

**CITY OF TIFTON  
COUNCIL MEETING  
JULY 17, 2017  
5:30 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

Jessica Jones, City Clerk

Rob Wilmot, City Attorney

**CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

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

**PRAYER AND PLEDGE**

Council Member Folk gave the invocation and led the Pledge.

**APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

Council Member Folk made a motion to add an Executive Session to the agenda and approve agenda, motion seconded by Sayles, and unanimously approved.

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

Council Member Sayles motioned, seconded by Folk, and unanimously approved to accept the minutes from the June 19, 2017 Regular Meeting; June 29, 2017 Special Called Meeting; and July 3, 2017 Workshop

**RECOGNIZING STEVE HYMAN ON HIS PROMOTION TO CAPTAIN FOR THE POLICE DEPARTMENT**

Chief Buddy Dowdy recognized Captain Steve Hyman on his recent promotion. Chief Dowdy mentioned Hyman will be Captain for the Uniform Patrol Division along with other duties. Chief Dowdy talked highly of Captain Hyman and stated he had been a Lieutenant with the Police Department for the past 25 years and this promotion was well over due. Mayor Smith, City Council, and Mr. Pyrzenski congratulated Captain Hyman on his promotion.

**SWEARING IN NEW BOARD MEMBERS**

Mayor Julie Smith administered the oath of office and sworn in Mr. Chad Tullos to the Historic Preservation Commission and Ms. Lamarice Taylor to the Planning and Zoning Board.

**CITIZEN INPUT**

Kathy Baker, 4403 Medford Lane, Ms. Baker brought in water samples of brown water she collected from her home located in the Pebblebrook Subdivision. Ms. Baker stated she moved in her home four years ago and this has been an ongoing problem. Mr. Pyrzenski mentioned the problem is not the water but the dated and rusted waterlines inside the neighborhood and replacing the lines is the only way to fix the issue. Mr. Pyrzenski stated the replacement of the waterlines is certainly a project that needs to be priority and suggested staff develop a plan and cost estimate to replace the water lines.

Bubba Harrison, 2201 Chesnutt Avenue, Mr. Harrison was present to commend the Mayor, staff, and volunteers for their work during The Great Race Event. Mr. Harrison congratulated the City on receiving the award for “Best Overnight Stop” and for being great hosts for the event. Mr. Harrison stated everyone worked hard during the event and the visitors seemed to really enjoy themselves. City Council thanked Mr. Harrison and his staff for catering a wonderful meal for the event. Mr. Harrison also suggested putting up the ABAC banners to welcome the students to Tifton. Lastly Mr. Harrison informed the Council that although some are having issues with garbage service from Golden Environment, he has not experienced bad service. He stated he has residential and commercial service and the service provided is good and he has no complaints.

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

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

4. Award of Proposal to Don Jackson Chrysler Dodge Jeep for Purchase of Two Vehicles for the Tifton Police Department
5. Authorize City Manager to Execute Strategic National Stockpile MOA with Tift County Health Department
6. Resolution Authorizing Amendment to the Agreement with ESG Operations, Inc
7. Resolution Providing for 2017 General Election
8. Resolution Providing for an Alcohol License at Gravity Pinthouse, LLC Located at 139 Love Ave

### **RESOLUTIONS**

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

Vice Mayor Ehlers motioned, seconded by Folk, and unanimously approved the resolution and setting of the final millage rate at 9.731 Mills.

Mr. Chad Alexander, Tift County Tax Commissioner, was present and answered questions in reference into the decrease in the Motor Vehicle Tax. Mr. Alexander stated this change is a result of a change at the state level on when motor vehicle tax is collected. Mr. Sayles also questioned about the collection agreement which was presented at the previous workshop. Mr. Wilmot mentioned the current agreement with the Tax Commissioner is still in place and a new agreement does not need to be signed because of a change in management.

#### **Resolution Amending the FY2018 Budget**

Mr. Pyrzenski mentioned the budget is being amended to add a \$100,000 contingency to only be used if needed. Council Member Folk motioned, seconded by Ehlers, and unanimously approved the resolution amending the FY2018 Budget.

#### **Resolution Designating “Rock the Block Beach Party” as a Festival**

Ms. Jessica Jones stated the festival area will be the same area as “The Great Race Event”. The event is scheduled for July 29, 2017, and all festivities will take place on First Street. Council Member Sayles motioned, seconded by Terrell, and unanimously approved the resolution. .

**Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Negotiate an Agreement for Rental of the Southside Fire Station located at 4612 Old Union Road**

Mr. Pete Pyrzenski mentioned Fireline, Inc a fire truck maintenance center is interested in leasing the Southside Fire Station. Mr. Pyrzenski mentioned he has met with the manager and they will not require any changes to the building. He furthered that the County is also interested in using the building for a fire/ems facility. After discussion, Council Member Sayles made the first motion to postpone the item until the next meeting to allow the County the opportunity to submit a proposal. Motion seconded by Ehlers and unanimously approved.

**Resolution Equalizing Base Water Rates for City and County Customers (Tabled)**

Council Member Folk motioned, seconded by Sayles, and unanimously approved to postpone the item indefinitely.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

**Board Report**

Ms. Jessica Jones mentioned there is currently a vacancy on the HPC Board because Ms. Brook Sanders resigned. Council reviewed the board report, but no appointments were made.

**City Manager Report**

Mr. Pyrzenski did not have anything additional to report.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Council Member Folk made the first motion to go into executive session to discuss legal matters. Motion seconded by Ehlers and approved by Mayor Smith, Terrell, and Sayles. Meeting closed to executive session.

Council Member Folk made the first motion to go out of executive session. Motion seconded by Sayles and approved by Mayor Smith, Terrell, and Ehlers. Meeting opened back into regular session.

**Resolution Providing for Executive Session**

Council Member Folk made the first motion for approval of the resolution, seconded by Sayles, 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 Jones, City Clerk