

**CITY OF TIFTON  
COUNCIL MEETING  
JULY 11, 2016  
5:30 PM  
TIFTON CITY HALL, COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

**Attendees**

Mayor Julie Smith

Council Member Jack Folk

Council Member Johnny Terrell

Council Member Frank Sayles

Jessica Jones, City Clerk

Rob Wilmot, City Attorney

Mayor Julie Smith called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM. Mayor Smith led the Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance.

**Approval of the Agenda**

Council Member Jack Folk made the first motion for approval of the agenda, seconded by Sayles, and unanimously carried by all members present.

**Citizen Input**

**Kathleen King of Paradise Lounge, 116 Popular**: Ms. King mentioned her new establishment would not be run in the same manner as the previous Lil's bar at the location. Ms. King stated she is planning on opening an establishment where people can come out to unwind and not party.

**Approval of the Minutes**

Council Member Jack Folk motioned, seconded by Sayles, and unanimously carried to approve the minutes from: June 3, 2016 Workshop/Budget Presentations; June 6, 2016 Council Meeting; June 9, 2016 Public Hearing; and June 16, 2016 Workshop/Special Called Meeting.

**Resolution Providing for New Alcohol Beverage License for Paradise Lounge located at 116 Popular Street**

Mr. Rob Wilmot mentioned at the last meeting Councilman Ehlers had asked for the location of the establishment to be reviewed. Mr. Wilmot had asked Chief Dowdy to run a CAD report on the location and he presented the findings. Chief Dowdy stated there were six 911 calls made to the location over the past year. When Ms. Sonya took over the establishment the police department had very little problems at the location. Mr. Terrell mentioned he did not think opening a business at the location was a good idea because of the gangs and violence it draws. The new owner, Ms. King, mentioned she was not planning on having a club atmosphere, and would contact the police if needed. Council Member Terrell made the first motion for approval, seconded by Folk, and unanimously carried by all members present.

**Resolution Approving the Proposal for Waterline Replacement on 20<sup>th</sup> Street**

Mr. Pete Pyrzenski with ESG presented the proposals from Astra Construction for replacing the waterline underneath 20<sup>th</sup> Street. Mr. Pyrzenski stated staff recommends relocating these water lines to eliminate road cuts on a newly paved road. He presented two proposals: Replacement from Old

Ocilla Road to Tift Avenue totaled at \$671,764.09 and replacement from Tift Avenue to Hwy 41 totaled at \$649,764.10. Mr. Pyrzenski stated this was not an originally budgeted project, but after discussion with Lois Love there is cash flow sufficient to cover the project. He presented a proposed schedule for the project which would start with completing a survey, relocating the water lines, and finish with resurfacing. Council Member Frank Sayles made the first motion to approve the resolution and proposals in the amount of \$1,321,528.19. Motion seconded by Terrell, and unanimously carried by all members present.

**Resolution Approving the Proposal for Resurfacing 20<sup>th</sup> Street**

Council Member Jack Folk made the first motion for approval of the resolution, seconded by Terrell, and unanimously carried by all members present.

**Ordinance Amending Retirement Plan**

Mr. Rob Wilmot mentioned the proposed amendment was needed as a result of the resignation agreement with Mr. Riner. Council Member Jack Folk made the first motion for approval of the resolution, seconded by Terrell, and unanimously carried by all members present.

**Update on Landfill Vertical Expansion**

Mr. Ricky Hobby, Landfill Director, mentioned the permit for the vertical expansion at the landfill has been approved. Mr. Hobby mentioned this permit adds approximately 12 to 13 years to the life of the landfill. Mr. Hobby stated all the information in reference to the approval has been included in the council packet.

**Discussion of 30 Minute Parking Signs in Downtown**

Mayor Julie Smith mentioned Tifton has a parking issue with limited parking downtown. She mentioned sometimes it is hard to find a parking place downtown, and that is a good thing for Tifton and the businesses in the area. Mayor Smith mentioned a member of the DDA had suggested we install a couple 15 or 30 minute parking signs downtown for people who wanted to drop off a prescription or quickly pickup an item. Mayor Smith stated this would only be short term solution until we are able to add additional parking areas. After discussion, Council Member Sayles made the first motion to add 15 minute parking signs for one space on each side of Main Street. Motion seconded by Folk, and unanimously carried by all members present. Mayor Smith asked Pete Pyrzenski to get with Lequrica Gaskins to determine location and design of the signs.

**Appointment of Carter Choate to the Tifton Zoning Board of Appeals**

Council Member Johnny Terrell made the first motion to appoint Mr. Carter Choate to the Zoning Board of Appeals, seconded by Sayles, and unanimously carried by all members present.

**Executive Session to Discuss Personnel**

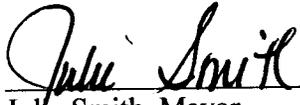
Council Member Jack Folk made the first motion to go into executive session to discuss personnel, seconded by Terrell, and unanimously carried by Sayles and Smith. Meeting closed to executive session.

Council Member Frank Sayles made the first motion to come out of executive session, seconded by Terrell, and unanimously carried by Folk and Smith.

**Resolution for Executive Session**

Council Member Terrell made the first motion for approval of the resolution, seconded by Folk, and unanimously carried by all members present.

There being no further business to discuss, meeting closed.

  
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Julie Smith, Mayor

  
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Jessica Jones, City Clerk

**AT A MEETING OF THE  
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TIFTON  
HELD ON 7/11/16, 2016  
A MOTION TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Council member JACK FOLK makes the following motion:

1. That City Council now enters into executive session as allowed by O.C.G.A. Section 50-14-4 and pursuant to advice by the City Attorney, for the purpose of discussing the following:

(check all that apply)

- Legal Matters.
- Personnel Matters.
- Real Estate Matters.

That each member of this body, in open session, at the conclusion of such executive session, and consistent with the provisions of City of Tifton Resolution No. 99-66, either:

1. Execute the Affidavit, the form of which having been previously approved; or
2. Vote upon the Resolution, the form of which having been previously approved, to be followed by the execution of the above-referenced Affidavit by so many members of this Council that so desire,

all of which is in compliance with O.C.G.A. Section 50-14-4; thereby this body, by appropriate form of either Affidavit or Resolution/Affidavit, ratifying the actions of the Council taken in executive session and confirming that the subject matters of the closed session were within exceptions permitted by the Open Meetings law.

Council member Johnny Terrell seconds the motion.

**Motion Approved**

Those voting in favor of the motion for closure:

Council Members: Julie Smith, Jack Folk, Johnny Terrell, Frank Sayles

Those voting against the motion for closure:

Council Members: None

**AFFIDAVIT**

Personally appeared before the undersigned attesting officer, duly authorized to administer oaths in the State of Georgia:

<u>Present</u>	<u>Absent</u>	
<u>✓</u>	<u>      </u>	Julie Smith
<u>      </u>	<u>✓</u>	Wes Ehlers
<u>✓</u>	<u>      </u>	Jack Folk
<u>✓</u>	<u>      </u>	Johnny Terrell, Jr
<u>✓</u>	<u>      </u>	Frank Sayles, Jr

Who, after being duly sworn, deposes and on oath states the following:

- I am a member of the Tifton City Council and I was present at a meeting of the City Council held on the 11<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2016.
- That it was my understanding that O.C.G.A. Section 50-14-4(b) provides as follows:  

When any meeting of an agency is closed to the public pursuant to subsection (a) Of this Code section, the chairperson or other person presiding over such meeting shall execute and file with the official minutes of the meeting a notarized affidavit stating under oath that the subject matter of the meeting or the closed portion thereof was devoted to matters within the exceptions provided by law and identifying the specific relevant exception.
- The subject matter of the closed meeting or closed portion of the meeting held on the 11<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2016, which was closed for the purpose(s) of :

- Legal Matters
- Personnel Matters
- Real Estate Matters

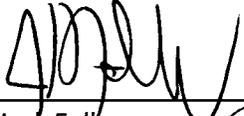
As allowed by O.C.G.A., Title 50, Chapter 14, was devoted to matters within those exceptions and as provided by law.

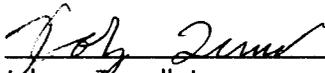
4. This affidavit is being executed for the purpose of complying with the mandate of O.C.G.A. Section 50-14-4(b) that such an affidavit be executed.
5. This affidavit is likewise executed by the following members of the City Council present at such executive session in support of open and honest government and in compliance with City of Tifton Resolution 99-66.

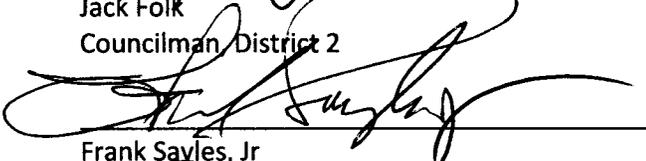
This 11<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2016.

  
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 Julie Smith  
 Mayor, City of Tifton

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 Wes Ehlers  
 Councilman, District 1

  
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 Jack Folk  
 Councilman, District 2

  
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 Johnny Terrell, Jr  
 Councilman, District 3

  
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 Frank Sayles, Jr  
 Councilman, District 4

Sworn to and subscribed before me  
 By all City Council members  
 on this 11<sup>th</sup> day of  
July, 2016.

  
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 Notary Public

