

**CITY OF TIFTON  
COUNCIL MEETING  
DECEMBER 16, 2019  
5:30 PM  
TIFTON CITY HALL**

**Attendees**

Mayor Julie Smith

Council Member Jack Folk

Council Member Johnny Terrell

Council Member Frank Sayles

Pete Pyrzenski, City Manager

Rob Wilmot, City Attorney

Jessica White, City Clerk

Mayor Julie Smith called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM. Mayor Smith gave the invocation and led the pledge.

**Approval of the Agenda**

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

**Approval of the Minutes**

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

**Public Comments**

None

**Proclamation Recognizing Councilman Frank Sayles**

Mayor Julie Smith read aloud the proclamation recognizing Mr. Sayles on his leadership on the council the past four years. Councilman Sayles was also presented a plaque and gift of appreciation from the City.

**Update on Ruth's Cottage New Facility**

Ms. Lynn Lovett gave the Council an update on the new facility and mentioned the construction is expected to be completed in January 2020. She mentioned they are currently raising funds for furnishing the building. The Council expressed their excitement and were looking forward to the ribbon-cutting.

**Consent Agenda**

Council Member Jack Folk motioned, seconded by Terrell, and unanimously approved the following items on the consent agenda:

3. Approval of the GEMA Statewide Mutual Aid Agreement
4. Approval of Naming Four (4) Unnamed Alleys According to City Procedures
5. Approval of the Resolution Certifying the 2019 General Election Results
6. Approval of the Resolution Providing for an Amended Alcohol License for Circle K #2745083  
Located at 1002 N. 8<sup>th</sup> Street

7. Approval of the Resolution Providing for an Amended Alcohol License for Circle K #2745078  
Located at 802 7<sup>th</sup> Street
8. Approval of the Resolution Providing for an amended Alcohol License for Flash Foods #288  
Located at 1203 Hwy 82 West
9. Approval of the Resolution Providing for an Amended Alcohol License for Save A Lot #499  
Located at 121 S. Virginia Avenue

#### OLD BUSINESS

**Resolution Approving the Waste Collection Service Agreement with Golden Environmental**  
Council Member Frank Sayles made the first motion for approval, seconded by Terrell, and Mayor Julie Smith voted in favor. Council Member Jack Folk voted in opposition. Motion carried by a 3 to 1 vote. Mr. Folk mentioned the only reason he was voting in opposition of the new agreement was because he didn't feel we need to increase customer's garbage fees and felt if the curbside was picked up consistently the current bi-weekly service would be sufficient.

#### NEW BUSINESS

**Resolution Authorizing an Increase in Excise Tax on Rooms, Lodging, and Accommodations**  
The proposed resolution would increase the City's hotel/motel tax from 5% to 7%. Mr. Pyrzenski mentioned the County also approved the increase at their last meeting. Council Member Frank Sayles made the first motion for approval of the resolution, seconded by Folk, and unanimously approved.

**Resolution Approving the Agreement with Professional Court Services, Inc. for Probation Services**

Mr. Rob Wilmot reviewed the agreement with Council. He mentioned the only change from the previous agreement was the proposed agreement includes an automatic renewal with a termination of a 30-day notice. After review, Council Member Folk motioned for approval, seconded by Terrell, and unanimously approved.

**Resolution Providing for an Amended Alcohol License for Tifton Elk's Lodge Located at 422 N. Victory Drive**

Council Member Jack Folk made the first motion for approval of the resolution and alcohol license, motion seconded by Sayles, and unanimously approved.

**Resolution Providing for a New Alcohol License for Kwiq Mart Located at 301 W. 7<sup>th</sup> Street**

Council Member Frank Sayles made the first motion for approval of the resolution and alcohol license. Motion seconded by Council Member Folk and Mayor Smith. Council Member Terrell voted in opposition. Motion passed by a 3 to 1 vote.

**Resolution Approving the Ground Lease with Hargray of Georgia**

Mr. Wilmot provided Council with a copy of the lease agreement and a description of the property. Mr. Wilmot mentioned Hargray is requesting the use of property behind the Community Development Office on Ridge Avenue to house equipment for the fiber being installed. Mr. Wilmot mentioned this is a five-year lease with the option to extend in five years and Hargray will pay \$600/month. Council review and briefly discussed. Mr. Wilmot confirmed that they would have to go before the HPC for approval before constructing the building. After review, Council Member Jack Folk made the first motion for approval of the agreement, seconded by Sayles, and unanimously approved.

OTHER BUSINESS

**Appointment of Ms. Bobbie Campbell to the Urban Redevelopment Agency**

Council Member Johnny Terrell made the first motion to appoint Ms. Bobbie Campbell to the URA, motion seconded by Folk and unanimously approved.

**City Manager Report**

Mr. Pyrzenski mentioned the City finalized the FEMA Reimbursement and thanked Ms. Becky Moore for her assistance in preparing the documentation for submittal.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS

**Council Member Frank Sayles:** Thanked the citizens and council for allowing him the opportunity to serve the last four years.

**Council Member Jack Folk:** Wished everyone a Merry Christmas and prosperous New Year!

**Mayor Julie Smith:** Mentioned she received an invitation to attend a Women’s Municipal Leadership Conference at the White House this month and was humbled by the opportunity. She mentioned she was 1 of 4 women leaders from Georgia who attended.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Council Member Johnny Terrell made the first motion to go into executive session to discuss personnel. Motion seconded by Folk and unanimously approved. Meeting closed to executive session.

Council Member Johnny Terrell made the first motion to go out of executive session and back into regular session. Motion seconded by Mayor Smith and was unanimously approved. Meeting opened back to regular session.

**Resolution Providing for an Executive Session**

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

**Approval of City Manager’s Contract**

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

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

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Julie Smith, Mayor

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Jessica White, City Clerk