

**CITY OF TIFTON  
CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP  
APRIL 21, 2016  
5:00 PM  
130 E. 1st STREET**

**ATTENDEES**

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

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

**FAMILY PROMISE PRESENTATION**

Mr. Dave Hetzel, Family Promise Treasurer, and John Ellis, Family Promise Chairman, were present to discuss with Council the mission and needs of Family Promise. Mr. Hetzel mentioned Family Promise is an 501(c)(3) organization working to address the needs for homeless families. Mr. Hetzel mentioned Tift County has 40 to 50 homeless children identified in the school system and at this present time there is no place for them to go for shelter. Mr. Ellis mentioned Family Promise needs 13 churches to join the program to offer meals and shelter for a week at a time for the families. Currently, Family Promise has 6 churches already on board. Mr. Ellis explained how the Family Promise program works, and the efforts being made by the committee to get it started in Tifton. Mr. Ellis stated they were present today to discuss the possibility of using the city's vacant building located at 204 N. Ridge Avenue as a day center for Family Promise. Mayor Smith mentioned their request would be considered, and the city would be in touch. Mayor Smith thanked the Family Promise Board Members present for coming and for all of their hard work in the community.

**PUBLIC HEARING FOR APPLICATION Z16-000-001 REQUESTING ZONING RECLASSIFICATION FOR 0.27 ACRES LOCATED AT 601 TIMMONS DRIVE, FROM RESIDENTIAL (R10) TO GENERAL BUSINESS (GB)**

Mr. Wilmot verified with each council member that they do not have a conflict with the property or request. Mr. John Lowe, 527 Bowen Road, spoke in favor of the zoning reclassification request. Mr. Lowe stated he was the owner of the property and requested to have the property rezoned in order to expand his current business which joins the property being considered. No one was present to speak in opposition of the rezoning, public hearing was closed.

**PUBLIC HEARING FOR APPLICATION Z16-000-002 REQUESTING ZONING RECLASSIFICATION FOR 0.34 ACRES LOCATED AT 701 POPLAR STREET, FROM RESIDENTIAL (R8) TO GENERAL BUSINESS (GB)**

Mr. Wilmot verified with each council member that they do not have a conflict with the property or request. Pam King, 17 Bowen Road, mentioned her son is wanting to open up a auto repair shop on the property located at 701 Poplar Street. Ms. King stated her father use to have an auto repair shop at this location, but the business closed after he passed away. No one was present to speak in opposition of the rezoning, public hearing was closed.

**PUBLIC HEARING FOR APPLICATION Z16-000-003 REQUESTING ZONING RECLASSIFICATION FOR 0.16 ACRES LOCATED AT 705 POPLAR STREET, FROM RESIDENTIAL (R8) TO GENERAL BUSINESS (GB)**

Mr. Wilmot verified with each council member that they do not have a conflict with the property or request. No one spoke in favor or opposition of the rezoning, public hearing was closed.

**DISCUSSION OF ZONING RECLASSIFICATION REQUEST FOR 0.27 ACRES LOCATED AT 601 TIMMONS DRIVE, FROM RESIDENTIAL (R10) TO GENERAL BUSINESS (GB)**

Houston Shultz, Environmental Management Director, stated the applicants are requesting to rezone their property located at 601 Timmons Drive from residential (R10) to General Business (GB). Mr. Shultz mentioned the request was unanimously approved by the planning and zoning board, and staff recommends approval of the request.

**DISCUSSION OF ZONING RECLASSIFICATION REQUEST FOR 0.34 ACRES LOCATED AT 701 POPLAR STREET, FROM RESIDENTIAL (R8) TO GENERAL BUSINESS (GB)**

Houston Shultz, Environmental Management Director, stated the applicants are requesting to rezone their property located at 701 Poplar Street from residential (R8) to General Business (GB). Mr. Shultz mentioned the request was unanimously approved by the planning and zoning board, and staff recommends approval of the request.

**DISCUSSION OF ZONING RECLASSIFICATION REQUEST FOR 0.16 ACRES LOCATED AT 705 POPLAR STREET, FROM RESIDENTIAL (R8) TO GENERAL BUSINESS (GB)**

Houston Shultz, Environmental Management Director, stated the applicants are requesting to rezone their property located at 705 Poplar Street from residential (R8) to General Business (GB). Mr. Shultz mentioned the request was unanimously approved by the planning and zoning board, and staff recommends approval of the request. Mr. Shultz mentioned the properties of 705 Poplar Street and 701 Poplar Street are located next to each other. City Council reviewed the property map location.

**JAMES E. DOVE MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP 2016**

Pete Pyrzenski w/ ESG mentioned 13 applications were received for the annual scholarship from high school students, and all applications were reviewed by the staff panel. Mr. Pyrzenski stated the top two students have been chosen, but the applicants have not yet been contacted. He stated if council wishes to move forward with awarding the applicants selected, they will contact them for award presentation at the next council meeting. Mr. Pyrzenski mentioned the scholarship program has been awarded each year since 2002.

**RESOLUTION APPOINTING THE CITY'S VOTING DELEGATE ON THE MUNICIPAL GAS AUTHORITY OF GEORGIA'S ELECTION COMMITTEE**

Pete Pyrzenski w/ ESG presented the resolution to council for appointing the MGAG voting delegate who will attend the annual meeting in May. Mr. Riner mentioned in the past the Mayor has been appointed as MGAG voting delegate with the City Manager being the alternate. Mr. Riner stated it is up to council to appoint the members they so choose.

**RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR NEW ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LICENSE FOR TAURUS NIGHTCLUB & BAR, LLC LOCATED AT 332 S. MAIN STREET**

Jessica Jones stated the new alcohol license is for the previous location of the Red Apple. Both the owner and manager had a clean background and staff recommends approval.

**SIGN COMMITTEE REPORT OF RECOMMENDATIONS**

Council Member Frank Sayles reviewed the recommendations of the sign committee with City Council. Mr. Sayles stated himself; Herb Pilcher, Jeffery Daniels, Larry Riner, and Houston Shultz were the appointed committee members. Mr. Wilmot mentioned these recommendations will have

to go before the planning and zoning board and a public hearing will have to be held prior to council adoption.

Recommendations for Historic Manual amendments were as follows:

- Awning Sign – A sign located on a roof-like cover extending before a place as a shelter.
- Electronic Graphic Display Signs – Electronic graphic display signs are not appropriate in the City of Tifton's Historic District.
- Signs should reflect and be integrated into the architectural design of the buildings and not obscure architecture detail and should not dominate the façade or interfere with adjacent buildings.
- Maximum sign area of signboard or awning signs in historic commercial areas should be determined by multiplying the building's front façade width by 1.5 feet. Awning signage must be painted, printed, or embroidered to the awning service.
- One banner per lot shall be permitted up to 15 square feet and may be displayed horizontally or vertically. Banners shall only be permitted in the historic commercial areas.

Recommendations for Land Development Code amendments were as follows:

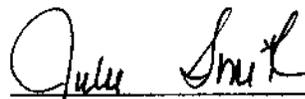
- Each building tenant shall be limited to one wall and/or awning sign on each street facing wall. In the event a tenant or owner chooses to use both a wall and an awning sign the tenant or owner must stay within the total aggregated square footage allotted for the building.
- Sign impoundment fees be increased to \$25.00 per sign
- Removal of first class mailing requirement
- Every parcel may display no more than two (2) banners within a maximum size of twenty-four (24) square feet per banner. On parcels that have more than one 911 address each 911 address may display one (1) banner with a maximum size of twenty-four (24) square feet per banner.

Council discussed recommendations as they were presented.

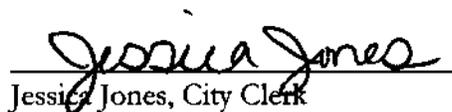
**BOARD REPORT**

Jessica Jones stated she had updated the board report to reflect all vacancies on each board and all board applications on file. Ms. Jones did bring it to the Council's attention that Val Vanags, 136 Eagle Dr., was a county resident. She stated she had checked with Victoria Horst with the Library and confirmed the only requirement for appointment was the applicant had to be a county resident. Ms. Jones mentioned she left the applicant on the report for the council to make the determination for appointment. Council reviewed the board report.

There being no further business to discuss, meeting adjourned.



Julie Smith, Mayor



Jessica Jones, City Clerk