

Tifton City Council Meeting
January 16, 2018
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

Call to Order

Mayor Julie Smith called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm. Mayor Smith led the pledge and allegiance and opening prayer.

Approval of the Agenda

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

Approval of the Minutes

Council Member Sayles motioned, seconded by Folk, and unanimously approved to accept the minutes from the December 18, 2017 Council Meeting; January 2, 2018 Public Hearings; and January 4, 2018 Council Workshop.

Swearing in Ms. Ann Clayton to the HPC Board

Mayor Julie Smith read aloud the oath of office and sworn in Ms. Ann Clayton to serve on the Historic Preservation Board.

Public Comments

No one spoke

Consent Agenda

Council Member Terrell motioned, seconded by Folk, and unanimously carried to approve the following items on the Consent Agenda:

3. Resolution Updating the City's Deferred Compensation Plan Trustee and Accepting Amendment #1
4. Resolution Providing for an Alcohol License at Fred's located at 1442 Tift Avenue
5. Resolution Providing for an Alcohol License at Pizza Hut located at 204 N. Virginia Avenue
6. Resolution Providing for an Alcohol License at Flash Foods located at 1002 N. 8th Street
7. Resolution Providing for an Alcohol License at Quality Inn located at 1104 King Road

Ordinance Annexing 5.26 Acres located at 18 Casseta Road, Tax Map #T020 Parcel 042A (X17-000-008)

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

Ordinance Amending the Tifton Zoning Map to Classify the property located at 18 Casseta Road as General Business (GB), T020 Parcel 042A

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

Ordinance Rezoning Parcel T0046 006A Located at 1805 U.S. Hwy 82 W., from General Business (GB) to Multi-Residential (MR), (Z17.000.011)

Vice Mayor Ehlers made the first motion for approval of the ordinance based on the ingress/egress off of Carpenter Road and Larkin Road, without the need of a traffic study. Motion seconded by Folk, and unanimously approved.

Ordinance Amending the Tifton Land Development Code, Chapter 2:2.03.03 to Allow Stand-Alone Religious Facilities in the Commercial Downtown (CD)

Mayor called for a motion, but ordinance failed for lack of a motion. Ordinance was not approved.

Resolution Providing for an Alcohol License for Club Tenampa located at 1105 S. Main Street

Council Member Folk made the first motion to table the resolution, motion seconded by Sayles, and unanimously approved. City Attorney Rob Wilmot mentioned since the matter was tabled a hearing will be scheduled for the applicant to appear before Council.

City Manager's Report

Mr. Pyrzenski gave a brief weather update and mentioned public works is prepared for the snow/icy weather. He also mentioned the city is expected to have normal business hours tomorrow. Mr. Pyrzenski also informed the Council that gas sells have doubled for January 2018, compared to 2017, and that is a very positive increase for the gas fund.

Citizens Fire Academy

Chief Bobby Bennett introduced to Council his plans for creating a Citizens Fire Academy. Chief Bennett mentioned the department has been discussing this for a long time and creating a citizens fire academy will assist in informing the community on what the department does to keep them protected. Chief Bennett mentioned it would be a six week program and encouraged the Council to help get the word out so they will have interest in the program.

Executive Session to Discuss Legal Matters

Council Member Ehlers made the first motion to go into executive session to discuss legal matters, motion seconded by Terrell, and unanimously approved. Meeting closed to executive session.

Council Member Ehlers made the motion to go out of executive session, motion seconded by Folk, and unanimously approved.

Resolution Providing for Executive Session

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

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

Julie Smith, Mayor

Jessica Jones, City Clerk