

**TIFTON CITY COUNCIL MEETING**  
**AUGUST 19, 2019**  
**5:30 PM**  
**TIFTON CITY HALL**

**ATTENDEES**

Mayor Julie Smith  
Vice Mayor 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

**CALL TO ORDER**

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

**PRAYER AND PLEDGE**

Dr. Fred Evers with Northside Baptist Church gave the invocation and Commissioner Melissa Hughes led the pledge.

**APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

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

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

Council Member Sayles made the first motion for approval of the minutes from the July 15, 2019 Meeting; July 22, 2019 Called Meeting; August 5, 2019 Workshop; and August 8, 2019 Called Meeting. Motion seconded by Folk and unanimously approved.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None

**SWEARING IN KENDRA GANNAWAY TO THE TIFTON-TIFT COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD**

Mayor Smith read aloud the oath of office and sworn in Ms. Gannaway to the library board.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

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

- 2. Authorizing the Tifton Police Department to Apply for State Certification through the Georgia Association of Chiefs of Police**
- 3. Approval of Server Equipment Purchase through State Contract Vendor**
- 4. Authorize the City Manager to Execute the Service Agreement with Mauldin & Jenkins for the June 30, 2019 Annual Audit**
- 5. Resolution Granting Enterprise Zone Incentives to Twelve 13 Properties, LLC for Property Located at 210 8<sup>th</sup> Street**

**CONSIDER STUDY FOR INCLUDING SOUTH TIFTON IN THE TIFTON HISTORIC DISTRICT AS REQUESTED BY THE HISTORICAL PRESERVATION ALLIANCE CITIZENS GROUP**

Council Member Terrell made the first motion to move forward with the historic study for South Tifton, motion seconded by Sayles, and unanimously approved.

**AUTHORIZE STAFF AND GRANT ADMINISTRATOR TO INITIATE PROCESS FOR DE-OBLIGATING CDBG REDEVELOPMENT GRANT FUNDS FOR COMMERCE WAY PROJECT, 16RD-X-137-2-5913**

Council Member Sayles made the first motion to de-obligate the Redevelopment Grant Funds. Motion seconded by Ehlers and unanimously approved.

**APPROVAL OF THE 2018-2019 ANNUAL REPORT**

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

**BOARD APPOINTMENTS**

Appointment of Chase Nickelson to the Historic Preservation Commission

Council Member Sayles made the first motion for appointing Chase Nickelson to the HPC, motion seconded by Ehlers and unanimously approved.

Appointment of Jay Kimbro to the Keep Tift Beautiful Board

Council Member Ehlers made the first motion to appoint Jay Kimbro to the KTB board, contingent upon approval by the members of the KTB. Motion seconded by Folk and unanimously approved.

**CITY MANAGER REPORT**

Mr. Pete Pyrzenski reminded Council the September Workshop would be held on Tuesday, September 3, 2019, because of the Labor Day Holiday. He thanked staff for all their efforts in preparing the Annual Report and expressed a special thanks to the DDA Board Members for stepping up to save the historic Davis Building.

**MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS**

Council Member Frank Sayles – Mr. Sayles gave an update on the accomplishments of the DDA Board which included projects such as The Local at the Lankford, Davis Building, Golden Building, and Taylor Building which are all moving forward with development projects. He also mentioned the DDA had completed the first phase of the downtown sidewalk and they would be moving forward with doing additional crosswalks.

Council Member Johnny Terrell – Mr. Terrell thanked the Council for moving forward with the South Tifton Historic Plan.

Mayor Julie Smith – Mayor Smith encouraged the Council to review the City Charter and expressed condolences to the Ehlers family.

Council Member Wes Ehlers – Mr. Ehlers thanked the city, friends, and the community for reaching out to him and his family during their loss.

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

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Julie B. Smith, Mayor

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Jessica White, City Clerk