

**City of Tifton  
Council Meeting  
June 18, 2018  
5:30 PM  
Tifton City Hall**

**Attendees**

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

Pete Pyrzenski, City Manager  
Rob Wilmot, City Attorney (via Phone)  
Jessica White, City Clerk

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

**Prayer and Pledge**

Pastor Todd Garner w/ Union Grove Church of God gave the invocation, and Samantha Diaz led the pledge.

**Approval of the Agenda**

Vice Mayor Ehlers made the first motion for approval of the agenda, with removing items 7, 9 and 11 from the consent agenda. Motion seconded by Sayles and all members voted in favor.

**Approval of the Minutes**

Council Member Folk made the first motion to accept the minutes from the May 7<sup>th</sup> Workshop, May 21<sup>st</sup> Council Meeting, and June 11<sup>th</sup> Special Called Meeting. Motion seconded by Terrell and all members voted in favor.

**Public Comments**

Pastor Todd Garner w/ Union Grove Church of God, mentioned his church is having a community serve day on July 14<sup>th</sup> and he requested Council assign a needed project for them to complete. Council stated they would be thinking of a project and contact him with any suggestions.

Hayward Fowler w/ The Fun Channel, Mr. Fowler mentioned he would soon be beginning a local news show to get the community news out, and requested to do a follow up story on the potholes repaired within the city. Mayor Smith mentioned the city did hire Ms. Morgan Atwater as the public relations contact and she is available to assist with any information needed.

Lynn Lovett w/ Ruth's Cottage/ Patticake House, thanked the Council for their time and cooperation in updating the Service Delivery Strategy and adding transitional housing in order for their grant application to be considered for funding.

Hal Baxley, Owner of 41 & Main, mentioned he would be hosting an event on July 7<sup>th</sup> at the downtown gateway park. He mentioned the event will include a free concert and the public was invited to attend. He stated this is his first event but has plans to do many more!

## **Resolution Adopting the 2018 Joint Greater Tift County and Cities of Omega, Tifton, and Ty Ty Comprehensive Plan Update**

Mr. Ariel Godwin with South Georgia Regional Commission presented the resolution. He mentioned the Comprehensive Plan was recently updated and approved by DCA, and now it is time to adopt the final plan. Council Member Folk made the first motion for approval of the resolution and comprehensive plan. Motion seconded by Sayles, and unanimously approved.

## **Consent Agenda**

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

2. Resolution Approving the Jail Inmate Agreement
3. Resolution Designating Rock the Block on June 30, 2018 as a Festival
4. Resolution Declaring Surplus Property
5. Resolution Providing for Executive Session on May 25, 2018
6. Resolution Providing for Executive Session on June 4, 2018
8. Ordinance Rezoning the Property Located on Hwy 41, T0044 Parcel 034, from RP (Residential Professional) to GB (General Business), Application PP18-0029
10. Ordinance Rezoning the Property Located at 2225 and 2227 N. US Hwy 41, T026 Parcel 005, from NC (Neighborhood Commercial) to GB (General Business), Application PP18-0030 & PP18-0031
12. Ordinance Amending the Tifton Land Development Code, Chapter 6 Section 6.01.03 (Parking Standards and Design)
13. Ordinance Amending the Tifton Land Development Code, Chapter 1 Section 1.09.02 (Definitions: Streets)
14. Ordinance Amending the Tifton Land Development Code, Chapter 2 Section 2.03.03 (Table of Uses) to Establish Photovoltaic Systems, Wind Farms, & Similar Uses

## **Resolution Approving Municipal Court Judge Service Agreement**

Mr. Pyrzenski mentioned city benefits have been removed from the contract and the Judge's compensation would only include salary and professional membership. Council Member Terrell made the first motion for approval, seconded by Folk, and motion was unanimously approved.

## **Ordinance Rezoning the Property Located at 2203 N. US Hwy 41, T026 Parcel 004A, from NC (Neighborhood Commercial) to GB (General Business), Application PP18-0029**

Council Member expressed his concerns about making the change to GB since it was so close to a residential area. Council briefly discussed. Council Member Folk made the first motion to postpone the ordinance indefinitely. Motion seconded by Terrell. Smith, Sayles, and Ehlers voted against the motion. Motion failed by a 3 to 2 vote.

Council Member Sayles motioned to postpone the item until the August 6<sup>th</sup> Workshop, motion seconded by Ehlers, and motion was unanimously approved.

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Council Member Sayles motioned to postpone the item until the August 6<sup>th</sup> Workshop, motion seconded by Ehlers, and unanimously approved. Mr. Pyrzenski mentioned staff would prepare information on the differences between neighborhood commercial and general business for the Council to review in August.

**Resolution Providing for a New Alcohol License for El Limon Located at 501 S. Ridge Ave**

Council reviewed the application and spoke with Mr. Limon, owner, about the parking concerns. Mr. Limon mentioned he has followed all the permitting requirements, installed security cameras, and has adequate parking for the business. Following discussion, Council Member Terrell made the first motion for approval of the resolution and alcohol license. Motion seconded by Ehlers and unanimously approved.

**Resolution Providing for a New Alcohol License for Jo Petra, Inc. dba Jay's Food Mart Located at 10 Sandra Drive**

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

**Resolution Providing for an Amended Alcohol License for The Local Kitchen and Bar Located at 212 S. Main Street**

Jessica White mentioned the business has requested to add alcohol catering to their current license and this change requires Council's approval. After review, Vice Mayor Ehlers made the first motion for approval. Motion seconded by Sayles and unanimously approved.

**Resolution Approving the FY2019 Budget**

Mr. Pyrzenski mentioned there were a few budget items pending since the workshop, and gave a brief overview of those items. Mr. Pyrzenski mentioned the City would be contracting with the Board of Ed to provide (5) full-time school resource officers. He provided a spreadsheet of those costs and mentioned the school board will cover 100% of the salaries for the 180 day school year. He also mentioned the funding for the library remained the same. Library funding and the library budget was briefly discussed. Mr. Pyrzenski mentioned he would work with the Library and County to review the library budget and city/county contributions. He further mentioned the budget fully staffs the police and fire departments, includes a 3% raise for employees, provides 100% funding for the Main Street Department, and includes adding a position for an economic development director. Council Member Sayles made the first motion for approval, motion seconded by Terrell, and unanimously approved.

**Tree Board Appointments**

Council Member Frank Sayles motioned to appoint Mr. Jimmy Felton and Mr. George Vellidis to the Tifton Tree Board, motion seconded by Folk, and unanimously approved.

**City Manager Report**

Mr. Pyrzenski mentioned the 2017 LMIG street paving is complete and the Pebblebrook water line replacement project is currently out for bid.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 6:30 PM.

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Julie Smith, Mayor

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Jessica White, City Clerk