

**TIFTON CITY COUNCIL  
SPECIAL CALLED MEETING  
JUNE 29, 2017  
5:00 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 Jones, City Clerk

Mayor Julie Smith called the meeting to order at 5:00 PM.

**RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF TIFTON CALLING FOR A REFERENDUM ON SPLOST VI**

Mayor Smith gave an over view of Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax (SPLOST) and how important the penny tax was to the City of Tifton. Mayor Smith mentioned SPLOST funds are used for many important projects in our community and the resolution being presented tonight is for encouraging Tift County to move forward with a SPLOST VI Referendum. Mayor Smith read aloud the resolution, and called for a motion for approval of the resolution. Council Member Folk made the first motion for approval of the resolution, seconded by Ehlers, and unanimously approved.

Vice Mayor Ehlers asked the City Manager to prepare a listing of proposed SPLOST projects to be included on the referendum. Mr. Pyrzenski stated this information will be presented at the next City Council Workshop.

**WATER AND SEWER DISTRIBUTION OF ASSETS**

Mayor Smith briefly reviewed a timeline of emails, letters, and attempts the City made to schedule a meeting with the County to discuss service delivery issues. Mayor Smith mentioned the city's staff has been unsuccessful in their attempts to setup a meeting with the County. Discussion was held on the setup of the Service Delivery Coordinating Committee and Vice Mayor Ehlers suggested possibly creating another committee to work out service delivery issues, and the details of canceling the joint water and wastewater fund agreement.

Mayor Smith read aloud a draft letter to the County in reference to dividing the assets of the joint water and waste water system. The letter mentioned as of June 30, 2016 the total fixed assets of the water department was \$21,419,213.00 and of that amount only \$427,734.00 had been purchased since the 2005 agreement. The portion of water system county owned by the County includes the 750,000 gallon water tank on Hwy 82, water lines in Brookfield, Union Road, Eldorado, and Fox Hills subdivision. The letter also referenced \$2,258,835.00 in SPLOST funds that would be returned to the County for their portion of the Water & Sewer Funds. The City Council agreed to hold off on submitting the drafted letter until the City and County meet to discuss the division of assets for the water and sewer fund.

Vice Mayor Ehlers mentioned he has spoken with some of the County Commissioners and they have requested a detail of the equipment and assets of the water and sewer fund. Mr. Pyrzenski mentioned he does have a detailed listing of the assets and upgrades to water and sewer system and that information can be provided to the County.

There being no further business to discuss the meeting adjourned at 5:25 pm.

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Julie Smith, Mayor

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Jessica Jones, City Clerk