

**City of Tifton
Council Meeting
October 21, 2019
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 White, City Clerk

Call to Order

Mayor Julie Smith called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM.

Invocation and Pledge

Dr. Greg Love with Crossview Baptist Church gave the invocation and Council Member Sayles led the pledge.

Approval of the Agenda

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

Approval of the Minutes

Council Member Frank Sayles made the first motion for approval of the minutes from September 16, 2019. Motion seconded by Folk and unanimously approved.

Citizen Input

No one spoke

Proclamation Proclaiming November 3, 2019 as Georgia Retired Educators Day

Mayor Smith read aloud the proclamation and presented it to the retired educators present.

Swearing in New Board Members

Mayor Smith read aloud the oath of office and sworn in Ms. Melba Knight to the Tifton Historic Preservation Commission and Mr. Jay Kimbro to the Keep Tift Beautiful Board.

Consent Agenda

Vice Mayor Ehlers motioned, seconded by Folk, and unanimously approved the following items on the consent agenda:

4. Award of Bid for Police and Fire Vehicle Equipment to McLaggin Communications in the Amount of \$80,852.00
5. Resolution Providing for an Amended Alcohol License for The Shell Travel Center located at 603 Old Omega Road

6. Ordinance Amending the Planned Development Overlay Approved by Ordinance 2019-12 for 12.19 Acres Located at 2202 US Hwy 41 N, as Requested by 31 North Real Estate Investors, LLC, Map/Parcel T0044 034 – Application PP19-0045

7. Ordinance Rezoning a Portion (.389 Acres) Located at 1469 Ferry Lake Road from Mobile Home Park (MHP) to Residential (R-8) as Requested by Travis Hurst, Map/Parcel T0059A 002 – Application PP19-0048

New Business

Resolution Approving New Location for Infant Burials at Oakridge Cemetery and Establishing Fees for Lots

Council Member Terrell made the first motion for approval of the resolution, seconded by Sayles, and unanimously approved. The resolution established a new area for Babyland and set lot fees at \$125.00 per (3' x 4') lot. Council Member Folk requested staff to send a letter to the funeral homes and hospital on the new infant burial policy and cost.

Ordinance Amending the Alcoholic Beverage Ordinance by Adding Bottlehouse License and Regulations

Council reviewed the ordinance adding bottlehouse licenses and reviewed the proposed resolution setting license fees. After reviewing the proposed fees, Vice Mayor Ehlers requested staff research surrounding jurisdictions alcohol fees and report back before adoption. Vice Mayor Ehlers made the first motion to postpone until the November Meeting, motion seconded by Folk, and unanimously approved.

Resolution Adopting Alcoholic Beverage License Fees

Staff presented a resolution establishing the fees for Bottlehouse Licenses at \$250 for an annual license and \$50 for a Daily Permit. Vice Mayor Ehlers made the first motion to postpone until the November Meeting, motion seconded by Folk, and unanimously approved.

City Manager Report

Mr. Pyrzenski reminded the Council of the Census Meeting planned for October 22nd at the Leroy Rogers Center and also mentioned some of our staff will also be participating in the Walk A Mile in Her Shoes event on October 22nd at ABAC. Mr. Pyrzenski informed Council that the water improvements in the Hillcrest area are almost complete.

Mayor & Council Comments

Council Member Sayles: Mr. Sayles requested a crossing sign be placed at 2nd Street and Prince for the safety of the residents at Tift Towers. He also mentioned he has received complaints of people speeding on Ridge Ave between 4th Street and 12th Street before and after school.

Mayor Smith: Mayor Smith spoke highly of the recent paving improvements and appreciated the work on improving the City's streets.

Council Member Folk: Mr. Folk mentioned motorized wheelchairs are riding on and crossing Tift Avenue and he briefly spoke about the safety of those residents. He also thanked ESG for quickly responding to his recent drainage concern.

Vice Mayor Ehlers: Mr. Ehlers spoke about the importance of the Census and encouraged everyone to attend the workshop. He also thanked the Tift County Development Authority for bring Coca Cola United to Tifton.

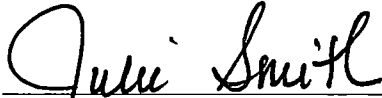
Executive Session

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

Resolution Providing for Executive Session

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

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



Julie Smith, Mayor



Jessica White, City Clerk

**AT A MEETING OF THE
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TIFTON
HELD ON October 21, 2019
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 Wes Ehlers seconds the motion.

Motion Approved

Those voting in favor of the motion for closure:

Council Members: All : Julie Smith, Frank Sayles, + Johnny Ferrell

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>	
<u>✓</u>	_____	Julie B. Smith
<u>✓</u>	_____	Wes Ehlers
<u>✓</u>	_____	Jack Folk
<u>✓</u>	_____	Johnny Terrell
<u>✓</u>	_____	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 21st day of October, 2019.

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 21st day of October, 2019, 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 21 day of October, 2019.

Julie Smith

Julie Smith
Mayor, City of Tifton

Wes Ehlers

Wes Ehlers
Councilman, District 1

Jack Folk

Jack Folk
Councilman, District 2

Johnny Terrell

Johnny Terrell
Councilman, District 3

Frank Sayles, Jr.

Frank Sayles, Jr.
Councilman, District 4

Sworn to and subscribed before me
By all City Council members
on this 21st day of
October, 2019.

Jessica White
Notary Public

