

**City of Tifton
Council Meeting Minutes
April 4, 2016
5:30 PM
Tifton City Hall
130 E. 1st Street**

ATTENDEES

Julie Smith, Mayor
Wes Ehlers, Vice Mayor
Jack Folk, Council Member
Johnny Terrell, Council Member
Frank Sayles, Council Member

Larry Riner, City Manager
Jessica Jones, City Clerk
Rob Wilmot, City Attorney

Mayor Julie Smith called the meeting to order at approximately 5:30 PM. Johnny Terrell gave the invocation and Frank Sayles led the pledge.

APPROVAL OF THE COUNCIL AGENDA

Rob Wilmot asked for Item 5, Ordinance Amending Chapter 6, Article II Age Requirement for Entering a Bar, be removed from the agenda. Mr. Wilmot mentioned he needed to do a little more work on the ordinance before council adoption. Council Member Jack Folk made the first motion for approval of the agenda and removing Item 5, seconded by Council Member Johnny Terrell, and unanimously carried by all members present.

PROCLAMATION FOR CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION & AWARENESS MONTH

Mayor Julie Smith read aloud the proclamation and presented it to the Tift County Council on Child Abuse President, Ms. Kelly Shoniker. Mayor Smith thanked Ms. Shoniker for all of her hard work and dedication in serving the children of Tift County.

SWEARING IN SANDI NEWMAN TO THE KEEP TIFT BEAUTIFUL BOARD

Mayor Julie Smith sworn in Ms. Sandi Newman to the Keep Tift Beautiful Board.

INTRODUCTION OF THE NEW TIFT THEATRE DIRECTOR, MR. MICHAEL BROGDON

City Manager Larry Riner introduced Mr. Michael Brogdon, New Tift Theatre Director, and mentioned Mr. Brogdon joins us from Valdosta where he was involved in community theatre. Mr. Brogdon mentioned he is originally from Tifton and very excited of the opportunity to work as Director of the Tift Theatre.

DAN GROCELLE w/ ESG OPERATIONS

Mr. Dan Grocelle w/ ESG Operations was present to introduce Tifton's New Project Manager, Mr. Pete Pyrzenski. Mr. Pyrzenski has a broad background in public works and municipal government. He previously served as Public Works Director in Valdosta and City Manager for the City of Waycross and City of Commerce. Mr. Grocelle stated Pete will be assisting Scott Murphy with managing operations for Tifton. Mr. Pyrzenski stated he was looking forward to begin working with the management team in Tifton and thankful of the opportunity in serving the citizens of Tifton. Mr. Grocelle also mentioned ESG recently delivered a \$324,000 rebate check to Tifton and they are currently working on a work plan for the multiple projects needed in Tifton.

INTRODUCTION OF THE NEW CITY CLERK & EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT

Mayor Julie Smith introduced Jessica Jones, City Clerk, and Becky Moore, Executive Assistant to the City Manager & Mayor, to the audience. Jessica Jones previously held the position of Executive Assistant and recently took over the duties as City Clerk upon the retirement of Mr. Rona Martin. Becky Moore recently joined Tifton as Executive Assistant and City Manager Larry Riner stated in just her first few weeks Becky is doing an awesome job.

BETH ENGLISH w/ EASTER SEALS

Ms. Beth English was present to talk about Easter Seals and the many services they offer to children and adults with disabilities in our area. Ms. English passed around information about Easter Seals and mentioned they provide services such as; residential housing, adult day programs, family support, and vocational and nursing services to 78 individuals in Tift County.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Council Member Frank Sayles asked for the minutes from the March 30th Special Called Meeting be amended to show him as being absent because he was not present at the meeting. Sayles made the first motion to approve the minutes as presented with the requested change, Council Member Folk seconded the motion, and the motion was unanimously carried by all members. The following minutes were approved: March 7, 2016 Council Meeting; March 14, 2016 Council Retreat; March 17, 2016 Workshop/Called Meeting; March 21, 2016 Council Retreat; March 30, 2016 Special Called Meeting.

CONSENT AGENDA

Mayor Smith asked if anyone would like to have any item removed from the consent agenda. Council Member Wes Ehlers asked for Item 4: Ordinance correcting scrivener's error in ordinance #2014-23 be removed from the consent agenda and discussed separately. Mayor Smith asked for a motion to approve the remaining items on the consent agenda. Council Member Ehlers made the first motion, seconded by Council Member Terrell, and unanimously carried to approve the consent agenda as follows:

2. Resolution Providing for New Alcoholic Beverage License for J's Food Mart located at 1405 US Hwy 41 N.
3. Resolution Providing for New Alcoholic Beverage License for Tif Tokyo Steak & Sushi, LLC located at 192 S. Virginia Avenue

ORDINANCE CORRECTING SCRIVENER'S ERROR IN ORDINANCE # 2014-23

Rob Wilmot mentioned the ordinance presented was to correct a numbering error in the ordinance previously approved in 2014. Council Member Folk made the first motion for approval of the ordinance, seconded by Council Member Sayles, and unanimously carried by all members.

RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR NEW ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LICENSE FOR THE DAWG HOUSE LOCATED AT 339 COMMERCE WAY

Jessica Jones mentioned the application was submitted in March, but there was an issue with receiving the fingerprints from the federal check. Ms. Jones mentioned the fingerprints were resubmitted and no record was reported on the applicant. Staff recommends approval of the application. Council Member Jack Folk made the first motion for approval, seconded by Council Member Wes Ehlers, and unanimously carried by all members.

ACCEPTANCE OF BID FOR SURPLUS REAL PROPERTY LOCATED AT 811 N. CENTRAL AVENUE

City Manager Larry Riner stated one (1) bid was received for the property located at 811 N. Central Avenue. Mr. Riner mentioned the bid did come in under the appraised value, which it was appraised at \$68,000, but recommends approval based on the property being located in a flood zone. City Clerk Jessica Jones mentioned this is the second time this property has been advertised for bids, and the previous high bid received on the property was \$35,000.

Surplus Property Bids Received:

Paul D. Robertson \$55,000

Jack Folk made the first motion to accept the bid from Mr. Paul Robertson and authorize the City Manager to execute all documents pertaining to the property sale. Motion was seconded by Council Member Johnny Terrell, and unanimously carried by all members.

REJECTING BID RECEIVED FOR PAVING AT CHULA FIRE STATION

City Manager Larry Riner mentioned only one (1) bid was received on the project and the bid came in over budget. Staff recommended rejecting the bid and rebidding the project.

Bids Received:

Reeves Construction Co. \$228,700.00

Council Member Wes Ehlers made the first motion to reject the bid received from Reeves Construction Co., seconded by Council Member Frank Sayles, and unanimously carried by all members.

REJECTING BID RECEIVED FOR 2016 STREET RESURFACING PROJECT

City Manager Larry Riner mentioned only one (1) bid was received on the project and the bid came in over budget. Staff recommended rejecting the bid and rebidding the project. Mayor Smith questioned how rejecting the bid would affect the timeline for 20th Street. Mr. Riner mentioned the project will be delayed 30 to 60 days in order for the city to rebid.

Bids Received:

Reeves Construction Co. \$2,191,927.50

Council Member Jack Folk made the first motion to reject the bid received from Reeves Construction Co., seconded by Council Member Johnny Terrell, and unanimously carried by all members.

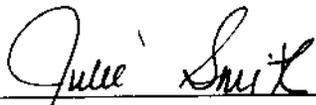
DISCUSS TAG MEETING FOR APRIL 21, 2016

Mayor Julie Smith mentioned the TAG Meeting is a joint meeting with the elected bodies of Tift County and the Cities of Tifton, Ty Ty, and Omega. It is a time to get together with our neighboring governments to network and learn of the many opportunities and challenges we each are facing. Mayor Smith stated she would like to host the next meeting because it is a good time to get together. Members of the council agreed to schedule the meeting as presented.

BOARD REPORT

City Clerk Jessica Jones presented the board report, but no appointments were made.

There being no further business to discuss, meeting adjourned at approximately 6:16 PM.



Julie Smith, Mayor



Jessica Jones, City Clerk