

**Tifton City Council
Workshop
October 7, 2019
5:30 PM
Tifton City Hall**

Attendees

Mayor Julie Smith

Vice Mayor Wes Ehlers

Council Member Jack Folk

Council Member Frank Sayles (via phone)

Council Member Terrell

Pete Pyrzenski, City Manager

Rob Wilmot, City Attorney

Jessica White, City Clerk

Public Hearing for Application PP19-0045, Request Submitted by 31 North Real Estate Investors, LLC to Amend the Planned Development Overlay for 12.19 Acres Located at 2202 US Hwy 41 N, Map/Parcel T0044 034

Mr. Rob Wilmot opened the public hearing and asked the Council Members present the conflict of interest questions pertaining to zoning hearings. No members of the Council had any conflicts and were all able to participate in the public hearing and discussion. Mr. Danny Wallace, Community Development Asst. Director, gave an overview of the PDO request.

Public Hearing for Application PP19-0048, Rezoning Request Submitted by Travis Hurst for Rezoning 15.83 Acres Located at 1469 Ferry Lake Road, Map/Parcel T0059A 002, from Mobile Home Park (MHP) to Residential (R-8)

Mr. Danny Wallace, Community Development Asst. Director, gave an overview of the rezoning request. He mentioned the owner, Mr. Travis Hurst, would like to remove the lots from the mobile home park and sell them to single family lots. The application is requesting the lots be rezoned from MHP to R-8. Mr. Wallace mentioned the request did go before the Planning and Zoning Commission and it was unanimously approved. The hearing opened up for public comments and no one spoke.

Council Member Terrell arrived to the meeting.

Proclamation Proclaiming Georgia Retired Educators Day

Mayor Julie Smith read aloud the proclamation which proclaimed November 3, 2020 as Retired Educators Day.

Proclamation Recognizing October 24, 2019 as “Go Light Up Your World Day”

Mayor Julie Smith read aloud the proclamation and Ms. Lillie McIntyre spoke about their event planned and encouraged everyone to participate by putting out luminaries on October 24, 2019.

Recognizing Chief Buddy Dowdy on his 37 Years of Service and Retirement from the Tifton Police Department

Ms. Emily Beeman presented Chief Dowdy with a service plaque and Lt. Daniel Ray presented Chief Dowdy with a shadow box preserving his service to the City of Tifton Police Department. Chief Dowdy thanked the City for the many opportunities at the City and mentioned it was a

privilege to work city and the Tifton Police Department. Many Council Members and staff thanked Chief Dowdy for his service and wished him well in all his future endeavors.

Tifton Housing Authority Update on Renovations Planned for the Old Omega Road Apartments

Ms. Shaundra Clark with the Tifton Housing Authority presented a rendering of the exterior renovations planned at the apartment complex. Ms. Clark mentioned the project is a multi-year project and they plan to replace the roofs, windows, and doors of the apartments and also improve the landscaping and paint the exterior of the buildings. They anticipate the construction to begin in the summer of 2020. Mayor Smith mentioned this will be a very nice enhancement to the area and she was very excited to see the renovations moving forward. Council Member Terrell also thanked the Housing Authority for moving forward with the project. Ms. Clark recognized the Housing Authority Board Members present and Council thanked them for coming and for their service to the community.

New Business

Review of Proposed Agreement with Golden Environmental

Mr. Pyrzenski mentioned staff and Mr. Wilmot have worked through proposed amendments to the garbage contract and staff wanted to present the information to Council for review. Mr. Wilmot mentioned the highlighted items are items that have been added to the contract. Mr. Wilmot mentioned items that need to be worked out are addressing community dumpsters. Mr. Hobby reviewed the highlighted changes which included: roll off service no longer being exclusive, weekly bulky pickup, special pickup service, reporting requirements for large yard debris piles, recycling, leaking trucks, and one designated contact for dealing with City issues. Mr. Pyrzenski mentioned the City currently has a pilot program going on now with Golden for picking up yard debris weekly and after this month the City will have a better idea of the volume that can be picked up on a weekly basis. Council Member Folk expressed that if we want residents to clean up their yards we should not restrict the yard pile size. Council reviewed the contract changes in detail and discussed the recommended changes. Staff mentioned that there is still time to make changes to the contract, but a contract needs to be finalized by year end.

Discussion of Oakridge Cemetery

Mr. Jeff West mentioned the current Babyland location is currently full and the City is proposing a new location for infant burials. Mr. West presented a map of the proposed location for Baby Land and for a Cemetery expansion for Council to review. Mr. West estimated the new Babyland area would allow for approximately 400 infant lots. Mr. West also mentioned the City will need to set fees for plots in the new babyland area and presented the recommended changes to the cemetery ordinance. Mr. West also mentioned a goal they have for the year is to prepare a digital map of the cemetery. Council reviewed the information and briefly discussed the future of the cemetery. Mr. Terrell also mentioned the Greenwood Cemetery also needs attention and the property needs to be adequately maintained.

Review of Proposed 2020 LMIG Appropriations

Mr. Jeff West mentioned staff has prepared a list of proposed streets to be resurfaced with the LMIG funding. He mentioned the City will receive \$265,358.00 from GDOT and the City is prepared to add additional funding to come to a total project cost of approx. \$625,000. Mr.

Pyrzenski requested Council to review the listing presented and submit any additional recommendations for approval at the Council Meeting.

Consideration for Upgrading Thirteen (13) Utility Meter Collectors to a 4G Wireless Network

Mr. Jeff West mentioned the collectors are cell tower based antennas that are used to collect meter readings from the utility meters. Mr. West mentioned the collectors need to be updated for compatibility with the 4G network because the current collectors are 3G compatible and will soon be obsolete. Need to review the cost submitted. Council requested staff go back and review to see if any additional collectors would be necessary to cover the areas and use the

Bids for Police and Fire Department Equipment

Mr. Steve Hyman presented the bids received.

Discussion of Proposed Amendments to the Alcoholic Beverage Ordinance for Bottlehouses & Brown-Bagging

Mr. Rob Wilmot mentioned the idea of adding bottlehouse licenses was discussed a few months back in reference and staff has gathered additional information on allowing brown-bagging. He reviewed the differences in a bottlehouse license and allowing brown-bagging. Mr. Wilmot mentioned a bottlehouse license would allow patrons bring in a bottle of beer or wine into a business if the business allows this and has the correct bottlehouse license. Mr. Wilmot prepared a draft ordinance for Council's consideration. Ms. White mentioned she does has a business that is currently interested in obtaining the bottlehouse license.

Resolution Providing for an Amended Alcohol License for The Shell Travel Center Located at 603 Old Omega Road

Ms. White mentioned the applicant is amending their license and has requested to add wine to their license. She mentioned staff as reviewed their application and is recommending approval.

Mayor & Council Comments

Mayor Julie Smith mentioned last week she attended the GMA District Meeting and at the meeting there was a lot of good information shared. She also thanked Eve with the Gazette for her recent article featuring the city.

Council Member Ehlers mentioned he recently shared a Facebook post on food trucks recently and he did receive a lot of positive feedback on that and thought the city should look into options for allowing food trucks.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned.

Julie Smith, Mayor

Jessica White, City Clerk