

**Tifton City Council
Workshop and Special Called Meeting
January 6, 2020
5:30 PM
Tifton City Hall**

Attendees

Mayor Julie Smith

Council Member Wes Ehlers

Council Member Jack Folk

Council Member Johnny Terrell

Council Member M. Jay Hall

Pete Pyrzenski, City Manager

Rob Wilmot, City Attorney

Jessica White, City Clerk

Swearing in Elected Council Members

Mr. Rob Wilmot read aloud the oath of office and sworn in Mayor Julie Smith, District 2 Council Member Jack Folk, and District 4 Council Member M. Jay Hall into office. Each official will serve a four-year term ending December 31, 2023.

Selection of Vice Mayor

Council Member Jack Folk made the first motion to appoint Wes Ehlers as Vice Mayor. Motion seconded by Terrell and unanimously approved.

Presentation from Thad Wright w/US Census Bureau

Mr. Wright was present to update the Council on effectively preparing for the 2020 Census. Mr. Wright mentioned the Tift County Complete Count Committee has done a great job already in promoting the Census. He spoke in reference to the importance of the Census and getting an accurate count. He mentioned the time to count is April 2020, but the time to engage the public is now. In closing, Mr. Wright mentioned the Census is currently hiring and encouraged local applicants to apply on their website.

URA and South Tifton Redevelopment Plan Update

Mr. Bruce Green, URA Director, provided Council with an update on the Urban Redevelopment Authority's activities since July 2019. Mr. Green gave an overview of the current RFP process for selecting a developer for the Old Omega Road property and CHIP Housing Grant Application. He also mentioned the URA office recently held their Grand Opening in December and the location fits perfectly at the Community Development location. Mr. Green recommended the City formally adopt the South Tifton Redevelopment Plan and update the URA Map to include the entire South Tifton Redevelopment Area. Lastly, Mr. Green informed the Council of the project being coordinated with the ABAC Rural Studies Department on completing the historic survey of South Tifton for the Nation Historic Registrar Designation.

Discussion of Implementing City Design Standards

Mr. Danny Wallace provided Council with information from other cities that have adopted design standards. He mentioned the information is being provided for Council's review and the City could develop standards that meet our community's needs. Mayor Smith encouraged the Council to consider design standards and look at other cities when traveling. Mayor Smith

requested the information be discussed at the upcoming Council Retreat. Council Member Ehlers requested a map showing the zoning for each district.

Resolution authorizing Declaration of Taking for Utility Easement Along Hwy 41 and 20th Street

Mr. Rob Wilmot presented the resolution and mentioned the City needs Council's authorization to move forward with condemnation for a public utility easement. Mr. Wilmot provided Council with a survey of the property and mentioned the easement is for the property located on the corner of Hwy 41 and 20th Street. Mr. Wilmot mentioned the easement is needed to improve the public water lines to correctly loop the system and increase the water pressure and fire protection in the area. Mr. Wilmot mentioned the resolution is on the special called meeting agenda and once approved he will file the petition for condemnation. Council reviewed the information provided.

Resolution Authorizing the Preparation and Submittal of a Community Home Investment Program (CHIP) Application

Ms. Jessica White mentioned Mr. Green previously spoke in reference to the grant and the resolution authorizes the City to move forward with submitting the grant application to DCA for rehabilitation of approximately five homes in the defined area.

Resolution Adopting Updated Schedule of Fees

Ms. White mentioned at the previous meeting Council approved a new contract with Golden Environmental and the contract increased garbage fees. The resolution is being provided to formally approve the new fee schedule to include the recent garbage increase. Ms. White mentioned the fee schedule was provided to all the department heads to review and the DDA rental fees were the only additional changes made. Council reviewed the fee schedule and discussed. Council Member Folk questioned the disposal fee for asbestos and Mr. Pyrzenski mentioned he would evaluate the cost and report back.

Resolution Providing for an Amended Alcohol License for Pizza Hut located at 204 Virginia Ave

Ms. White presented the application for an amended application and mentioned the location has a new manager and staff is recommending approval.

Resolution Providing for an Amended Alcohol License for Crazy Loon Saloon located at 1401 N. Tift Ave

Ms. White presented the application for an amended application and mentioned the previous owner passed away and the license is being updated to reflect the ownership transfer to the wife. Ms. White mentioned the manager is remaining the same and staff recommends approval.

Resolution Providing for an Amended Alcohol License for 41 & Main, LLC located at 343 S. Main Street

Ms. White presented the application for an amended application and mentioned the location is currently under new management. Staff reviewed the application and recommends approval.

Board Report

Council reviewed the report presented.

City Manager Report

Mr. Pyrzenski mentioned he has the Council's tickets for the MLK Breakfast. He also invited Council to attend the official pinning for Chief Hyman on January 9th. Mr. Pyrzenski also reported ESG had 907 man-hours spent on Christmas lights and Hometown Holidays. Lastly, he reported that there were no employee accidents for December 2019.

Mayor & Council Comments

Council Member Jack Folk thanked the residents of his district for allowing him to continue serving on Council.

Council Member Johnny Terrell congratulated newly elected Council Member M. Jay Hall.

Mayor Smith invited everyone to attend the Mayor's Prayer Breakfast on February 6th.

Council Member Wes Ehlers welcomed Council Member Hall and thanked the Council for allowing him to continue to serve as Vice Mayor.

Council Member M. Jay Hall thanked the citizens of his district for their support and mentioned he is looking forward to a great year.

SPECIAL CALLED MEETING

Call to Order

Mayor Julie Smith called the Special Called Meeting to order.

Approval of the Agenda

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

New Business

Approval for Changing January Council Meeting to Tuesday, January 21, 2020

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

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Executive Session to Discuss Legal Matters

Council Member Wes Ehlers made the first motion to go into executive session to discuss legal matters. Motion seconded by Terrell and unanimously approved. Meeting closed to executive session.

Council Member Jack Folk made the first motion to go out of executive session, motion seconded by Ehlers, and unanimously approved.

Resolution Providing for Executive Session

Council Member Jack Folk made the first motion for approval of the resolution, motion seconded by Ehlers, and unanimously approved.

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

Mayor Julie Smith

Jessica White, City Clerk