

**City of Tifton**  
**Regular Council Meeting**  
**January 5, 2015**  
**5:00 PM**  
**Tifton Municipal Courtroom**  
**130 E. 5<sup>th</sup> Street**

**ATTENDEES**

Jamie Cater, Mayor  
Johnny Terrell, Vice Mayor  
Wes Ehlers, Council Member  
Chris Parrott, Council Member  
Julie Smith, Council Member

Larry Riner, City Manager  
Rona Martin, City Clerk  
Rob Wilmot, City Attorney

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Jamie Cater called the meeting to order at 5:05 p.m.

**PRAYER AND PLEDGE**

Mayor Jamie Cater led in the prayer and pledge.

**SPECIAL PRESENTATION – CITYNET DEBT**

City Manager Larry Riner reviewed some financial highlights of the CityNet debt, GEFA notes, and outsourcing of several city functions to ESG, Inc. He stated all of these resulted in a savings of \$3.4 million to the citizens of Tifton. He then presented a payoff check for the final CityNet debt. He thanked 1<sup>st</sup> Community Bank for their participation in this process.

**SWEARING IN OF TIFTON MUNICIPAL COURT JUDGE CHAD VANORMAN**

City Attorney Rob Wilmot provided the oath of office to Attorney Chad Vanorman as the City of Tifton Municipal Court Judge.

**APPROVAL OF THE COUNCIL AGENDA**

Council Member Chris Parrott moved, seconded by Council Member Johnny Terrell and unanimously carried to approve the Council agenda.

**CITIZEN INPUT**

No one spoke.

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Council Member Terrell moved, seconded by Council Member Parrott and unanimously carried to approve the minutes of the December 1, 2014 Regular Meeting, and the December 8, 2014 Called Meeting.

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

There were no items on the consent agenda.

## **SWEARING IN OF CURTIS AKINS TO THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS**

Council Member Smith moved, seconded by Council Member Terrell and unanimously carried to amend the agenda to include the swearing in of Curtis Akins to the Zoning Board of Appeals. Mayor Cater provided the oath of office to Curtis Akins for service to the Zoning Board of Appeals.

## **RESOLUTIONS**

### **RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR POST ISSUANCE COMPLIANCE POLICIES**

City Attorney Rob Wilmot explained this resolution is related to the recently issued tax exempt bonds. He stated it is the IRS recommendation to adopt policies and procedures for post issuance of the bonds. He explained the contents of the proposed resolution. Council Member Parrott moved, seconded by Council Member Ehlers and unanimously carried to adopt a Resolution providing for Post Issuance Compliance Policies.

### **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF SERVICE WEAPONS TO EMPLOYEES OF THE TIFTON POLICE DEPARTMENT UPON RETIREMENT**

Council Member Smith moved, seconded by Council Member Terrell and unanimously carried to adopt a Resolution authorizing the award of service weapons to employees of the Tifton Police Department upon retirement with 25 years of service.

### **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN TIFT COUNTY, THE CITY OF TIFTON, STAFFORD DEVELOPMENT COMPANY AND THE TIFT COUNTY DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY FOR THE EXPANSION AND RELOCATION OF HUNT ROAD**

Mr. Riner stated this is for the relocation of Hunt Road and will include funding from the listed entities. Council Member Parrott moved, seconded by Council Member Ehlers and unanimously carried to adopt a Resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute a memorandum of understanding between Tift County, the City of Tifton, Stafford Development Company and the Tift County Development Authority for the expansion and relocation of Hunt Road.

### **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXCHANGE REAL PROPERTY FOR PUBLIC ROAD PURPOSES**

Mr. Riner stated this is part of the Hunt Road project. Council Member Terrell moved, seconded by Council Member Smith and unanimously carried to adopt a resolution authorizing the City Manager to exchange real property for public road purposes.

**RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LICENSE FOR MAIN STREET, INC. DBA MAIN STREET BEVERAGE LOCATED AT 1310 S. MAIN STREET**

Council Member Ehlers moved, seconded by Council Member Terrell and unanimously carried to approve a resolution providing for an alcoholic beverage license for Main Street, Inc. dba Main Street Beverage, located at 1310 S. Main Street, contingent on all applicable City requirements being met.

**RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LICENSE FOR HANDY STOP LOCATED AT 207 W. 12<sup>TH</sup> STREET**

Council Member Parrott moved, seconded by Council Member Terrell and unanimously carried to adopt a resolution providing for an alcoholic beverage license for Handy Stop located at 207 W. 12<sup>th</sup> Street.

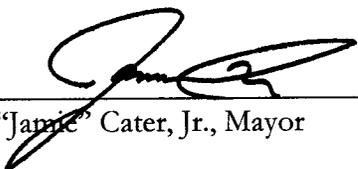
**OTHER BUSINESS**

**MOTION SETTING QUALIFYING FEES FOR 2015 ELECTIONS**

Council Member Terrell moved, seconded by Council Member Ehlers and unanimously carried to set the qualify fees for the 2015 election at \$288 for Mayor and \$207 for Council Districts 2 and 4.

Mr. Riner stated we hope to be moved back into the Myon February 1<sup>st</sup>.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 5:35 p.m.

  
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J.G. "Jamie" Cater, Jr., Mayor

  
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Rona Martin, City Clerk