

**City of Tifton
Council Meeting
May 21, 2018
5:30 PM
Tifton City Hall**

Attendees

Mayor Julie Smith
Vice Mayor Wes Ehlers
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

Mayor Julie Smith led the prayer and pledge.

Approval of the Agenda

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

Approval of the Minutes

Council Member Terrell made the first motion to approve the minutes from April 4, 2018 and April 16, 2018. Motion seconded by Ehlers and unanimously approved.

2018 James E. Dove Memorial Scholarship Awards

Ms. Donna Pate mentioned the City received multiple applications for the scholarship and after evaluating the application the review committee unanimously selected Ms. Jamyraclé Bryant as the 2018 recipient. Mr. Pete Pyrzenski congratulated Jamyraclé on her impressive essay and mentioned she would be continuing her education at VSU and would like to become a teacher. After the check presentation, Jamyraclé thanked the Council for the award.

Consent Agenda

Vice Mayor Ehlers motioned to postpone item #6, Award Proposals Received for Banking Services to Synovus, and BB&T for Banking and Purchase Card Program, until the June 4th Workshop. Motion seconded by Terrell, and unanimously approved.

With item #6 removed. Vice Mayor Ehlers motioned, seconded by Sayles, and unanimously approved the following items on the consent agenda:

2. **Approval of the Georgia Main Street Program Agreements for 2018-2019**
3. **Approval of the Request to Change the Water System Disinfection from Liquid Chlorine to Chlorine Gas**
4. **Award of Proposal from Utility Asset Management for Repair of Drainage Pipe Located at 26th Street & Ridge Avenue**
5. **Accept the MOU between the City and ABAC for Management of the Tift Theatre and Authorize the City Manager to Execute the Agreement**

7. **Authorize the Transfer of Landfill Closure and Post Closure Funds**
8. **Approval of the Resolution Authorizing the Tifton Fire Department to Form a Mutual Aid Resource Pact with Members of the Georgia Mutual Aid Group (GMAG)**
9. **Approval of the Resolution Providing for an Amended Alcohol Beverage License for Sunny Swifty located at 1355 S. Main Street**
10. **Approval of the Resolution Providing for a New Alcohol License for Shell Travel Center located at 603 Old Omega Road**

Ordinance Rezoning Property Located at 101 S. Tift Avenue from GB (General Business) to CD (Commercial Downtown)

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

Board Report & Reappointments

Council Member Sayles made the first motion to reappoint Ms. Ann Clayton and Mr. Mark Peterman to the Historical Preservation Commission to serve a 3-year term. Motion seconded by Terrell, and unanimously approved.

Council reviewed and discussed the other items on the board report, but no other appointments were made.

City Manager Report

Mr. Pyrzenski gave an update on the resurfacing project and complimented the contractor on clipping the shoulder prior to repaving the road surface. He also stated the Pebblebrook water line replacement will be put out to bid in the next few weeks and the anticipated start date is August 2018. Mr. Pyrzenski also stated Mr. Raymond Drennon has retired from the City. He further announced a budget workshop is scheduled for Friday at 12:00 PM. Lastly he introduced Ms. Morgan Atwater the newly hired Public Relations and Communications Director. Ms. Atwater stated she was excited of the opportunity to work with the city and briefly gave a few statistics of the recent increase in the City's social media activity.

Executive Session to Discuss Legal Matters

Council Member Terrell made first motion to go into executive session to discuss legal matters. Motion seconded by Ehlers, and unanimously approved. Meeting closed to executive session.

Vice Mayor Ehlers made the first motion to go out of executive session. Motion seconded by Terrell, and unanimously approved. Meeting opened back to regular session.

Resolution Providing for Executive Session

Council Member Terrell motioned for approval of the resolution, seconded by Sayles, and unanimously approved.

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

Julie Smith, Mayor

Jessica White, Clerk