City of Tifton
Regular Council Meeting
June 1, 2015
5:00 PM
Tifton City Council Chambers
130 E. 1st 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

PRESENTATION OF THE FY2016 PROPOSED BUDGET

Larry Riner, City Manager, presented the Proposed FY 2016 City of Tifton Budget at $40.9 million for all funds. He reviewed the city's economic factors, and fund categories stating the proposed budget encompasses smart-sourcing, conservative ESG rebates, market value-directed pay increase contingencies, rising insurance costs and capital improvements. He reviewed the various funds such as enterprise funds, general fund, pension fund, etc. He reviewed the highlights of the general fund. He reviewed the sources of revenue, the city's ad valorem digest base, tax digest and the 5 year history of levy. He discussed LOST collections and the general fund summary of appropriations for FY2016. He reviewed the use of those funds by department. He discussed the hotel/motel fund, SPLOST funds, enterprise funds, SWCD fund, and other funds. He reviewed the upcoming public hearings.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Jamie Cater called the meeting to order at 5:20 p.m.

PRAYER AND PLEDGE

Vice Mayor Terrell led in the prayer and pledge.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION TO DUNCAN MCCLUSKY

Mayor Cater presented a proclamation to Duncan McClusky for his work and dedication to the community.

APPROVAL OF THE COUNCIL AGENDA

Council Member Smith moved, seconded by Council Member Ehlers and unanimously carried to approve the council agenda as presented.

CITIZEN INPUT

Rhonda Howard, 735 Duggan Street asked that the city do something about the noise coming from Britanic Disco Rodeo (formerly Santos Lounge). She also presented a petition from the community. Council Member Terrell stated Ms. Howard has called him the past two weeks

regarding the noise. He asked that something be done. Chief Dowdy stated he will address this matter.

Walter Dykes, 735 Duggan Street also expressed concern about the noise coming from Britanic Disco Rodeo.

Debra Matthews, 64 E. Gate Drive, and also asked for speed bumps or signs for children playing and also requested a street light in the E. Gate/Fletcher Road area. She stated there is also a problem with the ditch and manhole. Mr. Riner stated this is at the edge of the city limits and he will have this taken care of as it is in the city limits and get back to Ms. Matthews.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Council Member Terrell moved, seconded by Council Member Parrott and unanimously carried to approve the minutes of the May 4, 2015 Regular Meeting and the May 21, 2015 Workshop/Called Meeting.

CONSENT AGENDA

Council Member Parrott moved, seconded by Council Member Terrell and unanimously carried to approve the consent agenda as follows:

2. Resolution providing for new alcoholic beverage license for Shell Food Mart, ML Dixon Investments, Inc. located at 2302 Hwy. 41 N.

3. Resolution providing for amended alcoholic beverage license for the Olive Garden located at 1208 Hwy. 82 W.

4. Resolution declaring certain real property surplus, 816 Love Avenue

5. Resolution declaring certain real property surplus, 811 N. Central Avenue

6. Resolution providing for renewal of contract with Professional Court Services

SECOND READING AND ADOPTION OF AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CHARTER TO PROVIDE FOR A CHANGE IN THE FISCAL YEAR

Council Member Parrott moved, seconded by Council Member Ehlers and unanimously carried to adopt an ordinance amending the Charter to provide for a change in the fiscal year.

ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR A TEXT AMENDMENT TO THE CITY OF TIFTON LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE RELATING TO PRIVATE CLUBS AND LODGES IN THE COMMERCIAL DOWNTOWN (CD) ZONING DISTRICT

Council Member Ehlers moved, seconded by Council Member Parrott and unanimously carried to adopt an ordinance providing for a text amendment to the City of Tifton Land Development Code as it relates to clubs and lodges in the Commercial Downtown (CD) Zoning District.

ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR AMENDMENT TO THE DISTANCE REQUIREMENTS FOR ESTABLISHMENTS HOLDING AN ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LICENSE IN PROXIMITY TO CHURCHES, SCHOOL BUILDINGS,

SCHOOL GROUNDS, COLLEGE CAMPUSES OR HOUSING AUTHORITY PROPERTIES

Council Member Terrell moved, seconded by Council Member Smith and unanimously carried to adopt an ordinance providing for amendment to distance requirements for establishments holding an alcoholic beverage license in proximity to churches, school buildings, school grounds, college campuses or housing authority properties.

CONSIDER APPEAL OF HPC CASE #H15-000-009 FROM WILMOT AND POWELL, LLC – REMOVAL OF DAMAGED CHIMNEYS ON THE HOUSE LOCATED AT 614 N. TIFT AVENUE

Council Member Ehlers moved, seconded by Council Member Parrott and carried (4-1) to approve the appeal request from Wilmot and Powell, LLC, HPC Case #H15-000-009, removal of damaged chimneys on house located at 614 N. Tift Avenue. Council Member Smith voted nay.

REAPPOINTMENT TO THE TIFTON-TIFT COUNTY LIBRARY BOARD AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

Council Member Parrott moved, seconded by Council Member Smith and unanimously carried to reappoint Cecil Cordle to the Tifton-Tift County Library Board.

Council Member Parrott moved, seconded by Council Member Terrell and unanimously carried to appoint Filiberto Hernandez to the Historic Preservation Commission.

DISCUSSION OF ADDITIONAL AMENDMENT TO THE ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE ORDINANCE

City Attorney Rob Wilmot explained a new law HB152, regarding establishments that sell alcohol and the age allowed to enter establishments considered bars, etc. that derive 75% or more of their revenue from alcohol. He stated this will eliminate entertainment establishments. He stated there are a number of issues that have to be worked thru regarding this state law. He stated a revision will be developed and brought back to Council for consideration. Discussion was held about when the law comes into effect.

EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS PERSONNEL, REAL ESTATE AND/OR LEGAL MATTERS

Council Member Parrott moved, seconded by Council Member Ehlers and unanimously carried to enter into Executive Session to discuss Personnel and Legal Matters.

Council Member Parrott moved, seconded by Council Member Terrell and unanimously carried to come out of Executive Session.

RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION

Council Member Smith moved, seconded by Council Member Ehlers and unanimously carried to adopt a resolution providing for executive session.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

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

Rona Martin, City Clerk

AT A MEETING OF THE
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TIFTON
HELD ON 6/1/15, 2015
A MOTION TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION

Council member Parrott makes the following motion:

1. That City Council now enters into executive session as allowed by O.C.G.A. Section 50-14-4 and pursuant to advice by the City Attorney, for the purpose of discussing the following:

(check all that apply)

✓ Legal Matters.

✓ Personnel Matters.

— Real Estate Matters.

That each member of this body, in open session, at the conclusion of such executive session, and consistent with the provisions of City of Tifton Resolution No. 99-66, either:

1. Execute the Affidavit, the form of which having been previously approved; or

2. Vote upon the Resolution, the form of which having been previously approved, to be followed by the execution of the above-referenced Affidavit by so many members of this Council that so desire,

all of which is in compliance with O.C.G.A. Section 50-14-4; thereby this body, by appropriate form of either Affidavit or Resolution/Affidavit, ratifying the actions of the Council taken in executive session and confirming that the subject matters of the closed session were within exceptions permitted by the Open Meetings law.

Council member Ehlers seconds the motion.

Motion Approved

Those voting in favor of the motion for closure:

Council Members: Mayor Jamie Carter, Vice Mayor Johnny Terrell Council Members Chris Parrott, Wes Ehlers, Julie Smith

Those voting against the motion for closure:

Council Members:

AFFIDAVIT

Personally appeared before the undersigned attesting officer, duly authorized to administer oaths in the State of Georgia:

Present	Absent	
✓		J. G. "Jamie" Cater, Jr.
✓		Wes Ehlers
✓		Christopher Parrott
✓		Johnny Terrell
✓		Julie Smith

Who, after being duly sworn, deposes and on oath states the following:

1. I am a member of the Tifton City Council and I was present at a meeting of the City Council held on the 1st day of June, 2015.

2. That it was my understanding that O.C.G.A. Section 50-14-4(b) provides as follows:

> When any meeting of an agency is closed to the public pursuant to subsection (a) Of this Code section, the chairperson or other person presiding over such meeting shall execute and file with the official minutes of the meeting a notarized affidavit stating under oath that the subject matter of the meeting or the closed portion thereof was devoted to matters within the exceptions provided by law and identifying the specific relevant exception.

3. The subject matter of the closed meeting or closed portion of the meeting held on the 1st day of June, 2015, which was closed for the purpose(s) of :

✓ Legal Matters

✓ Personnel Matters

Z Real Estate Matters

As allowed by O.C.G.A., Title 50, Chapter 14, was devoted to matters within those exceptions and as provided by law.

4. This affidavit is being executed for the purpose of complying with the mandate of O.C.G.A. Section 50-14-4(b) that such an affidavit be executed.

5. This affidavit is likewise executed by the following members of the City Council present at such executive session in support of open and honest government and in compliance with City of Tifton Resolution 99-66.

This 1st day of June, 2015.

J. G. "Jamie" Cater, Jr.
Mayor, City of Tifton

Wes Ehlers
Councilman, District 1

Christopher Parrott
Councilman, District 2

Johnny Terrell
Councilman, District 3

Julie Smith
Councilwoman, District 4

Sworn to and subscribed before me
By all City Council members
on this 1st day of
June, 2015.

Rona Martin
Notary Public

RONA MARTIN
NOTARY PUBLIC GEORGIA
EXPIRES JAN. 28, 2017
TIFT COUNTY