

**City Council Meeting  
October 15, 2018  
5:30 PM  
Tifton City Hall**

**Attendees**

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 White, City Clerk

**Call to Order**

Vice Mayor Ehlers called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM.

**Prayer and Pledge**

Father Lonnie Lacy with St. Anne's Episcopal Church gave the invocation and Lt. Allen Puegh led the Pledge of Allegiance

**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 Terrell made the first motion for the approval of the minutes from September 17, 2018 and October 1, 2018, seconded by Folk, and unanimously approved.

**Swearing in Solomon Nixon, Jr. to the Planning and Zoning Board**

Vice Mayor Ehlers read aloud the oath of office and sworn in Mr. Nixon to the Tifton Planning and Zoning Board.

**Proclamation Recognizing October 24<sup>th</sup> as Go Light up Your World Day**

Vice Mayor Ehlers read aloud the Proclamation.

**Proclamation Recognizing November 24<sup>th</sup> as Retire Educator's Day**

Vice Mayor Ehlers read aloud the proclamation and recognized the retired educators present to accept the proclamation.

**Recognizing Duncan McCluskey for Exemplary Community Service**

Ms. Lorie Felton with Keep Tift Beautiful presented Duncan with a Community Service Award and recognized his countless hours of service through the adopt a mile program. Ms. Felton mentioned Duncan goes above and beyond to help keep the city streets litter free. Ms. Felton also urged others to get involved in the adopt a mile program. Vice Mayor Ehlers thanked Mr. Duncan McCluskey for his service to the community.

## **Public Comments**

No one spoke

## **Consent Agenda**

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

6. Award of Bid for Fire Hydrant Replacement Project to Little River Contractors, Inc., in the Amount of \$249,833.50
7. Award of Bid for Tift Avenue Force Main Relocation to Little River Contractors, Inc., in the Amount of \$34,152.50
8. Reject all Bids Received for the Goff Street & Fulwood Park Improvements
9. Approval of the Ordinance Amending the LDC to Reflect Departmental Name Change from Environmental Management to Community Development
10. Approval of the Engineering Service Agreement with Watkins & Associates in the Amount of \$44,000 for the Chesnutt Avenue Street and Drainage Improvements

## **Resolution Amending Landfill Tipping Fees**

Mr. Pyrzenski mentioned the item was discussed at the last workshop and recommended by the SDCC Committee to increase the landfill tipping fees. Mr. Pyrzenski mentioned the increase was also presented to the County Commissioners and they voted to approve the increase at their meeting on October 11<sup>th</sup>. Council Member Sayles made the first motion for approval of the resolution, motion seconded by Terrell, and unanimously approved.

## **Resolution Providing for a New Alcohol Beverage License at Sunmart located at 902 S. Central Ave**

Jessica White presented the resolution and mentioned the location was under new ownership and staff recommended approval of the resolution and alcohol license. After review, Council Member Terrell made the first motion for approval, seconded by Folk, and resolution was unanimously approved.

## **City Manager Report**

Mr. Pyrzenski thanked the City employees who worked during Hurricane Michael. He also gave an overview of the number of calls received through the emergency line and calls responded to by the Police, Fire, and Public Works. Mr. Clay Sykes with ESG spoke about the redundancy the City has in their water system and spoke favorably of the water system.

**Board Report**

Council reviewed the report, but no appointments were made.

**Mayor and Council Reports**

Council Member Folk thanked Jeff West with ESG for his timely response to addressing citizen concerns.

Council Member Terrell and Sayles thanked Pete Pyrzenski and staff for coordination efforts and public safety responses during Hurricane Michael.

Vice Mayor Ehlers asked everyone to keep the surrounding communities and Florida in your prayers as they recover from the devastation of Hurricane Michael.

**Executive Session**

Council Member Folk made the first motion to go into executive session to discuss legal and real estate matters. Motion seconded by Terrell and unanimously approved. Meeting closed to executive session.

**Resolution Providing for Executive Session**

Meeting opened back into regular session. Council Member Terrell 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 closed to executive session.

Respectively Submitted,



Wes Ehlers, Vice Mayor



Jessica White, City Clerk

AT A MEETING OF THE  
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TIFTON  
HELD ON Oct. 15, 2018  
A MOTION TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION

Council member JACK FOLK makes the following motion:

1. That City Council now enters into executive session as allowed by O.C.G.A. Section 50-14-4 and pursuant to advice by the City Attorney, for the purpose of discussing the following:

(check all that apply)

- Legal Matters.
- Personnel Matters.
- Real Estate Matters.

That each member of this body, in open session, at the conclusion of such executive session, and consistent with the provisions of City of Tifton Resolution No. 99-66, either:

1. Execute the Affidavit, the form of which having been previously approved; or
2. Vote upon the Resolution, the form of which having been previously approved, to be followed by the execution of the above-referenced Affidavit by so many members of this Council that so desire,

all of which is in compliance with O.C.G.A. Section 50-14-4; thereby this body, by appropriate form of either Affidavit or Resolution/Affidavit, ratifying the actions of the Council taken in executive session and confirming that the subject matters of the closed session were within exceptions permitted by the Open Meetings law.

Council member Johnny Terrell seconds the motion.

**Motion Approved**

Those voting in favor of the motion for closure:

Council Members: Wes Ehlers, Frank Sayles, Jack Folk,  
+ Johnny Terrell

Those voting against the motion for closure:

Council Members: None

**AFFIDAVIT**

Personally appeared before the undersigned attesting officer, duly authorized to administer oaths in the State of Georgia:

<u>Present</u>	<u>Absent</u>	
_____	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Julie B. Smith
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	_____	Wes Ehlers
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	_____	Jack Folk
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	_____	Johnny Terrell
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	_____	Frank Sayles

Who, after being duly sworn, deposes and on oath states the following:

1. I am a member of the Tifton City Council and I was present at a meeting of the City Council held on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2018.
2. That it was my understanding that O.C.G.A. Section 50-14-4(b) provides as follows:

When any meeting of an agency is closed to the public pursuant to subsection (a) Of this Code section, the chairperson or other person presiding over such meeting shall execute and file with the official minutes of the meeting a notarized affidavit stating under oath that the subject matter of the meeting or the closed portion thereof was devoted to matters within the exceptions provided by law and identifying the specific relevant exception.
3. The subject matter of the closed meeting or closed portion of the meeting held on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2018, which was closed for the purpose(s) of :

- Legal Matters
- Personnel Matters
- Real Estate Matters

As allowed by O.C.G.A., Title 50, Chapter 14, was devoted to matters within those exceptions and as provided by law.

4. This affidavit is being executed for the purpose of complying with the mandate of O.C.G.A. Section 50-14-4(b) that such an affidavit be executed.
5. This affidavit is likewise executed by the following members of the City Council present at such executive session in support of open and honest government and in compliance with City of Tifton Resolution 99-66.

This 15<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2018.

Absent  
 Julie Smith  
 Mayor, City of Tifton

[Signature]  
 Wes Ehlers  
 Councilman, District 1

[Signature]  
 Jack Folk  
 Councilman, District 2

[Signature]  
 Johnny Terrell  
 Councilman, District 3

[Signature]  
 Frank Sayles, Jr.  
 Councilman, District 4

Sworn to and subscribed before me  
 By all City Council members  
 on this 15<sup>th</sup> day of  
October, 2018.

Jessica Jones White

