

**CITY OF TIFTON**  
**August 3, 2015**  
**5:00 p.m.**  
**REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING**  
**Tifton City Hall**  
**130 E. 1st Street**

**ATTENDEES**

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

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

Mayor Jamie Cater was absent.

**CALL TO ORDER**

Vice Mayor Terrell called the meeting.

**PRAYER AND PLEDGE**

Rona Martin, City Clerk, led the prayer and pledge of allegiance.

**SWEARING IN OF BOARD MEMBERS ELIZABETH MOSS AND LORIE FELTON TO THE TIFTON TREE BOARD**

Elizabeth Moss was sworn into office by Vice Mayor Terrell. Lorie Felton did not attend the meeting.

**APPROVAL OF COUNCIL AGENDA**

Council Member Parrott moved, seconded by Council Member Ehlers, and unanimously carried to approve the Council Agenda.

**CITIZEN INPUT**

Ruby Williams 304 S. College Avenue stated she has been requesting a garbage can for three weeks as the old one is completely deteriorated. She also stated that her street at the corner of S. College Avenue and 3<sup>rd</sup> Street is terrible and needs to be repaired. Mr. Riner stated he would call Golden Waste for the can and look at the street as well. He stated the LMIG list is up coming and will make sure it is on the list.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Council Member Smith moved, seconded by Councilmember Parrott and unanimously carried to approve the minutes for July 6, 2015 Regular Meeting and the July 21, 2015 Workshop/Called Meeting.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Council Member Ehlers moved, seconded by Council Member Parrott for discussion. Council Member Smith stated she would have to recuse herself from numbers 7 & 8. Council Member Ehlers asked for

Item #6: Resolution in support of DDA submittal of Downtown Development Revolving Loan Fund Loan Application to be removed from consent for discussion. Council Member Ehlers moved, seconded by Council Member Parrott, and unanimously carried to approve the consent agenda as follows:

2. Resolution Adopting CHIP Policy and Procedures
3. Resolution declaring two acres located on W. Golden Road Surplus Property
4. Resolution adopting a Policy for Competitive Negotiation Qualifications-based Selection for Projects Using Federal Aid Highway Program (FAHP) funding
5. Resolution abandoning alley beside Dairy Queen running South of Hwy. 82 W.

Vice Mayor Terrell returned to the regular meeting agenda.

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF DDA SUBMITTAL OF DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT REVOLVING LOAN FUND LOAN APPLICATION**

Council Member Wes Ehlers moved, seconded by Council Member Parrott for discussion. Council Member Ehlers asked if we now have a loan and what is the amount. Mr. Riner stated he did not know the exact amount, but DDA would be applying for the maximum. Mr. Ehlers stated that was \$250,000. Mr. Riner stated this resolution is in support of the DDA application which has a maximum of \$250,000. Mr. Ehlers asked about contingencies on employment, etc. Mr. Riner stated there may be some. Mr. Ehlers stated he has worked on revolving loans for other cities and sometimes they have contingencies. Mr. Riner stated that the grant application has not been completed yet, and resolutions of support are being gathered at this time. Mr. Ehlers asked if this will be a DDA discussion item and the City is just showing support. Mr. Riner stated that is correct. After further discussion Vice-Mayor Terrell called for the question. Everyone voted in favor of the motion.

**RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR ENTERPRISE ZONE APPLICATION BY BRIAN ATWATER FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 622 TIFT AVENUE**

Council Member Smith recused herself from discussion as she was involved in the real estate transactions and stepped out of the room for both resolutions providing for the Enterprise Zone Applications. Council Member Parrott moved, seconded by Council Member Ehlers and unanimously carried to approve both resolutions providing for the Enterprise Zone Applications by Brian Atwater for properties located at 622 & 810 Tift Avenue.

**RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR ENTERPRISE ZONE APPLICATION BY BRIAN ATWATER FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 810 TIFT AVENUE**

Please see above action.

**RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LICENSE FOR SUNMART, LLC**

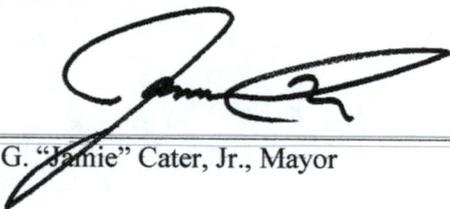
Rona Martin, City Clerk reminded Council of the workshop where discussion was held on this request. She stated they are asking for beer and wine package retail. She reviewed the background information which included citations for DUI (driving under the influence), hit and run, and suspended drivers' license. She stated staff is recommending denial of the application. Attorney Wilmot stated you can vote

on the matter, and depending on the vote, they have a right to appeal the decision. He stated you can take information if desired. Ms. Martin stated this can be approved or continued to a hearing. Attorney Wilmot recommended taking this to a public hearing. Mr. Wilmot stated you can deny the application or continue the matter for a public hearing for taking of evidence. He stated if you feel you have enough information you can take action. Council Member Smith moved, seconded by Council Member Ehlers and unanimously carried to deny the request. Attorney Wilmot asked to readdress this request. He stated according to the City's ordinance, Council can either approve the license or table the request pending a hearing on the application. He discussed the procedures that would take place for a hearing. Considerable discussion was held regarding the ability to deny an application and due process. Council Member Ehlers moved, seconded by Council Member Parrott and unanimously carried to reconsider the request based on the new information from the attorney. Council Member Parrott moved, seconded by Council Member Ehlers and unanimously carried to table the request to the August workshop.

**APPROVAL OF BOARD APPOINTMENT**

Council Member Ehlers moved, seconded by Council Member Smith and unanimously carried to appoint Julie Lester to the Planning and Zoning Commission.

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

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

  
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Rona Martin, City Clerk

