

**Tifton City Council
Special Called Workshop
May 25, 2018
11:30 AM
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 Jones, City Clerk

Mayor Smith called the workshop to order at 11:30 AM

Executive Session to Discuss Legal Matters and Real Estate

Council Member Folk made the first motion to go into executive session to discuss legal and real estate matters, motion seconded by Terrell, and unanimously approved. Meeting closed to executive session.

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

FY2019 Budget Presentation

Mr. Pyrzenski presented the Proposed Budget for Council consideration and provided a summary of the major changes in the FY2019 Budget.

Mr. Pyrzenski mentioned the preliminary tax digest shows an overall 2% increase or a net increase of \$69,352. Mr. Pyrzenski reviewed the retirement fund changes and stated the City expects a \$600,000 decrease in contributions made to fund from previous year as a result of moving to the Georgia Municipal Association Retirement Plan. Mr. Pyrzenski mentioned the proposed budget also includes a 3% raise for all employees.

The proposed budget for the General Fund totaled \$13,965,064. Mr. Pyrzenski reviewed multiple changes in the general fund which included: revenue changes for multiple departments, moving the Main Street Department from the Hotel-Motel Fund to the General Fund, increase in the annual audit costs, additional cost for public safety expanded physicals, 8% increase in prisoner per diem costs, funding for the new Economic Development position, and funding to participate in the GA Power 360° Marketing Program.

The proposed budget for the Water Fund totaled \$3,460,400. Mr. Pyrzenski mentioned the revenues have decreased in this fund and are based on actual consumption projections from the current year. Mr. Pyrzenski mentioned the budget also includes additional funding for system maintenance and improvements.

The proposed budget for the Sewer Fund totaled \$4,042,800. Mr. Pyrzenski proposed a 5% increase in sewer rates for all customers. He mentioned the increase is mandatory for operations and to keep in compliance with the City's bond covenants.

Council Member Sayles left the meeting at 1:30 PM.

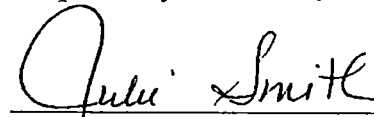
The proposed budget for the Landfill Fund totaled \$2,664,150. Mr. Pyrzenski mentioned the SWCD Fund has been renamed to the Landfill and this is the only joint department with the County. He mentioned the Solid Waste Collection Fund was created for accounting for the curbside collection costs contracted through Golden Environmental. Mr. Pyrzenski mentioned in the coming year the City plans to request proposals from contractors for garbage collection, since the contract with Golden Environmental ends in 2019. Mr. Pyrzenski also recommended implementing a special pick-up for picking up residential bulky piles on a weekly basis. Mr. Pyrzenski mentioned this additional service would cost an additional \$2.50 per month for each garbage customer.

Mr. Pyrzenski presented the SPLOST Budget and reviewed the capital projects included in the budget. Projects discussed included: new equipment for multiple departments, improvements to Fulwood Park, water system improvements, and drainage improvements.


Mr. Pyrzenski reviewed the remaining budget schedule and mentioned a Public Hearing on the FY2019 Budget has been scheduled for June 4, 2018 to receive public comment and the final budget adoption is expected to occur on June 18, 2018.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 2:00 pm.

Respectively Submitted,



Julie Smith, Mayor



Jessica Jones, City Clerk

**AT A MEETING OF THE
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TIFTON
HELD ON May 25, 2018
A MOTION TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Council member Jaek Folk 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 Johnny Terrell 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 25th day of may, 2018.
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 25 day of may, 2018, 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 25th day of May, 2018.

Julie Smith
 Julie Smith
 Mayor, City of Tifton

Wes Ehlers
 Wes Ehlers
 Councilman, District 1

Jack Folk
 Jack Folk
 Councilman, District 2

Johnny Ferrell
 Johnny Ferrell
 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 25th day of
May, 2018.

Jessica Jones
 Notary Public

