

**CITY OF TIFTON  
CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP  
JULY 3, 2017  
5:30 PM  
TIFTON CITY HALL**

**ATTENDEES**

Mayor Julie Smith	Pete Pyrzenski, City Manager
Vice Mayor Wes Ehlers	Becky Moore, Deputy Clerk
Council Member Jack Folk	Rob Wilmot, City Attorney
Council Member Johnny Terrell	
Council Member Frank Sayles	

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

**SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS**

Introduction of New Police Officers: Sommer Jordan, Sydney Saylor, and Michael Golden

Captain Steve Hyman introduced Tifton Police Department's newest three officers. Sommer Jordan graduated the Academy in December and has been with Tifton Police Department (TFD) for eight weeks. She is currently in the Field Training Officer (FTO) Program. This twelve-week program allows new officers to TPD to work one-on-one with veteran officers to learn policies and procedures, the community, the streets, etc. Sydney Saylor came to TFD as an intern as the detectives' secretary. She graduated the Academy in June and is now working in the FTO Program as well. Michael Golden also graduated the Academy in June and he is on his first day. Captain Hyman sees a future here in Tifton for these new members of the department.

**DISCUSSION ITEMS**

Consider Proposal to Purchase Two Vehicles for the Tifton Police Department

Police Chief Buddy Dowdy presented to the Council the proposal of purchasing two new vehicles from Don Jackson with Dodge out of Union City. While beginning the paperwork to start the bid process to replace 2 TPD vehicles, the opportunity to purchase two 2015 Dodge Chargers for \$20,000 each was mentioned. This will allow TPD to take two CID vehicles and surplus them making it possible for City Manager Pete Pyrzenski to place them in other departments that are in need. This is an item that is already in the budget for FY2018 and with the purchase of these two vehicles will come in under budget. There are no issues with the warranty, and will become active when we put them in use per Mr. Pyrzenski.

Discussion of Proposed Project to Add Street Parking on Chesnutt Ave at Tift Ave

Lequrica Gaskins addressed Council about the DDA Planning Retreat discussing innovative parking opportunities in the Downtown Area. They have continued the plans from the Brumby Way Project through to the Streetscape Phase 3 Project and would like to continue the plans through this project as well. They are working with ESG to confirm ownership and make sure property lines are properly marked, contracted Southern Regional Commission to get their input, and the DCA design team. All plans and documents were included in the Council Packet. Mr. Pyrzenski mentioned that this was not part of the capital project outline, but was mentioned in a DDA meeting and with the overall issue of parking, Mr. Pyrzenski felt it was a good opportunity to present to council. There is enough money in SPLOST to help with this if approved and will continue the scheme of what is currently in place. The DDA is also looking at other places for parking as well to incorporate the walkability for downtown. Vice Mayor Ehlers had concerns about immanent domain and would like to speak with the adjacent

property owner prior to voting and moving forward with the project since the adjacent property owner is from his district.

#### Review of Services Agreement with Tift County Tax Commissioner, Chad Alexander

City Attorney Rob Wilmot and Mr. Pyrzenski have reviewed the contract submitted by the Tift County Tax Commissioner, Chad Alexander. The only difference that was noted between the current contract and the requested upcoming contract was that the term on has been changed from one year to three years. Mr. Wilmot and Mr. Pyrzenski will go back to talk with Mr. Alexander and rework the wording to according to Georgia Law and will have an updated contract for Council on the July 17<sup>th</sup> meeting.

#### Consider Strategic National Stockpile MOA with Tift County Health Department

This is an administrative agreement from the Health Department to have a Memorandum of Agreement with the City of Tifton to have in place in case of a natural disaster per Mr. Pyrzenski. This will secure us if anything ever does happen.

#### Discussion of SPLOST VI Allocation

As discussed in the previous meeting, Mr. Pyrzenski has provided Council with a list of what is allowed with SPLOST V dollars and the SPLOST Projects the City has completed. Mr. Pyrzenski suggested allotting money for property acquisition and demolition for SPLOST VI. Off the top, Mr. Pyrzenski sees the possibility of roads and bridges, technology, and renovations/upgrades of buildings having an increase. Mayor Smith would like to propose a committee to discuss projects. Mr. Pyrzenski would like to provide a worksheet to get the Council started. After discussions between the Council, the formula may need to be looked at. An update on the current 20<sup>th</sup> Street project was given per the request of Mayor Smith.

#### Discussion of Golden Environmental Agreement

Due to the number of complaints with the garbage collection, Mr. Pyrzenski has been looking back over the 1½ years of the agreement. According to the contract, Golden is supposed to be providing the City with the numbers of complaints and other information that the City is not receiving. After Mr. Pyrzenski sent Mr. Golden a letter regarding the issues, conversations and discussions began. The number of complaints coming in increased. Mr. Golden always tries to get the issue handled within a few days, but when it starts happening right behind us, then it's most likely happening in the community. The Council discussed the recycling, garbage pick-up, deadlines, and supervision levels at Golden. Mr. Pyrzenski asked for guidance from the Council on how they would like him to proceed. Council agreed to allow a committee to handle the issues of service by Golden and follow-up with Council. Council Members Terrell and Sayles were appointed on the committee to review the Golden Environment Agreement.

#### Discussion of Renting the Southside Fire Station located at 4612 Old Union Road

Fire Chief Bobby Bennett was approached by a mechanic of fire engines asking if there was anywhere in the South Georgia area, preferably in Tifton, available for his business. Chief Bennett mentioned the possibility of the Southside Fire Station. This company has seen the place and is very interested in the property. Vice Mayor Ehlers asked if there would be any hazardous materials that would damage the property/environment. There is not any material that would be hazardous. Council instructed Mr. Pyrzenski to move forward with negotiations.

### **ORDINANCES**

#### Ordinance Regulating Parking or Storage of Trucks, Trailers, and Inoperable Vehicles in Residential Districts

Mr. Wilmot has had some trouble drafting an ordinance due to not having enough information about what exactly the Council was wanting. Most samples deal with weight, but Chief Dowdy has an issue with the weight due to him not being able to tell how much something weighs and being able to enforce it. Currently, the City has an ordinance to deal with the use of streets. This ordinance does not allow the overnight parking of a tractor trailer. Mr. Wilmot did not see a good way to differentiate what trailers to allow or not allow, but rather state that trailers not be parked on the streets. Some direction from Council would be helpful before he drafted an ordinance. City Clerk Jessica Jones pulled some samples together for the Council's review. Inoperable vehicles are already addressed in another ordinance and should be removed from the title. Mr. Pyrzenski and Mr. Wilmot will take this information back and draft an ordinance for your review.

## **RESOLUTIONS**

### Resolution Approving the 2017 Tax Digest and M&O Levy and Setting the Final Millage Rate

Per Finance Director Wayne Putnal, the City has received the rollback numbers from the preliminary tax digest which shows a calculation of 9.731 mills, a decrease of 0.028 mills from what it was in 2016. This will be a rollback, and will not adversely affect the budget.

### Resolution Amending the FY2018 Budget

Mr. Pyrzenski asks that he have one more meeting with the Finance Committee to make sure everything is in order with adding money to the Fire Department before the next meeting. Mr. Pyrzenski stated that the budget is still balanced, but would like to make sure to refine specific line items which may need adjusting.

### Resolution Authorizing Amendment to the Agreement with ESG Operations, Inc.

ESG Operations, Inc. is asking for a price change to the contract. There is an automatic increase to the in the contract, if you so choose. Last year, ESG Operations, Inc. did not ask for this increase, and this year they are only asking for a 3% increase in the Water/Sewer Department.

### Resolution Providing for 2017 General Election

Per Becky Moore, this resolution will allow for the 2017 General Election to open for qualifying at 8:30 AM on August 21<sup>st</sup> and end at 4:30 PM on August 25<sup>th</sup> with a fee of \$207. Election Day for 2017 will be November 7, 2017.

### Resolution Providing for an Alcohol License at Gravity Pinhouse, LLC Located at 363 Commerce Way

Gravity Pinhouse is requesting to obtain an Alcohol License for the consumption of beer and wine, along with the retail selling of beer. Ms. Moore stated that the owner will be the manager and that the background came back okay and that staff recommends approval.

Mayor Smith publically thanked the Tourism Department, Outreach Marketing Group, and all of the volunteers for their part in The Great Race/Rock the Block Event. It was a great event, and we had a great turnout!

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 6:37 PM.

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Julie Smith, Mayor

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Becky Moore, Deputy Clerk