

**CITY OF TIFTON
COUNCIL MEETING
MAY 20, 2019
5:30 PM
TIFTON CITY HALL**

ATTENDEES

Mayor Julie Smith

Council Member Wes Ehlers

Council Member Jack Folk

Council Member Johnny Terrell

Council Member Frank Sayles

Pete Pyrzenski, City Manager

Rob Wilmot, City Attorney

Jessica White, City Clerk

CALL TO ORDER

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

PRAYER & PLEDGE

Pastor Salone Green w/ Carpenter Road Church of God gave the invocation and Council Member Folk led the Pledge.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

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

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Council Member Johnny Terrell made the first motion for approval of the minutes, seconded by Folk, and unanimously approved.

SWEARING IN MS. SUSAN GREEN TO THE TIFTON ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

Mayor Smith read aloud the Oath of Office and thanked Ms. Green for her commitment to serve.

SWEARING IN RAY CROSS TO THE HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

Mayor Smith read aloud the Oath of Office and thanked Mr. Cross for his commitment to serve.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

3. Award of Bid for Water Plant Back-Up Generators to ATS Enterprises, Inc.
4. Award of Bid for the FY2019 LMIG Resurfacing Project to Reeves Construction Company
5. Award of Bid for Utilities Backhow to Yancey Brothers
6. Resolution Authorizing Submittal of a GEFA Loan Application for Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvements

NOMINATIONS TO THE URBAN REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY OF THE CITY OF TIFTON

Mayor Smith mentioned Council has already provided the City Manager with a list of recommended board members and directed staff to contact those members to see if they are interested in serving. Staff will follow up with Council and the URA Resolution will be presented in June once board members are secured.

RECOMMENDATION FOR CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS – RFP FOR SOLID WASTE, RECYCLING, AND DISPOSAL SERVICES

Council Member Jack Folk motioned to negotiate a contract with Golden Environmental for solid waste and recycling pickup and the City take over collections of curbside yard waste and bulky items. Council Member Folk's motion failed for a lack of a second and Council Member Sayles offered an amended motion. Council Member Frank Sayles made an amended motion to extend Golden's Contract for one year and further study the possibility of taking back over the yard waste and bulky pickup. Council discussed the item further before calling the item for a final vote.

Council Member Frank Sayles suggested the need to extend the contract for one year would give staff enough time to review actual startup cost, purchase equipment, and hire employees to run the new proposed department. Sayles recommended extending the contract till December 2020 and by that time Council would have adequate time to evaluate creating a new department for collecting yard waste and bulky items. Mayor Smith and Council Member Terrell agreed that the City needed additional time to evaluate taking back over yard waste and bulky collection

Council Member Jack Folk reiterated that staff had already prepared the costs for the new department and the City would charge the customers for the service being provided. Mr. Folk mentioned the majority of the service complaints come from yard waste and bulky pickup and it would be better for the City to provide that service. Council Member Folk and Ehlers discussed signing a multi-year contract with Golden Environmental for solid waste pickup and the City taking over the yard waste and bulky pickup beginning January 1, 2019.

After discussion, Mayor Smith asked for a restated motion. The motion on the table was made by Council Member Sayles, to extend Golden's Contract for one year and further study the possibility of taking back over the yard waste and bulky pickup. Motion seconded by Terrell and Mayor Smith voted in favor. Council Member Folk and Council Member Ehlers voted against. Motion passed with a 3 to 2 vote.

RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR A NEW ALCOHOL LICENSE FOR JOHN PLACE #1 LOCATED AT 1508 S. PARK AVE

Council Member Wes Ehlers made the first motion to table the item and schedule an alcohol hearing. Motion seconded by Sayles, and unanimously approved.

RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR AN AMENDED ALCOHOL LICENSE FOR SUNMART LOCATED AT 902 S. CENTRAL AVENUE

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

RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR AN AMENDED ALCOHOL LICENSE FOR WALMART #5198 LOCATED AT 1810 TIFT AVENUE

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

RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR AN AMENDED ALCOHOL LICENSE FOR THE LOCAL LOCATED AT 401 N. LOVE AVE

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

RESOLUTION UPDATING THE AUTHORIZED SIGNERS FOR THE ACCOUNTS HELD AT AMERIS BANK

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

RESOLUTION FOR CONTINUATION AS A CERTIFIED CITY OF ETHICS UNDER THE GMA MODEL CODE OF ETHICS

Council Member Frank Sayles made the first motion, seconded by Terrell, and unanimously approved.

REAPPOINTMENT OF SOLOMON NIXON, JR. TO THE PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION

Council Member Frank Sayles made the first motion to reappoint Mr. Nixon, motion seconded by Terrell, and unanimously approved.

CITY MANAGER REPORT

Mr. Pete Pyrzenski presented the new street signs that would be placed around town giving notice that anyone driving a golf cart must have a valid driver's license. He also presented an updated budget calendar which gave the dates and times for the public hearing and meeting for approving the FY2020 Budget.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS

Council Member Jack Folk: Asked for a street lighting study or policy to address some of the dark areas in the City to increase visibility.

Council Member Frank Sayles: Invited everyone to the DDA Strategic Planning Meeting tomorrow afternoon at City Hall. He also spoke highly of the Arts & Black Reception and thought the committee really appreciated the event.

Mayor Julie Smith: Invited everyone to attend the 25th Anniversary Celebration at the Tift Theatre on Thursday at 6:00 PM.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Council Member Johnny Terrell motioned to go into executive session to discuss legal and personnel matters, motion seconded by Ehlers and unanimously approved. Meeting closed to

executive session.

Council Member Jack Folk made the first motion to go out of executive session and back into regular session, motion seconded by Terrell, and unanimously approved.

RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION


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

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

Respectively Submitted,



Julie Smith, Mayor



Jessica White, City Clerk

**AT A MEETING OF THE
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TIFTON
HELD ON May 20, 2019
A MOTION TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Council member Terrell makes the following motion:

1. That City Council now enters into executive session as allowed by O.C.G.A. Section 50-14-4 and pursuant to advice by the City Attorney, for the purpose of discussing the following:

(check all that apply)

- Legal Matters.
 Personnel Matters.
 Real Estate Matters.

That each member of this body, in open session, at the conclusion of such executive session, and consistent with the provisions of City of Tifton Resolution No. 99-66, either:

1. Execute the Affidavit, the form of which having been previously approved; or
2. Vote upon the Resolution, the form of which having been previously approved, to be followed by the execution of the above-referenced Affidavit by so many members of this Council that so desire,

all of which is in compliance with O.C.G.A. Section 50-14-4; thereby this body, by appropriate form of either Affidavit or Resolution/Affidavit, ratifying the actions of the Council taken in executive session and confirming that the subject matters of the closed session were within exceptions permitted by the Open Meetings law.

Council member Ehlers seconds the motion.

Motion Approved

Those voting in favor of the motion for closure:

Council Members: All

Those voting against the motion for closure:

Council Members: None.

AFFIDAVIT

Personally appeared before the undersigned attesting officer, duly authorized to administer oaths in the State of Georgia:

<u>Present</u>	<u>Absent</u>	
<u>✓</u>	_____	Julie B. Smith
<u>✓</u>	_____	Wes Ehlers
<u>✓</u>	_____	Jack Folk
<u>✓</u>	_____	Johnny Terrell
<u>✓</u>	_____	Frank Sayles

Who, after being duly sworn, deposes and on oath states the following:

1. I am a member of the Tifton City Council and I was present at a meeting of the City Council held on the 20th day of May, 2019.

2. That it was my understanding that O.C.G.A. Section 50-14-4(b) provides as follows:

When any meeting of an agency is closed to the public pursuant to subsection (a) Of this Code section, the chairperson or other person presiding over such meeting shall execute and file with the official minutes of the meeting a notarized affidavit stating under oath that the subject matter of the meeting or the closed portion thereof was devoted to matters within the exceptions provided by law and identifying the specific relevant exception.

3. The subject matter of the closed meeting or closed portion of the meeting held on the 20 day of May, 2019, which was closed for the purpose(s) of :

- Legal Matters
- Personnel Matters
- Real Estate Matters

As allowed by O.C.G.A., Title 50, Chapter 14, was devoted to matters within those exceptions and as provided by law.

4. This affidavit is being executed for the purpose of complying with the mandate of O.C.G.A. Section 50-14-4(b) that such an affidavit be executed.
5. This affidavit is likewise executed by the following members of the City Council present at such executive session in support of open and honest government and in compliance with City of Tifton Resolution 99-66.

This 20th day of May, 2019.

Julie Smith
 Julie Smith
 Mayor, City of Tifton

Wes Ehlers
 Wes Ehlers
 Councilman, District 1

Jack Folk
 Jack Folk
 Councilman, District 2

Johnny Terrell
 Johnny Terrell
 Councilman, District 3

Frank Sayles, Jr.
 Frank Sayles, Jr.
 Councilman, District 4

Sworn to and subscribed before me
 By all City Council members
 on this 20 day of
May, 2019.

Jessica White
 Notary Public

