

**CITY OF TIFTON**  
**July 6, 2015**  
**5:00 p.m.**  
**REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING**  
**Tifton City Hall**  
**130 E. 1st Street**

**ATTENDEES**

J.G. "Jamie" Cater Jr., Mayor  
Johnny Terrell, Vice Mayor  
Wes Ehlers, Council Member  
Chris Parrott, Council Member

Julie Smith, Council Member  
Larry Riner, City Manager  
Emily Vowell, Attorney  
Jessica Jones, Deputy Clerk

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Jamie Cater called the meeting.

**PRAYER AND PLEDGE**

Council Member Ehlers led the prayer and pledge of allegiance.

**SWEARING IN OF BOARD MEMBER FILIBERTO HERNANDEZ TO THE HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION**

Mr. Hernandez was sworn into office by Mayor Cater.

**SPECIAL PRESENTATION BY COUNCIL MEMBER CHRIS PARROTT**

Council Member Parrott introduced Mr. Jamie Ogiba, Division Manager of Waffle House, who presented Chief Buddy Dowdy with discount cards to be given to his officers as a thank you for their quick response, and professionalism when called upon. Mr. Parrott mentioned during the holidays the Police Department responded to a few incidents at Waffle House and the officers went above and beyond and they should be commended for protecting our citizens and their property.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Council Member Julie Smith made the first motion for approval of the agenda, seconded by Vice Mayor Terrell, and unanimously carried for approval.

**CITIZEN INPUT**

Dawn Waldrip & Maureen Johnson of South West Georgia Health Care dba Tifton Urgent Care, located at 1401 Tift Avenue were present to discuss their concerns about The Locker Room Sports Bar opening within their commercial suite. Mrs. Waldrip, Operations Manager, mentioned that Tifton Urgent Care provides health services to all ages including children and elderly during the hours of 9:00 AM and 8:00 PM, seven days a week. She stated the bar is scheduled to open soon and the loud music has already begun to affect their operations. She stated they have already had complaints and the music is creating a disturbance to their patients. She was hoping there was some type of ordinance in place to address the loud noise during their business hours. Ms. Johnson, Physicians' Assistant, mentioned that right now the workers have a boom box going and the loud bass is affecting their ability to clearly hear the patient's heart and lungs during examination. She stated the bar will open at 5:00 PM, and she feels they are going to experience continued issues from 5:00 PM until Tifton Urgent Care closes at 8:00 PM. City Manager Larry Riner mentioned the city does have a noise ordinance in place to address the issue. Mayor Cater

asked Council Member Smith and Council Member Ehlers to follow up on the issues with the business owners and try to reach a solution that will work for both businesses.

Mayor Cater stepped out of the meeting and Vice Mayor Terrell presided over the meeting.

#### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Council Member Parrott made the first motion to approve the minutes as presented and Council Member Ehlers second. All members present were in favor; the following minutes were approved: May 21, 2015 Budget Presentation; June 1, 2015 Regular Meeting; June 18, 2015 Workshop/Called Meeting

#### **CONSENT AGENDA**

Vice Mayor Terrell asked if anyone would like to have any item removed from the consent agenda. Council Member Ehlers asked for Item 3: Resolution providing for proposed street light policy, to be removed from the consent agenda and discussed separately. Vice Mayor Terrell asked for a motion to approve the remaining items on the consent agenda. Council Member Ehlers made the first motion, seconded by Council Member Smith, and unanimously carried to approve the consent agenda as follows:

2. Resolution authorizing the City Manager to proceed with plans for a Frisbee Gold Course in Fulwood Park
4. Resolution amending the policy for the Honorary Naming of City Owned Streets, Properties and Facilities to provide for the designation of "Historic Landmark" status
5. Resolution providing for Alcoholic Beverage License for Deeplaxmi, Inc. dba Jay's Food Mart located at 10 Sandra Drive
6. Approval of Board Appointments/Reappointments: Reappointing Bobbie Robinson to the Planning and Zoning Commission to serve a five year term beginning 7/1/2015; Appointing Lori Felton and Elizabeth Moss to the Tifton Tree Board.

Mayor Cater returned to the meeting

#### **RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR PROPOSED STREET LIGHT POLICY**

Council Member Wes Ehlers mentioned he is good with the policy as presented, but he felt there should be an appeal process before City Council if the request is denied by the City Manager. Council Member Ehlers made the first motion for approval of the resolution with the addition of the appeal process to City Council if the request is denied. Motion was seconded by Council Member Parrott, and unanimously carried for approval with noted changes.

#### **RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF TIFTON AND TIFT COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION**

City Manager Larry Riner stated the resolution presented is for authorization to settle dispute with the Tift County Board of Education for 9.727 acres of land and pay one-hundred ten thousand dollars (\$110,000.00) as a result of the settlement. Council Member Wes Ehlers made the first motion for approval of the resolution, seconded by Vice Mayor Terrell, and unanimously carried for approval.

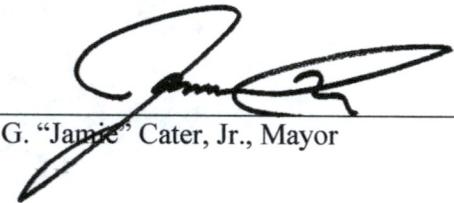
#### **RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LICENSE FOR LUCKY 4 MEAT MARKET, INC. DBA WILLIS MEAT MARKET LOCATED AT 910 S.CENTRAL AVENUE**

Council Member Smith made the first motion, seconded by Vice Mayor Terrell, and unanimously carried for approval.

**CHANGE OF COUNCIL WORKSHOP TO JULY 21, 2015 TO ACCOMMODATE ADOPTION OF THE FY2016 MILLAGE RATE**

City Manager Larry Riner mentioned the date of the workshop need to be changed to appropriately advertise for the adoption of the millage rate. Council Member Smith made the first motion to change the council workshop to July 21, 2015, seconded by Vice Mayor Terrell, and unanimously carried for approval.

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



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



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Jessica Jones, Deputy Clerk