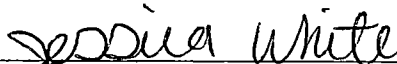
Mr. Pyrzenski went through the departmental budgets and focused on the major changes. Major changes discussed included increasing the training amount for both the Police Department and Fire Department. An increase in the Public Works Budget for ESG fees. Increase for the Economic Development Department to oversee the Urban Redevelopment Agency, and a \$20,000 increase for the Tifton Tift County Library.

Mr. Pyrzenski also spoke about a few of the goals for the upcoming year. Those goals included reviewing rental fees at the Senior Center to cover actual costs. Completing a study to see if the Cemetery could be expanded and also consider purchasing software for the Cemetery. Preparing a 12-month plan for catching up the retirement plan contributions and completing an energy audit or study for the City. He also mentioned the partnership with ABAC for managing the Tift Theatre would continue as well as the agreement for the School Resource Officers.

In essence of time Mr. Pyrzenski did not review the budget for SPLOST. A Public Hearing on the FY2020 Budget will be held on June 3, 2019 at 5:00 PM and the Proposed Budget is set to be adopted at the Council Meeting on June 17, 2019. There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 5:20 PM.

Respectively Submitted,

  
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Julie Smith, Mayor

  
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Jessica White, City Clerk