

**Tifton City Council
Called Workshop
October 9, 2017
9:00 AM
ABAC Campus, Tift Hall, 2nd Floor Conference Room**

Attendees

Mayor Julie Smith

Vice Mayor Wes Ehlers

Council Member Jack Folk

Council Member Johnny Terrell

Council Member Frank Sayles

Pete Pyrzenski, City Manager

Jessica Jones, City Clerk

Rob Wilmot, City Attorney

Mayor Julie Smith called the meeting to order at 9:05 am.

Update on City's Goals

Mr. Pete Pyrzenski mentioned it is time to begin service delivery discussions with the County, and the Council briefly discussed provision of services and service delivery issues. Council requested Mr. Pyrzenski to prepare a strategy outline for service delivery discussions to be presented at the November Council Workshop which was rescheduled for Thursday, November 9th. Council discussed issues and opportunities such as bringing back the citizens academy, golf carts, and boarding up vacant properties. After discussions, the top priorities of the Council going forward were established as: (1) Service Delivery, Interlocal Agreements, and Tax Equity; (2) Cleanliness of the City to include garbage pick-up and code enforcement.

Retirement Plan Overview

Mr. Pete Pyrzenski mentioned he has scheduled for both Richard Mooney and GMA to give presentations on retirement. Presentations were presented to let Council evaluate options for the City's retirement.

Mr. Richard Mooney with Allen Mooney & Barnes mentioned he has managed the City's retirement plan since 1994 and the account has increased by nineteen million dollars since 1994. Mr. Mooney provided a report which reviewed the City's investment policy and current account standing for the retirement account. Council reviewed the retirement account activity and Mr. Mooney mentioned if the City continues to invest at the same contribution the plan will be fully funded in the next four years. Mr. Mooney mentioned his firm currently charges .75% for their services and proposed to decrease that charge to .65%.

Randy Logan with Georgia Municipal Association provided the Council with information on the retirement services provided by GMA. Mr. Logan mentioned GMA's services include administration of the plan, legal fees, actuary services, and estimated a cost of approximately \$60,000 per year. Mr. Logan stated he could come back and present multiple retirement plan options for the Council to consider, and the City can determine which plan would be best overall for the City and employees. The City Council suggested GMA prepare a model ordinance and plan cost comparisons for the retirement board and Council to review in December.

Operational Update of Economic Development and Roles and Responsibilities

Over lunch, the City Council discussed options for the proposed development of a staff position to handle economic development for the City of Tifton. Mr. Pyrzewski envisioned the position would work closely with the DDA, TCDA, and the Chamber to promote development inside the City. The Council also discussed possibly creating a Convention and Visitors Bureau to handle tourism related functions for Tifton, and the City Manager was asked to prepare information on the outline of the duties for the economic development position and creation of a CVB for Tifton.

Executive Session to Discuss Personnel

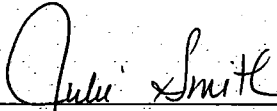
Council Member Folk made the first motion to go into executive session to discuss personnel, and the motion was seconded by Terrell. Mayor Smith, Ehlers, and Sayles voted in favor. Meeting closed to executive session at 1:03 pm.

Council Member Folk made the first motion to go out of executive session, and motion was seconded by Ehlers. Mayor Smith, Terrell, and Sayles voted in favor to go out of executive session and open back into regular session.

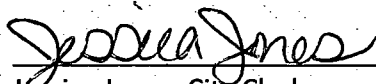
Resolution Providing for Executive Session

Council Member Folk made the first motion to accept the resolution, seconded by Ehlers, and motion was unanimously approved to accept the resolution.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 1:20 pm.



Mayor Julie Smith



Jessica Jones, City Clerk

AT A MEETING OF THE
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TIFTON
HELD ON 10/19, 2017
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:

All members

Council Members: *Julie Smith, Wes Ehlers, Frank Sayles.*

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 9th day of October, 2017.

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 9th day of October, 2017, 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 9th day of October, 2017.

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 9th day of
October, 2017.

Jessica Jones
Notary Public

