

**City of Tifton
Budget Workshop
May 9, 2017
11:30 AM
Tifton City Hall, Council Chambers**

Attendees

Mayor Julie Smith

Vice Mayor Wes Ehlers

Council Member Jack Folk

Council Member Frank Sayles

Pete Pyrzenski, City Manager

Jessica Jones, City Clerk

Wayne Putnal, Finance Director

Mayor Julie Smith called the meeting to order at 11:34 AM.

Mr. Pete Pyrzenski, City Manager, opened the meeting by providing the Council with an overview of the budget process and briefly reviewed the budget message. Mr. Pyrzenski mentioned the focus of the FY2018 Budget was improving the quality of life to our residents. Mr. Pyrzenski presented a balanced budget totaling \$42,348,396 for all funds and which does not include raising taxes or reducing services. He went through the proposed budget by fund and highlighted recommendations and major changes. The recommendations included: Moving all legal fees to the General Government Department, Moving demolition cost to the Environmental Management Department, Reallocating the service fund, Reduce one clerk position in Municipal Court and hire a part-time prosecutor, Adding a K-9 Unit and Traffic Unit to the Police Department, Removing 2 Administrative Positions from the Police Department, Initiating the Employee Educational Incentive Program, Reorganization of the Fire Department and reducing 5 staff positions, Reducing one position in IT and Human Resources, and Reducing Customer Service Staff by 3 Positions.

Mr. Pyrzenski also recommended continuing Library Funding, Changing the name of the Environmental Management Department to Community Development, Moving forward with Water and Sewer Rate Equalization, Possibly Implementing Convenience Fees for Credit Card Processing, and Preparing a Business Development Plan for the Tift Theatre.

Council also reviewed the Capital Project Budgets for all departments.

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

Julie Smith, Mayor

Jessica Jones, City Clerk