

Tifton City Council Meeting
November 20, 2017
5:30 PM
Tifton City Hall

Attendees

Mayor Julie Smith
Vice Mayor Wes Ehlers
Council Member Jack Folk
Council Member Johnny Terrell

Pete Pyrzenski, City Manager
Rob Wilmot, City Attorney
Jessica Jones, City Clerk

Mayor Julie Smith called the meeting to order at approximately 5:30 PM. Council Member Terrell gave the invocation and led the pledge of allegiance.

Approval of the Agenda

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

Approval of the Minutes

Council Member Terrell made the first motion for approval of the minutes from the October 16, 2017 Council Meeting and November 9, 2017 Workshop, motion seconded by Ehlers, and unanimously approved.

Presentations

Adriane Wood w/ Georgia Department of Community Affairs

Ms. Wood presented the city with a certificate designating the City of Tifton as a PlanFirst Community. Ms. Wood mentioned the designation will last for three years and will begin January 2018. Ms. Wood stated the city submitted an excellent application, which detailed multiple accomplishments of its comprehensive plan. With the designation the city will be eligible for many incentives which include the opportunity to apply for Community Development Block Grants each year and reduced rate on GEFA loans.

Fred Wood w/ Waste Pro

Mr. Wood introduced his company to the city and mentioned Waste Pro is interested in providing services to the city, if they decide to seek proposals in the future for sanitation services.

Citizens Input

No one spoke

Consent Agenda

Council Member Folk motioned, seconded by Ehlers and unanimously approved to accept the following items on the consent agenda, with the removal of items 7 and 8:

4. Award of Bid for the FY2017 LMIG Off-System Road Striping Project to NPR South, LLC in the Amount of \$66,262.00

5. Approval for Participation in the GIRMA Firefighter Cancer Benefit Program
6. Approval to Provide up to \$100,000 toward the Moore Highway Project as requested by ABAC
9. Resolution Accepting the 2017/2018 Fox Theatre Preservation Grant Award and Agreement
10. Approving Letter to DCA for De-Obligating the FY2016 CDBG Drainage Project
11. Approval for Changing the January Meeting Dates to January 2, 2018 and January 16, 2018
12. Resolution Providing for an Alcohol Beverage License for Hilton Garden Inn located at 201 Boo Drive
13. Resolution Providing for an Alcohol Beverage License for
14. Resolution Providing for an Alcohol Beverage License for
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Recommendation for Providing Gift Cards to City Employees

Council briefly discussed gift cards being a possible gratuity. After discussion, Vice Mayor Ehlers made the first motion to not provide gift cards to employees. Motion was seconded by Folk, and Terrell voted in favor. Mayor Smith opposed the motion. Motion carried 3 to 1.

Approval for Amending the FY2017 LMIG Project for Street Resurfacing and FY2018 LMIG for E.B. Hamilton Road Project

Council Member Terrell made the first motion for approval, seconded by Folk, and motion was unanimously approved. Council discussed the street resurfacing list presented and proposed chip seal surfacing method with staff. After discussion, Council requested an updated list with recommended changes be presented at the next meeting.

Ordinance Rezoning .46 Acres Located at 421 W. 10th Street from Residential (R14) to Residential (10), Application Z17-000-005

Vice Mayor Ehlers made the first motion for approval of the ordinance, seconded by Folk, and unanimously approved.

Resolution Opposing De-annexation of Cities

Staff provided an update of the cities in Georgia whom have provided a resolution of support for the proposed legislation. Council Member Folk made the first motion for approval, seconded by Terrell, and resolution was unanimously approved.

Resolution Allowing for Alcohol Sales on Sunday, December 31, 2017

City Attorney Rob Wilmot mentioned the resolution was updated as recommended by Council and will allow for alcohol sales from 12:00 PM on Sunday until 2:00 AM on Monday, January 1, 2018. Council Member Folk motioned, seconded by Terrell, and resolution was unanimously approved.

Resolution Accepting LMIG Funding for the Cow House Creek Development Project

Vice Mayor Ehlers made the first motion to postpone the resolution indefinitely, seconded by Folk, and unanimously approved.

Service Delivery Discussion (Water)

Mr. Pyrzenski gave an update on his meetings with County Manager Jim Carter. Mayor Smith and Vice Mayor Ehlers recommended drafting a Intergovernmental Agreement for equalizing the water rates. Mayor Smith mentioned doing this will help moving things forward and honor the commitment made to the County in 2005. Council Member Folk and Council Member Terrell suggested more negotiating be done before moving forward with equalizing the water rates. Council Member Folk expressed he would like to resolve tax equity issue before agreeing to equalizing the water rates. It was proposed to hold a Special Called Meeting after the next workshop to discuss service delivery further. Mayor Smith wanted the minutes to be noted that she did not think this is the right thing to do. She made the remark in reference to not moving forward with an intergovernmental agreement for being the sole water/sewer provider in Tift County and agreeing to equalize the water rates.

Board Report

Council reviewed, but no action was taken

Financial Update

Mr. Wayne Putnal, Finance Director, reviewed the financial report presented for the month ending October 31, 2017. Council reviewed the report and briefly discussed.

There being no further business to discuss, Council Member Folk made the first motion to adjourn, seconded by Ehlers, and unanimously approved. Meeting adjourned.

Julie Smith, Mayor

Jessica Jones, City Clerk