

**CITY OF TIFTON
COUNCIL MEETING
JUNE 15, 2020
TIFTON CITY HALL**

Attendees

Mayor Julie Smith
Vice Mayor Wes Ehlers
Council Member Jack Folk
Council Member Johnny Terrell
Council Member M. Jay Hall

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 gave the invocation and led the pledge.

Approval of the Agenda

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

Approval of the Minutes

Vice Mayor Ehlers motioned for approval, seconded by Folk, and unanimously approved the following meeting minutes: May 11, 2020 Workshop, May 18, 2020 Council Meeting, May 21, 2020 Budget Workshop, May 27, 2020 Special Called Meeting, June 1, 2020 Workshop & Called Meeting.

Public Comments

No public comments

Council Member Johnny Terrell arrived to the meeting.

Consent Agenda

Vice Mayor Ehlers motioned, seconded by Terrell, and unanimously approved the following items on the consent agenda:

1. Ordinance Amending the Land Development Code, Appendix 1, Technical Design Standards, Section 6.10.1. (Application PP20-0006)
2. Ordinance Amending the Land Development Code, Establishing Commercial and Residential Design Standards (Application PP20-0009)
3. Ordinance Amending to the Land Development Code to Provide for Conditional Zoning and Special Use Permits (Application PP20-0010)
4. Ordinance Amending Section 7.19.00 I of the LDC Related to Removal of Signs Within the Right-of Way
5. Ordinance Approving the Amendment to the Gas Supply Contract and Supplemental Contract with the Municipal Gas Authority of Georgia (MGAG)

Resolution Approving the FY2021 Budget

Council Member Folk made the first motion for approval of the resolution and budget. Motion seconded by Ehlers and unanimously approved.

Resolution Approving the GDOT Transportation Investment Act Project Agreement

Mr. John Shepherd presented the resolution which accepts TIA funding for relocating the waterline on 2nd Street. Mr. Shepherd mentioned the street is scheduled to be resurfaced soon and additional funding from the state is available to relocate the utility main prior to the resurfacing. Mr. Shepherd estimated the state would allocate approximately \$75,000 and the resolution accepts the funding and authorize the Mayor to execute the agreement. Council Member Folk made the first motion for approval of the resolution. Motion seconded by Hall and unanimously approved.

Resolution Approving a Grant Application Submittal to Georgia HPD for Improvements at the Tift Theatre

Ms. Abbey McLaren presented the resolution for submitting a grant application in the amount of \$146,994.00 for exterior repairs for the Tift Theatre. Ms. McLaren mentioned staff prepared the application for submittal of Hurricane Irma Disaster Assistance Grant Funding and the grant does not require a city match. After review, Council Member Folk made the first motion for approval of the resolution, motion seconded by Hall, and unanimously approved.

Service Delivery Strategy and DCA Submission

Mr. Rob Wilmot gave a presentation on the recent service delivery negotiations and mediation efforts with Tift County. He reviewed the many service delivery services and historically how they were funded. He further reviewed the SDS mediation report, the County's Final Service Delivery Proposal to the City, and how the proposal would affect City and County tax payers. After review of the SDS negotiations between the City and County, Mr. Wilmot presented three resolutions for consideration on service delivery and briefly reviewed each. Mr. Wilmot mentioned the City and County would need to update and submit the required SDS Forms by June 30, 2020 in order to keep it's qualified governmental status and sanctions.

Following the service delivery presentation, Mayor Smith allowed Mr. Hayward Fowler with the Fun Channel to ask questions. Mayor Smith and Mr. Wilmot responded to the questions to help clarify understanding of the SDS information presented.

Resolution Approving the Service Delivery Mediation Report

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

Resolution Approving and Updating the Service Delivery Strategy

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

Resolution Approving and Updating the Service Delivery Strategy Services for Water, Wastewater, and Roads

Because the City of County could not come close to an agreement on the three services of water, wastewater, and roads, a separate resolution was presented to cover those items. Council Member Folk made the first motion for approval of the resolution, motion seconded by Hall, and unanimously approved.

Jail Inmate Agreement

Mr. Pyrzenski presented a letter received from Sheriff Gene Scarbrough cancelling the current Jail Inmate Agreement and proposing a new agreement which increased the cost of inmate housing to \$58.13 per day. Mr. Pyrzenski mentioned the new agreement proposes a 20% increase and it was suggested to look at other options for housing inmates. Council reviewed and discussed. Vice Mayor Ehlers motioned to postpone the agreement indefinitely, motion seconded by Terrell, and unanimously approved.

Ordinance Extending the Moratorium on Thrift Stores in Commercial Downtown for Sixty Days

Mr. Pete Pyrzenski recommended extending the currently moratorium to allow the committee and staff to further review. Vice Mayor Ehlers made the first motion for approval of the ordinance, motion seconded by Folk, and unanimously approved.

City Manager Report

Approval of the School Resource Officer Agreement with Tift County Schools

Mr. Pyrzenski presented the FY2020-FY2021 agreement to provide five (5) SRO's to the school system for the upcoming school year. The agreement for the year totaled \$217,593.23. After review, Vice Mayor Ehlers made the first motion for approval, motion seconded by Terrell, and unanimously approved.

Approval for Changing the July Workshop Meeting to July 7, 2020

Council Member Terrell made the first motion to change the meeting to July 7th, motion seconded by Ehlers, and unanimously approved.

Mr. Pyrzenski thanked the Council for their diligent work and time spent throughout the Service Delivery process.

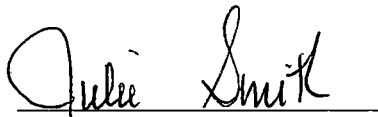
Mayor & Council Comments

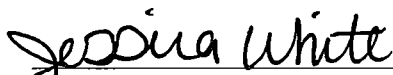
Council Member Terrell recommended having annual service delivery discussions with the County.

Council Member Folk confirmed to the public that the same services were going to be offered but were going to be offered by a different provider.

Vice Mayor Ehlers thanked the City Manager and Management Team for their work during the SDS process.

Mayor Smith praised Chief Hyman for his leadership at the Police Department.


Julie Smith, Mayor


Jessica White, City Clerk