

**CITY OF TIFTON
COUNCIL MEETING
SEPTEMBER 16, 2019
5:30 PM
TIFTON CITY HALL, COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

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

Call To Order

Mayor Julie Smith called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM. Rev. Chip Grantham of First United Methodist Church gave the invocation and Mayor Smith led the pledge of allegiance.

Approval of the Agenda

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

Approval of the Minutes

Vice Mayor Ehlers made the first motion for approval of the minutes from August 19, 2019 Council Meeting and the September 3, 2019 Workshop. The motion was seconded by Terrell and unanimously approved.

Public Comments

No one spoke.

Swearing in Ms. Theresa Ryan to the Tifton Tree Board

Mayor Smith read aloud the oath of office and sworn in Ms. Ryan to serve a two-year term on the Tifton Tree Board.

Consent Agenda

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

2. Award of Bid for Police and Fire Department Vehicles to Griffin Ford Chrysler Jeep Ram in the amount of \$150,198.00 and Brannen Motor Company in the amount of \$103,200.00.

3. Approval of the ESG, Inc. Agreement Amendment No. 5

Ordinance Rezoning 9.636 Acres Located on Hunt Road from General Business (GB) to Multi-Residential (MR), Map/Parcel T0046 006A, Requested by Hand Construction for Property Owned by Northwest 82 – Application PP19-0043

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

Ordinance Adopting Regulations for Small Cell Technology Placement in the Public Right of Way

Vice Mayor Ehlers made the first motion for approval of the ordinance, motion seconded by Terrell, and unanimously approved.

Resolution Providing for an Alcohol Beverage License for Murphy Oil USA, Inc. #7743 Located at 1852 Highway 82 W

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

Resolution Releasing Certificates of Deposit held for City of Nashville's Natural Gas Service

Mr. Rob Wilmot mentioned Nashville has made the annual payment to the City on their natural gas loan and they are requesting the city release certain funds held as collateral. Vice Mayor Ehlers made the first motion for approval of the resolution, motion seconded by Folk, and unanimously approved.

Appointing Ms. Melba Knight to the Historic Preservation Board

Council Member Folk made the first motion for appointing Ms. Melba Knight to the HPC. Motion seconded by Sayles and unanimously approved.

City Manager Report

Mr. Pyrzenski gave a brief update on the LMIG resurfacing project. He also mentioned Mr. Brandon Howard recently attended the clerk's training conference in Athens. Lastly, he mentioned Chief Buddy Dowdy has announced his retirement from the Tifton Police Department and Captain Steve Hyman will oversee the department during the transition.

Mayor and Council Comments

Council Member Frank Sayles mentioned the right-of-way at 16th Street and Prince Avenue needs to be cleaned up. He also reminded the public that voter registration for the November Election ends October 2nd.

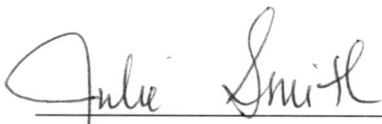
Council Member Johnny Terrell thanked Adam Cobb and ESG employees for addressing issues in his district.

Mayor Julie Smith spoke positively about the first meeting of the Urban Redevelopment Authority.

Council Member Jack Folk spoke about pedestrians running and walking on the street and their safety. He encouraged the City to get information out in reference to the correct direction for walking and biking along the roadway. Council Member Folk also commented on tax equity, hotel/motel tax, and the benefit of promoting recreation tournaments which bring tourism dollars to our community.

Vice Mayor Wes Ehlers mentioned he would like to see Tifton & Tift County establish a land bank. He mentioned a land bank would be a huge tool for implementing the City's redevelopment efforts.

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



Mayor Julie Smith



Jessica White, City Clerk