

**City of Tifton
Council Workshop
October 1, 2018
5:30 PM
Tifton City Hall**

Attendees

Mayor Julie Smith
Vice Mayor Wes Ehlers
Council Member Jack Folk (via phone)
Council Member Frank Sayles
Council Member Johnny Terrell

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

Public Hearing for Amending the Code of Ordinances to Reflect Departmental Name Change from Environmental Management to Community Development

Mr. Wilmot opened the Public Hearing at 5:30 PM. He asked if there were any comments in reference to the department name change from Environmental Management to Community Development. There being no public comments, the hearing closed.

New Business

Review of Bids Received for Fire Hydrant Replacement

Staff presented the bids received for the project. Staff mentioned two bids were received for the project, but both came in over budget. The original bid total from the lowest bidder, Little River Contractors, totaled \$789,200. The City entered into post-bid negotiations with the lowest bidder, Little River Contractors, Inc., to adjust the quantities and bring the project within budget. ESG Engineering recommended awarding the bid to Little River Contractors, Inc. in the amount of \$249,833.50.

Review of Bids Received for Tift Avenue Force Main Relocation

Mr. Jeff West mentioned the project consists of sewer main improvements to include rerouting a main line to increase capacity. Mr. West mentioned the City received four (4) bids on the project.

Little River Contractors - \$34,152.50
Coastal Plain Construction - \$56,030.00
KW Underground - \$63,738.00
HTS Construction - \$115,40.15

After review of the bids received, ESG Engineering is recommending awarding the bid to Little River Contractors, Inc. in the amount of \$34,152.50.

Review of Bids Received for Goff Street and Fulwood Park Improvements

Staff mentioned the project consisted of improving the waterlines and drain pipes on Goff Street and installing a walking trail at Fulwood Park. Two bids were received on the project, but the lowest bidder withdrew their bids. Staff recommended rejecting all bids and rebidding the projects separately. Bids received on the projects were:

Coastal Plains Construction Co. - \$209,628.00
KW Underground, LLC - \$243,823.85

Recommendation from SDCC for Landfill Operational Changes and Increasing Landfill Tipping Fees

Mr. Pete Pyrzenski mentioned the SDCC met concerning the landfill operations. He briefly reviewed the presentation made to the SDCC Committee which included: current year operational costs and budget, moving inert collections to the MSW landfill, complete condition study of equipment, recommended increasing the solid waste tipping fee to \$42.00/ton, raising inert material tipping fees to \$18.00/ton and preparing an RFP for operating a transfer station. The recommendations also included accepting concrete and brick at no charge and grind the material to be used at the landfill. Mr. Pyrzenski mentioned as per the agreement with Golden, customer garbage rates can also be raised 12-cents per can for each dollar the tipping fee is increased. He further that the garbage rates have not been increased since 2008. Council briefly reviewed the information provided.

Discussion of Amending Ordinances for Code Enforcement and Solid Waste to Address Special Pick-Up Issues

Mr. Pyrzenski included in the agenda packet a correspondence to Golden Environmental addressing service issues, the City's current solid waste ordinance, and sample ordinances the city could consider for addressing the multiple curbside pickup issues. The City Manager suggested first educating the public on what is acceptable for curbside pickup, making changes to the ordinance to address leased properties, and using code enforcement to handle violations. The City Manager mentioned he would review the ordinance further and bring back recommendations for the Council's consideration.

Other Business

Chestnut Avenue Project

Mr. Pyrzenski presented a contract prepared by Watkins & Associates totaling \$44,000 to design the streetscape project. The project is estimated at \$450,000 - \$475,000 and will be jointly funded by the City and DDA.

Board Report

Mr. Terrell recommended Ms. Demetrice Pettiford for the Housing Authority Board.

Mayor and City Council Reports

Council Member Ehlers expressed condolences to Mitch Williams' Family, Council Member Sayles thanked the citizens present, and Mayor Smith invited the Council to the Legislative Breakfast tomorrow morning at City Hall.

Executive Session for Legal, Personnel, and Real Estate Matters

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

Council Member Terrell made the first motion to go out of executive session and back into regular session. Motion seconded by Sayles and unanimously approved.

Resolution Providing for Executive Session

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

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

Mayor Julie Smith

Jessica White, City Clerk