

**City of Tifton
Council Meeting
September 18, 2017
5:30 PM
Tifton City Hall**

Attendees

Mayor Julie Smith

Vice Mayor Wes Ehlers

Council Member Jack Folk

Council Member Johnny Terrell

Council Member Frank Sayles

Pete Pyrzenski, City Manager

Rob Wilmot, City Attorney

Jessica Jones, City Clerk

Mayor Julie Smith called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM. Council Member Terrell led the invocation and pledge. Mayor Smith gave appreciation to everyone working and volunteering during the recent storms. She mentioned she talked to many visitors in Tifton whom were very appreciative of the hospitality they received while in Tifton.

Approval of the Agenda

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

Approval of the Minutes

Council Member Ehlers motioned, seconded by Terrell, and unanimously approved to accept the following minutes: August 21, 2017 Regular Meeting; August 22, 2017 Joint Meeting; August 25, 2017 Joint Meeting; September 5, 2017 Workshop; and September 7, 2017 Joint Meeting.

Proclamation Recognizing National Disability Employment Awareness Month

Mayor Julie Smith presented a proclamation to members of Diversified Enterprises proclaiming October 2017 as National Disability Employment Awareness Month in Tifton.

Citizen Input

No one spoke.

Consent Agenda

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

2. Acceptance of the Crematory Committee Recommendation
3. Award of Bid to Little River Contractors for Gas Main Relocation on 11th Street and Pehler Street
4. Resolution Authorizing Submission of the FY2017 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Application
5. Resolution Providing for an Amended Alcohol Beverage License (Catering) for Crazy Loon Saloon Located at 1401 N. Tift Ave, Ste. A

Ordinance Re-classifying the Zoning of 0.28 Acres located at 302 Commerce Way, Z17.000.002

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

Authorization for Advertising Inserts in the Monthly Utility Bills

Council Member Folk made the first motion to allow advertising inserts in the monthly utility bills. Motion seconded by Terrell and unanimously approved. Council decided to move forward since the advertising could be canceled at any time and inserts could be pre-approved.

Authorization for Participation in the MGAG Main Street Financing Program

Vice Mayor Ehlers made the first motion to approve participation in the MGAG Main Street Financial Program. Motion seconded by Folk and unanimously approved.

Authorization for Participation in the Electric Cities of Georgia Economic and Community Development Service Program

Mr. Pete Pyrzenski and Ms. Lequrica Gaskins briefly spoke about the program and the positive impact it would have on improving economic development for the City of Tifton. Council Member Sayles made the first motion to approve participation in the Electric Cities of Georgia Economic and Community Development Services Program. Motion seconded by Terrell and unanimously approved.

Ms. Lequrica Gaskins mentioned a Community Input Meeting for the South Tifton Redevelopment Initiative would take place on Thursday, September 21st, 4:30 pm at the Welcome Station.

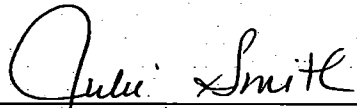
Board Report

City Council reviewed the board report presented, but no action was taken.

City Manager Report

Mr. Pyrzenski stated ESG is helping with curbside debris pickup and they picked up 23 loads over the weekend. He also stated City Hall would be getting an AED machine which is being received from the Fire Departments recent Firehouse Subs Grant. Mr. Pyrzenski also gave condolences to the family of Mrs. Leigh Jordan, Tift County Finance Director. Lastly he mentioned that residents could bring yard waste to the inert landfill for free until October 6th.

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



Mayor Julie Smith



Jessica Jones, City Clerk