

**City of Tifton
Council Meeting
July 15, 2019
5:30 PM
Tifton City Hall**

Attendees

Mayor Julie Smith

Council Member Wes Ehlers

Council Member Jack Folk

Council Member Johnny Terrell

Council Member Frank Sayles

Pete Pyrzenski, City Manager

Rob Wilmot, City Attorney

Jessica White, City Clerk

Mayor Julie Smith called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM.

Prayer and Pledge

Elder Deneice Brown with Joy Temple gave the invocation and Mr. Curtis Akins led the pledge.

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 June 17, 2019 Council Meeting and July 1, 2019 Council Workshop. Motion seconded by Ehlers and unanimously approved.

Swearing in Urban Redevelopment Agency Board Members

Mayor Smith read aloud the oath of office and sworn in the following members to the newly formed Urban Redevelopment Agency:

Ms. Vivian Hightower, Chair

Mr. Curtis Akins, Vice Chair

Mr. Michael Bowen

Mr. Major Battle, Jr.

Ms. Abbey McLaren

Mr. Tyler Riddle

Mr. Milton "M-Jay" Hall, Jr.

Ms. Bobbie Campbell, Alternate

Proclamation Celebrating Diversified Enterprises 50th Anniversary

Mayor Smith read aloud the proclamation recognizing Diversified Enterprises for providing services and advocating for persons with disabilities for 50 years. Representatives from Diversified were present to accept the proclamation.

Public Comments

No one spoke.

Consent Agenda

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

1. Award of Bid for Chestnut Avenue Street & Drainage Improvements to The Scruggs Company in the Amount of \$410,370.23
2. Resolution Providing for the 2019 General Election
3. Resolution Creating the Tift County Complete Count Committee for the 2020 Census
4. Resolution Providing for a New Alcohol License for Sunmart Located at 902 Central Ave
5. Resolution Providing for an Amended Alcohol License for Walmart #1072 Located at 1830 Hwy 82

Approval of the Enterprise Zone Incentive Guidelines

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

Award of Bid for Large Meter Replacement Project to Popco, Inc. in the Amount of \$412,740.00.

Mr. Pyrzenski presented the bids received for the project and mentioned the additional meters have been added back to the project as requested by Council during the workshop. The project consists of replacing 15 large meters and the City received bids from three contractors as follows:

Popco, Inc. - \$412,740.00
Doyle Hancock & Sons - \$414,130.00
Little River Contractors - \$ 428,610.80

Council Member Folk made the first motion to award the bid to Popco, Inc. in the amount of \$412,740.00, motion seconded by Terrell, and unanimously approved. Folk also requested staff to provide Council with the payback calculation for completing the additional 10 meters which were not included in the bid.

Resolution Providing for a New Alcohol License for John Place #1 Located at 1508 S. Park Ave

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

Resolution Updating the Authorized Signers for the Banking Accounts at Ameris Bank

Mr. Pete Pyrzenski mentioned the resolution being presented was needed to approve adding Ms. Dana Chancey, Finance Director, to the banking accounts at Ameris Bank. Council Member Ehlers made the first motion for approval of the resolution, seconded by Folk, and unanimously approved.

Resolution Designating Elvis Tribute Night as a Festival

Mr. Bruce Green, URA Interim Director, gave an overview of the event and mentioned the event would be a joint venture between the Main Street Program and Tift Tap House. The event would

take place at Tifton Gardens on August 16, 2019 and they are requesting 1st Street Extension be closed for the event. Council reviewed the event details provided. Council Member Sayles made the first motion for approval of the resolution, seconded by Folk, and unanimously approved.

Resolution Designating the September Month of Music Events as a Festival

Mr. Green mentioned the music events will take place every Thursday during September on all three stages in downtown. The bands playing each week will be judged and a battle of the top 3 bands will be featured on the last Thursday in September. The resolution is proposing to set a festival area and allow alcohol downtown each Thursday in September from 6:00 pm till 10:00 pm. Council Member Sayles made the first motion for approval of the resolution, seconded by Folk, and unanimously approved.

Mr. Bruce Green also introduced Ms. Abbey McLaren newly appointed Downtown Development Director.

Board Report

Council Member Folk made the first motion for appointing Ms. Kendra Gannaway and reappointing Ms. Kristy Daniels to the Library Board. Motion seconded by Sayles and unanimously approved.

City Manager Report

Mr. Pyrzenski gave an update on crowlers and mentioned the city received comments back from the state that crowlers could only be used in connection with breweries or brew pubs. He mentioned this information was provided to the owners of the Tift Tap House.

Mr. Pyrzenski & Mr. Green gave an update on the crosswalk project which is scheduled to begin in the coming weeks. The project will add a decorative overlay to many of the crosswalks in downtown.

Mayor and Council Comments

Mayor Julie Smith, Council Member Ehlers, and Council Member Terrell, voiced their appreciation with staff and the Council's working relationship.

Council Member Frank Sayles invited everyone to attend the upcoming Library Foundation Event scheduled for September 19, 2019 at the Tift Theatre.

Council Member Folk thanked the Police Department for helping to reduce crime in his district. Captain Hyman mentioned the appreciation goes to Officer Toledo, Sgt. Amanda Faircloth, and Lt. Daniel Ray.

Executive Session

Council Member Folk made the first motion to go into executive session to discuss personnel. Motion seconded by Terrell, and unanimously approved. Meeting closed to executive session.

Resolution Providing for Executive Session

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

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

Julie Smith, Mayor

Jessica White, City Clerk