

**CITY OF TIFTON**  
**December 7, 2015**  
**5:00 p.m.**  
**REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING**  
**Tifton City Hall**  
**130 E. 1st Street**

**ATTENDEES**

Jamie Cater, Mayor	
Johnny Terrell, Vice Mayor	
Wes Ehlers, Council Member	Larry Riner, City Manager
Chris Parrott, Council Member	Rob Wilmot, City Attorney
Julie Smith, Council Member	Rona Martin, City Clerk

**CALL TO ORDER**

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

**PRAYER AND PLEDGE**

Mayor Jamie Cater led the prayer and pledge of allegiance.

**SWEARING IN OF KEEP TIFT BEAUTIFUL BOARD MEMBER**

Mayor Cater swore Victor Pires in to serve on the Keep Tift Beautiful Board.

Mayor Cater spoke about comments made at Hometown Holidays regarding Council Members Smith and Ehlers. He publically apologized to them.

Two ladies (names unknown) in the audience asked about speaking about the rezoning request on Tifton Eldorado Road. Discussion was held to determine the need for the below listed public hearing. Council Member Terrell moved, seconded by Council Member Ehlers and unanimously carried to amend the agenda to include the public hearing.

**PUBLIC HEARING**

- **CONSIDER APPLICATION Z15-000-011 FOR THE REZONING OF 0 TIFTON ELDORADO ROAD FROM M-R (MULTI-RESIDENTIAL) TO S-A (SUBURBAN-AGRICULTURE)**

Attorney Wilmot opened the public hearing by asking Council questions to determine any conflicts of interest as follows: Have any of the applicants or opponents to the application contributed at least \$250 to any of the campaigns for election during the past two years. Everyone stated no. Do you or any members of your family own property that would be impacted by the classification application whether it is a positive or negative impact? Everyone stated no. Do you or any

members of your family own a business that would be impacted by this whether it is a positive or negative impact? Everyone stated no. All Council members were declared free from conflict of interest.

Houston Shultz, Environmental Management Department, gave the staff report and recommendation for Z15-000-011 0 Tifton Eldorado Road. He stated the property is owned by the Tift County Development Authority and they are requesting rezoning of the property M-R (Multiple – Residential) S-A (Suburban-Agriculture).

Mr. Wilmot asked if there was anyone who wanted to speak in favor of the application. Joseph Carter and representatives of Sparrow Hawke and United Renewable Energy spoke to the request. They gave a brief overview of the project and the benefits to the community and took time to speak to the ladies about their concerns. Attorney Wilmot asked if anyone wanted to speak in favor of the application that has not been heard. No one spoke. He then asked if anyone wanted to speak in opposition. Discussion was held with neighbors in the area who expressed that they knew nothing about the project. They expressed they wanted to know about the project. Mr. Wilmot explained the purpose of the public hearing. After further discussion the meeting was recessed in order that representatives of Hawke Sparrow and United Renewable Energy could speak to the nearby residents (Mrs. Robinson) about their concerns. Council Member Parrott moved, seconded by Council Member Ehlers and unanimously carried to recess the meeting for approximately 10 minutes. Mayor Cater called the meeting back to order. Mr. Wilmot then asked if there was anyone who wished to speak in favor or in opposition to the request. No one spoke. Mayor Cater then closed the public hearing at 6:15 p.m.

#### **APPROVAL OF COUNCIL AGENDA**

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

#### **CITIZEN INPUT**

No one spoke.

#### **EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH**

Mayor Cater presented a certificate to Beth Connell of the Fire Department for employee of the month.

#### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Council Member Ehlers moved, seconded by Council Member Parrott and unanimously carried to approve the minutes for the October 15, 2015 Workshop/Called Meeting Minutes; November 2, 2015 Regular Meeting Minutes; November 19, 2015 Workshop/Called Meeting Minutes; and November 23, 2015 Called Workshop/Called Meeting Minutes.

#### **CONSENT AGENDA**

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

2. Resolution providing for Elections Results
3. Resolution providing for 3% COLA for Eligible Retirees
4. Resolution providing for Alcoholic Beverage License for Flash Foods #173 located at 1002 N. 8<sup>th</sup> Street
5. Resolution providing for Alcoholic Beverage License for Peachcreek located at 1310 US Hwy 82 W.
6. Resolution providing for Alcoholic Beverage License for CVS Pharmacy located at 111 E. 8<sup>th</sup> Street
7. Resolution providing for Alcoholic Beverage License for Tif Tokyo Japanese Steak & Sushi located at 192 S. Virginia Avenue, Ste. 206
8. Resolution providing for Alcoholic Beverage License for 41 and Main, LLC, located at 343 Main Street
9. Resolution providing for Alcoholic Beverage License for RK Interstate located at 2302 US Hwy 41 N.
10. Surplus of alley located on Ridge Lane between 18<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> Streets
11. Surplus of alley east of Hwy. 41 S. between Sycamore Street and Beech Street behind Curtis Foods
12. Surplus of an unopened alley west of S. Central between 15<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> Streets
13. Surplus of Alley located between College Ave. & Wilson Ave. North of W. 12<sup>th</sup> Street
14. Resolution providing for Enterprise Zone Application for Tifton Magnolia Properties, LLC
15. Resolution providing for submittal of FY2016 DOT Local Maintenance Improvement Grant (LMIG)
16. Board Report (Appointment of William Bowen to Tifton/Tift County Tourism Association)

## **RESOLUTIONS**

### **RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LICENSE FOR LO-LO MEAT MARKET LOCATED AT 902. S. CENTRAL AVENUE**

Council Member Ehlers moved, seconded by Council Member Terrell and unanimously carried to table this request to the January 4, 2016 meeting for an administrative hearing on this matter.

**RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR AMENDED ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LICENSE FOR PUBLIX SUPERMARKETS, INC., LOCATED AT 620 N. VIRGINIA AVENUE**

Council Member Terrell moved, seconded by Council Member Ehlers and unanimously carried to approve resolutions for Publix, Dick's Wings & Grill, Pizza Hut, and Harvey's Supermarket providing for alcoholic beverage licenses for those businesses.

**RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR AMENDED ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LICENSE FOR DICK'S WINGS & GRILL, 3310 WY. 82 W.**

Council Member Terrell moved, seconded by Council Member Ehlers and unanimously carried to approve resolutions for Publix, Dick's Wings & Grill, Pizza Hut, and Harvey's Supermarket providing for alcoholic beverage licenses for those businesses.

**RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LICENSE FOR PIZZA HUT #2957 LOCATED AT 204 N. VIRGINIA AVENUE**

Council Member Terrell moved, seconded by Council Member Ehlers and unanimously carried to approve resolutions for Publix, Dick's Wings & Grill, Pizza Hut, and Harvey's Supermarket providing for alcoholic beverage licenses for those businesses.

**RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LICENSE FOR HARVEY'S SUPERMARKET #1650 LOCATED AT 2201 N. 12<sup>TH</sup> STREET**

Council Member Terrell moved, seconded by Council Member Ehlers and unanimously carried to approve resolutions for Publix, Dick's Wings & Grill, Pizza Hut, and Harvey's Supermarket providing for alcoholic beverage licenses for those businesses.

**ORDINANCES**

**ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR APPROVAL OF APPLICATION Z15-000-011 FOR REZONING OF 2020 PINEVIEW AVENUE FROM THE CURRENT ZONING CLASSIFICATION OF RESIDENTIAL (R-14) TO GENERAL BUSINESS (GB)**

Council Member Smith moved, seconded by Council Member Terrell and unanimously carried to adopt an Ordinance providing for approval of Application Z15-000-011 for rezoning of 2020 Pineview Avenue from Residential (R-14) to General Business (GB).

**ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR APPROVAL OF APPLICATION Z15-000-010 FOR REZONING OF 0 TIFTON ELDORADO ROAD FROM THE ZONING**

**CLASSIFICATION OF M-R (MULTIPLE-RESIDENTIAL) TO S-A (SUBURBAN-AGRICULTURE)**

Council Member Ehlers moved, seconded by Council Member Parrott for discussion. Mayor Cater asked if the concerns were addressed. Mr. Carter stated concerns have been addressed. The motion was unanimously carried to adopt an Ordinance providing for approval of Application Z15-000-010 for Zoning Reclassification from M-R (Multi-Residential) to S-A (Suburban Agriculture), for property located at 0 Tifton Eldorado Road.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

**CONSIDER REJECTION OF BIDS FOR POLICE UNITS**

Chief Dowdy requested these bids be rejected due to not meeting specifications. Council Member Parrott moved, seconded by Council Member Ehlers and unanimously carried to reject bids as requested for the police units.

**ACCEPTANCE OF FIREHOUSE SUBS GRANT FUNDS AND AUTHORIZATION TO EXPEND THOSE FUNDS**

Fire Inspector Danny Wallace presented a request to accept a Firehouse Subs Grant of \$19,175 and authorize the expenditure of those funds for personal protective equipment. Council Member Parrott moved, seconded by Council Member Terrell and unanimously carried to accept and authorize the expenditure funds from the Firehouse Subs Grant.

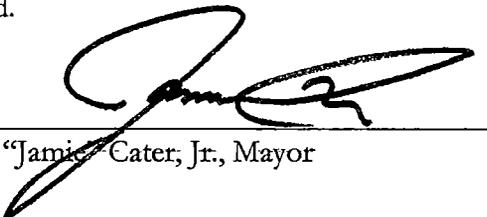
**ACTION ON CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY CLOSING**

Council Member Ehlers moved, seconded by Council Member Parrott and unanimously carried to approve the Christmas Holiday closing for the City of Tifton on Thursday and Friday, December 24 and 25, 2015.

**ACTION ON DECEMBER WORKSHOP**

Council Member Terrell moved, seconded by Council Member Ehlers and unanimously carried to cancel the December workshop.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

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

  
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Rona Martin, City Clerk