

**Tifton City Council  
Council Meeting  
February 17, 2020  
5:30 PM  
Tifton City Hall**

**Attendees**

Mayor Julie Smith  
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

**Call to Order**

Mayor Julie Smith called the meeting to order at approximately 5:30 PM. Pastor Jerry Riggs gave the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Approval of the Agenda**

Council Member Terrell made the first motion to approve the agenda with the addition of the Resolution Updating the GA Fund 1 Accounts. Motion was seconded by Hall and unanimously approved.

**Approval of the Minutes**

Council Member Folk motioned, seconded by Terrell, and unanimously approved to accept the following minutes: January 6, 2020 Workshop & Special Called Meeting; January 14, 2020 Council Retreat; January 21, 2020 Council Meeting; February 3, 2020 Workshop & Special Called Meeting.

**Public Comments**

Phillip Moody, Owner of Bam, Virginia Ave, was present to address Council concerning a business moving next to his business. Mr. Moody explained that his business is place for children to enjoy themselves and he doesn't feel an event center with alcohol sales would be a good fit as a neighboring business. He expressed that an event center is not that type of establishment that should be housed in a retail shopping center. He further expressed that if the business moves in he will have to close the family fun center because he does not want to put any child at risk. Mayor Smith thank Mr. Moody for his comments and Mr. Pyrzenski mentioned at this time an event center is not eligible to be obtain an alcohol license.

Kenneth Thompson, 1600 Love Ave, was present to discuss a concern about his road not being paved. He mentioned 16<sup>th</sup> Street between Love Avenue and Central Avenue is in very rough condition and needs to be paved. Mr. Jeff West, ESG Project Manager, mentioned that the road is included in this year's paving budget and the City is planning on bidding that project during March/April of this year.

### **Swearing in New Board Members**

Mayor Julie Smith administered the oath of office and sworn in the following new board members to their respective boards: Frank Sayles to the Tourism Board, Lonnie Lewis to the Zoning Board of Appeals, and J. Mullinax to the Downtown Development Authority.

### **Retirement Plan Account Update**

Mr. Randy Logan, representative with Georgia Municipal Association, was present to provide Council with an update of the overall investments of the City's retirement funds.

### **Consent Agenda**

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

**5. Resolution Granting Enterprise Zone Incentives to Pivotal Consulting, LLC for Property Located at 224 E. 2<sup>nd</sup> Street**

**6. Resolution Designating "Rhythm and Ribs BBQ Festival" as a Festival Pursuant to the Festival Ordinance**

**7. Resolution Providing for the Honorary Street Name Designation of a Portion of Chestnutt Ave.**

### **FY 2020 CDBG – Potential Conflict of Interest**

Ms. White present the CDBG Area Map for Council to review and briefly reviewed the application being prepared for submittal of the FY2020 Community Development Block Grant. Ms. White stated the City is again preparing an application for a Community Resource Center near Matt Wilson School. Council reviewed the information and each member voiced aloud that they did not have any conflicts.

### **Resolution Approving the Submittal of the FY2020 CDBG Application**

Council Member Terrell made the first motion for approval of the resolution. Motion seconded by Hall and unanimously approved.

### **Resolution Placing a 120-Day Moratorium on Thrift Stores in Downtown Tifton**

Council Member Folk made the first motion to approve the resolution, motion seconded by Terrell, and unanimously approved.

### **Approval for Authorizing the City Manager to Execute the Necessary Documents for Updating the Service Area Map to Include Phase II of Willow Creek Subdivision**

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

### **Resolution Updating the Georgia Fund 1 Accounts**

Mr. Pyrzenski mentioned the resolution was needed to update the authorized users for the Georgia Fund 1 Accounts and was necessary based on recent staff changes. Council Member Folk made the first motion for approval. Motion seconded by Hall and unanimously approved.

### **Reappointment of Mr. Curtis Akins to the Zoning Board of Appeals**

Council Member Folk made the motion to reappoint Mr. Curtis Akins to the Zoning Board of Appeals, motion seconded by Hall, and unanimously approved.

### **City Manager Report**

Mr. Pyrzenski presented the draft 2020 Council Goals and asked Council to review the goals and let him know any changes that should be made.

### **Mayor and Council Comments**

Council Member Terrell apologized to the Council and public for his recent actions and comments during the previous Council Meeting.

Council Member Folk brought up safety concerns of citizens running and walking on the streets and litter issues in his district.

Council Member M.Jay Hall invited everyone to the Chamber following the meeting to hear from the Federal Commissioner on Rural Broadband.

Mayor Smith mentioned Rev. Harvey, PD Chaplin, was moving and submitted his resignation as Chaplin for the Police Department. Mayor Smith recognized Rev. Harvey for his service and thanked him for his service.

### **Executive Session**

Council Member Hall 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.

### **Resolution Providing for Executive Session**

Council Member Folk motioned, seconded by Terrell, and unanimously approved to accept the resolution.

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

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Julie Smith, Mayor

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Jessica White, City Clerk