

**TIFTON CITY COUNCIL  
COUNCIL MEETING  
JUNE 17, 2019  
5:30 PM  
TIFTON CITY HALL**

**Attendees**

Mayor Julie Smith  
Council Member Wes Ehlers  
Council Member Frank Sayles

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

**Call to Order**

Mayor Julie Smith called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM. Pastor Todd Garner w/ Union Grove Church gave the invocation and led the pledge.

**Approval of the Agenda**

Council Member Wes Ehlers made the first motion for approval of the agenda, seconded by Sayles and unanimously approved.

**Approval of the Minutes**

Council Member Frank Sayles made the first motion to approve the minutes from May 20, 2019; June 3, 2019; and June 7, 2019. Motion seconded by Ehlers and unanimously approved.

**Public Comments**

No one spoke.

**Consent Agenda**

Council Member Frank Sayles motioned, seconded by Ehlers, and unanimously approved the following items on the consent agenda:

1. Agreement with Peachtree Recovery Services
2. Agreement with PlantNet for Fiber Transport Services
3. Agreement with Tift County BOE for School Resources Officers

Old Business

**Ordinance to Consider Amending the and Development Code to Provide Regulations for Walls and Fences in Commercial Downtown**

Mr. Rob Wilmot reviewed the ordinance presented. The ordinance regulates fencing and walls in Commercial Downtown and prohibits them from being installed adjacent to a city street/alley, and between a city street/alley and a structure. Council reviewed the ordinance and briefly discussed. Council Member Frank Sayles made the first motion for approval of the ordinance, motion seconded by Ehlers, and unanimously approved.

### **Approval of the Service Delivery Strategy Forms for Submittal to the Department of Community Affairs**

Mr. Pyrzenski mentioned the presented SDS Forms were submitted to DCA on Friday. The paperwork submitted gives the City an additional year to work out pending issues with the County and extends the SDS deadline for June 30, 2020. Mr. Wilmot recommended moving forward promptly with the mediation process to work through the remaining issues. Council Member Frank Sayles made the first motion for approval of the SDS submittal, motion seconded by Ehlers, and unanimously approved.

### **Resolution for Adoption of the FY2020 Budget**

Mr. Pyrzenski mentioned the Tifton-Tift County Library had requested an additional \$20,000, and the budget presented has been revised to include the additional funding for the library. The presented budget for all funds totaled \$43,362,822. After the final review and a brief discussion, Council Member Frank Sayles made the first motion for approval of the FY2020 Budget and Resolution. Motion seconded by Ehlers and unanimously approved.

### **Appointment of Members to the Urban Redevelopment Agency**

Council Member Wes Ehlers motioned, seconded by Sayles, and unanimously approved to appoint the following members to the Urban Redevelopment Agency:

- Ms. Vivian Hightower appointed as Chair for a three (3) year term
- Mr. Curtis Akins appointed as Vice Chair for a three (3) year term
- Ms. Abbey McLaren to serve a three (3) year term
- Mr. Major Battle to serve a three (3) year term
- Mr. Tyler Riddle to serve a two (2) year term
- Mr. Michael Bowen to serve a two (2) year term
- Mr. Milton "M Jay" Hall, Jr. to serve a one (1) year term
- Mr. Bruce Green appointed as Interim Director

The Council also recognized Mr. Bruce Green, URA Interim Director, who will oversee the Urban Redevelopment Agency and their redevelopment efforts. Mr. Green spoke of the opportunity and mentioned he was looking forward to getting started.

### **Resolution Activating the Urban Redevelopment Agency**

Council Member Wes Ehlers made the first motion for approval the resolution, seconded by Sayles, and unanimously approved.

### **Resolution Providing for an Amended Alcohol License for Tift Tap House Located at 219 S. Main Street**

Ms. Jessica White mentioned the business originally was going to open at 211 Main Street, but has secured the lease at 219 S. Main Street. The resolution being presented is to reflect the change in location. Council Member Frank Sayles made the first motion for approval, seconded by Ehlers and unanimously approved.

**City Manager Report**

Mr. Pete Pyrzewski introduced Ms. Chandler Day, Public Relations and Main Street Director, who was recently hired. He also mentioned Mr. Brandon Howard was also brought on full-time as Administrative Assistant.

**Mayor and Council Comments**

Council Member Wes Ehlers asked for the city to review its utility billing policy. He spoke in reference to concerns about the grace period and reconnect fees.

Council Member Frank Sayles thanked Mr. Bruce Green for working with the DDA.

Mayor Julie Smith invited everyone to the upcoming Rock the Block event on June 22, 2019.

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

Respectively Submitted,

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Mayor Julie Smith

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Jessica White, City Clerk