

**City of Tifton
Council Meeting
July 16, 2018
5:30 PM
Tifton City Hall**

Attendees

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

Pete Pyrzenski, City Manager
Rob Wilmot, City Attorney
Jessica Jones, City Clerk

Call To Order

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

Prayer & Pledge

Dr. Greg Love with Crossview Baptist gave the invocation and led the pledge.

Approval of the Agenda

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

Approval of the Minutes

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

Swearing in Mr. Jimmy Felton to the Tifton Tree Board

Mayor Julie Smith administered the oath of office to Mr. Felton and he was sworn in to serve a two-year term on the Tree Board.

Proclamation Blessing the New School Year

Mayor Julie Smith read aloud the proclamation and presented it to Ms. Akeria Lockett. Ms. Lockett mentioned the event is scheduled for August 11, 9:00 am, at each school. All citizens are urged to attend and pray for the upcoming school year.

Resolution Approving the 2018 Tax Digest, M & O Levy, & Setting the Final Millage Rate

Council Member Frank Sayles made the first motion for approval of the resolution, seconded by Ehlers, and unanimously approved. The 2018 millage rate was set at 9.731 mills.

Resolution Providing for a New Alcohol License for EZ Mart Located at 3301 US Hwy 82 W.

Vice Mayor Ehlers made the first motion for approval of the resolution, seconded by Sayles and approved by 3 to 1 vote. Council Member Terrell abstained from the vote.

Resolution Providing for a New Alcohol License for Kwiq Stop Food Located at 301 W. 7th Street

Vice Mayor Ehlers made the first motion for approval of the resolution, seconded by Sayles, and approved by 3 to 1 vote. Council Member Terrell abstained from the vote.

Resolution Amending the Sewer Rates for 2018-2019

Council Member Sayles made the first motion for approval of the resolution, seconded by Ehlers, and approved by a 3 to 1 vote. Council Member Terrell abstained from the vote.

Award Request for Proposals for Banking Services

Vice Mayor Ehlers motioned to award the RFP to Ameris Bank, motion seconded by Sayles, and unanimously approved.

Review Proposed Plans for the Commerce Way Parking Lot Project

Mr. Pyrzenski reviewed the proposal from DDA to amend the Commerce Way Project and save the façade of the building located at 331 Commerce Way. Mr. Pyrzenski mentioned the Commerce Way Parking area was originally budgeted at \$560,619. By saving the façade the project is estimated to cost an additional \$140,000. He also included information showing the city's recent contributions to multiple downtown streetscape projects. Council reviewed the information and it was recommended to ask DDA to commit the additional funding to the project. Vice Mayor Ehlers motioned to table the item to the August 6th Workshop, motion seconded by Terrell, and unanimously approved.

Resolution Providing for a New Alcohol License for Don Julio's Mexican Restaurant Located at 211 Main Street

Ms. Jessica White presented the information for a new alcohol license for sale of distilled spirits and beer consumption at Don Julio's located on Main Street. Mr. White mentioned the new restaurant is locating to the previous La Cabana location. After review of the application, Council Member Terrell made the first motion for approval, seconded by Sayles, and unanimously approved.

Award Bid for Pebblebrook Water Main Replacement

Council Member Terrell made the first motion to award the bid to Doyle Hancock and Sons Construction in the amount of \$511,526.10, motion seconded by Sayles, and unanimously approved.

Board Report

Council Member Terrell motioned to reappoint Peter Crowley and Julie Lester to the Planning & Zoning Board, and Cecil Cordle to the Library Board. Motion seconded by Ehlers and unanimously approved. Council Member Terrell motioned to appoint Jack Folk to the Library Board as Council Representative. Motion seconded by Ehlers, and unanimously approved.

City Manager Report

Mr. Pete Pyrzenski presented the final annual report and thanked the Council for touring the newly renovation Community Development Building located on Ridge Avenue.

Council Comments

Council Member Terrell thanked ESG for repairing the water line breaks in his district. Vice Mayor Ehlers thanked Pete and Staff for their work on preparing the budget. Ehlers also wished Mr. Jim Willkomm a very happy birthday!

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

Julie Smith, Mayor

Jessica Jones, City Clerk