

Tifton City Council Workshop
September 10, 2018
5:30 PM
Tifton City Hall

Attendees

Mayor Julie Smith
Council Member Johnny Terrell
Council Member Frank Sayles

Pete Pyrzenski, City Manager
Rob Wilmot, City Attorney
Morgan Atwater, Deputy Clerk

Public Hearing for Annexation and Rezoning Request Submitted by David Deloach Requesting 23.54 Acres Located on North US Highway 125, Map & Parcel T0058-014, be annexed into the City and Zoned Residential 12 (R12), (Application PP18-0035)

City Attorney Rob Wilmot opened the public hearing, and read aloud the conflict questions to Council. No members had any conflict with the applicant or application. Mr. Danny Wallace presented the annexation and rezoning request made by David Deloach. Mr. Wallace stated the property would be zoned R12 with plans to develop a subdivision. Mr. Wallace stated the request was approved unanimously by the Planning and Zoning Board and staff is recommending approval. A slide show was presented that highlighted exactly where the requested acres are located and a photo of the proposed house design for the subdivision. Council Member Frank Sayles asked how many houses were they planning to build. Mr. David Deloach explained initially there will be 19 lots with houses 1900-2200 square feet. No other comments or questions were made by the public. The public hearing was closed.

Public Hearing to Discuss and Receive Public Input on De-Obligating FY2016 CDBG Funds for the Parkway Flood and Drainage Project

Mr. Pete Pyrzenski explained the FY2016 CDBG Grant was intended to address drainage issues on Magnolia Drive going up to Interstate 75. Mr. Pyrzenski explained that it was determined that the grant would cover \$500,000, but that the project as a whole would cost close to \$1.2 million. This means the City would have to provide \$700,000 outside of the grant money allotted. Mr. Pyrzenski stated the additional monies to complete the project wasn't justified and reexamining the project scope is necessary. The public hearing opened for comments. No one spoke, the public hearing was closed.

Wayne Jones and Brian Ray from ABAC

Mayor Julie Smith took this time to introduce Wayne Jones and Brian Ray from ABAC who working in conjunction with the City at the Tift Theatre for the Performing Arts. Wayne Jones stated they plan to attend each Workshop meeting so they can be available to answer any questions about the Theatre or announcing upcoming events. Mr. Pyrzenski expressed the sensitivity of Downtown parking for the business owners Downtown and Mr. Jones explained he is asking attendees and performers utilize the Commerce Way parking and also Cato Knight Parking.

Golden Environmental – Solid Waste Committee Report

Mr. Pyrzenski addressed the Council stating he had a great meeting with both the Solid Waste Committee and Mr. Richard Golden. He said that a letter will be sent back to Mr. Golden stating the committee's recommendation of no rate increase. Mr. Pyrzenski explained that Golden Environmental will fulfill garbage collection for the City until the end of their contract with the City. He stated RFP's for sanitation services will be solicited near the end of Golden Environmental's contract. Mr. Pyrzenski announced the

idea of a Special Pickup Program for yard trash and large clean outs that the City could administer with a contract with ESG, Inc. He stated the ordinance will be reviewed that addresses rental properties, a plan to revamp educational information so citizens understand what they can and cannot expect to be picked up, and potentially adding a code enforcement position that would solely focus on sanitation.

Review of Bid Received for Six (6) Police Units

Captain Steve Hyman explained that bids were accepted on August 16th at 10 am for the new 6 police unit vehicles. Griffin Ford was the only bidder with \$23,585 per unit. Captain Hyman explained that more bids were not received because several dealerships did not have prices for the 2019 cars yet, so they were not able to deliver an accurate bid price. Captain Steve Hyman recommended purchasing 5 vehicles as patrol cars that will be fully equipped and using the 6th vehicle as an investigative vehicle. He stated this would lower the costs and keep them in budget. Mr. Pyrzenski stated he supported Captain Hyman's request.

Recommendation for Participating in the Heating Energy Assistant Team (H.E.A.T) Program for 2018

Ms. Donna Pate asked for the Council's consideration to participate in the H.E.A.T program. Ms. Pate stated this would be the 8th year the City of Tifton would participate in the program. Ms. Pate explained there would be a letter from the City Manager that would be stuffed utility bills that are sent to citizens and it would need to be advertised to the public. The program is only for gas user, and Ms. Pate addressed how this program has been extremely beneficial to citizens as we move into the colder months. Mr. Pyrzenski expressed his support for the program as well.

Review Proposed 2019 LMIG Resurfacing Projects

Mr. Pyrzenski expressed that this was just a first draft. Mr. Jeff West presented the list of roads that are being considered for the 2019 LMIG program. Mr. West explained the list of roads are evenly distributed throughout all four districts. Mr. West also stated that many of the proposed roads would need milling and curb improvements and that utilities along the roads would have to be addressed prior to beginning work on them. Mr. Pyrzenski explained that Tift Avenue and Central Avenue would be a significant cost because of the length of the roads and the milling that would be necessary. Mr. Pyrzenski reiterated this list is just a first draft.

Review of Proposed Amendments to the Hotel Motel Tax Ordinance

Mr. Rob Wilmot proposed removing and replacing "Permanent resident" in the Hotel Motel Tax Ordinance with "Extended stay renters" which qualifies as occupying a hotel or motel room for longer than 30 consecutive days to the same customer. He suggested this would require a report be provided for those "Extended stay renters" and hotel/motel tax would not be collected from renters staying over 30 consecutive days.

Resolution Appointing an Assistant Prosecuting Attorney for Tifton Municipal Court

Mr. Rob Wilmot presented a resolution that would appoint Cameron Roberts as Assistant Prosecuting Attorney for the Municipal Court for the City of Tifton. Mr. Wilmot introduced Ms. Roberts to the Council and gave a brief background report on her education and work experience.

Updating the Code of Ordinances to Reflect Department Name Change from Environmental Management to Community Development

Mr. Danny Wallace addressed the Council and said this topic was currently on the agenda for the Planning and Zoning Board and that it would be presented to the Mayor and Council in the near future. Mr. Wallace

explained that the ordinances changes are solely a name change to reflect the Department's name change that occurred this past July. Mr. Pyrzenski invited all to attend a "Meet and Greet" at the Department's new location, 204 North Ridge Avenue, on Friday, September 14th at 11:30 am.

Review of Proposed Plans for Road Closures and Realignment to Accommodate Hospital Expansion

Mr. Pyrzenski stated they are in discussion with the hospital and reviewing the proposed plans for both road closures and realignment to accommodate the hospital expansion. Mr. Pyrzenski said specifics still need to be addressed. Mr. Rob Wilmot said he is asking the hospital's lawyer to clarify exactly what they are requesting.

City Manager Report

Mr. Pete Pyrzenski presented the final copy of the Annual Report and stated we would be sending them out to different community leaders throughout the community. Mr. Pyrzenski stated we are already gathering information for the next Annual Report. Mr. Pyrzenski stated we will discuss the retirement ordinance changes at the Council Meeting this upcoming Monday and GMA staff will be attending the meeting to answer any questions. Mr. Pyrzenski reminded all in attendance again about the "Meet and Greet" at the Community Development Department Friday. He also expressed he gratitude for the Wellness Committee and invited the Mayor and Council to the upcoming Lunch and Learn on Thursday, September 13th.

Board Report

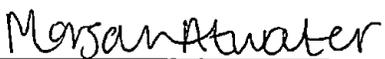
Mayor Julie Smith explained Maghan Campbell who was recently appointed to the Tifton Housing Authority Board declined appointment due to other personal and work obligations. Mayor Smith also explained Lyle Wise resigned from the Tifton Zoning Board of Appeals due to relocation. The Council chose to discuss board applications at the next meeting.

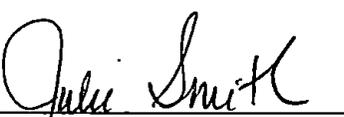
Mayor and Council Reports

Council Member Johnny Terrell stated that we have "turned the corner" in a positive manner. Council Member Frank Sayles announced the DDA has agreed to fund the FACAD for the new downtown parking and invited all to the Tifton-Tift County Public Library event featuring the Swinging Medallions on Thursday, September 13th. Mayor Julie Smith expressed that there are good things happening in the City of Tifton and gave thanks to the Council and all employees for their leadership.

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

Respectively Submitted,


Morgan Atwater, Deputy Clerk


Julie Smith, Mayor