

**CITY OF TIFTON  
MINUTES  
OCTOBER 3, 2016  
5:30 PM  
TIFTON CITY HALL**

**Attendees**

Mayor Julie Smith	Hunter Walker, Interim City Manager
Vice Mayor Wes Ehlers	Jessica Jones, City Clerk
Council Member Jack Folk	Rob Wilmot, City Attorney
Council Member Johnny Terrell	
Council Member Frank Sayles, Jr.	

**Call To Order**

Mayor Julie Smith called the meeting to order at approximately 5:30 PM.

**Prayer And Pledge**

Council Member Terrell led the prayer and pledge of allegiance.

**Approval Of The Agenda**

Council Member Folk made the first motion for approval of the agenda, seconded by Terrell, and unanimously approved.

**Citizen Input**

No one spoke

**Proclamation Recognizing Lee Turner**

Mayor Smith read aloud the proclamation recognizing Mr. Lee Turner for his accomplishments and time dedicated to the American Cancer Society. Mr. Turner recently received the ACT! Leader of the Year Award, a national award, from the American Cancer Society Center Action Network and the Mayor and Council congratulated him on receiving the award and representing Tifton.

**Swearing in Jeff Robbins to the Historic Preservation Committee**

Mayor Julie Smith administered the Oath of Office and sworn in Mr. Jeff Robbins to the HPC.

**Jason Jones, Hazard Mitigation Plan Update**

Mr. Jason Jones was present to review with Council the Hazard Mitigation Update. Mr. Jones mentioned the plan and regular updates are a requirement of both FEMA and GEMA. The plan addresses various types of hazardous events or natural disasters such as flooding and tornados the county and cities may experience. The plan provides for actions to be taken in order to effectively mitigate the hazard or event. Mr. Jones mentioned GEMA has provided funding to prepare the update and the County contracted with H & H Resources for the plan update. Mr. Jones mentioned the plan is a good tool to have in place and must be adopted in order to receive funding from GEMA/FEMA for disaster assistance. Mr. Tally with H & H Resources was also present and mentioned he has met with staff from the county and cities in the development of the plan. He mentioned each jurisdiction in the county must adopt a resolution approving the plan. Mr. Tally stated the plan is a great resource to use for capital project needs and includes the city's master drainage plan.

### **Approval Of The Minutes**

Council Member Terrell motioned, seconded by Sayles, and unanimously carried for approval of the Minutes from August 29, 2016, Regular Meeting and September 15, 2016, Workshop/Special Called Meeting.

### **Consent Agenda**

Council Member Folk motioned, seconded by Terrell, and unanimously carried for approval of the consent agenda as follows:

5. Resolution Providing for Honorary Designation of Commerce Way in Honor of Chief Jim Smith
6. Ordinance Amending Section 78-58 to Update the List of Roadways and Speed Zones as Revised by the Georgia Department of Transportation
7. Acceptance of Proposals for 2016 LMIG Street Resurfacing Project and Authorizing City Manager to Execute Proposals and Issue Notice to Proceed
8. Authorizing Tifton Natural Gas' Participation in the Georgia Pipeline Emergency Responders Initiative (GPRI)
9. Resolution Adopting the Tift County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan
10. Authorizing City Manager to Negotiate Contract with Bruce Green and Associates Consulting for South Tifton Redevelopment Project, Not to Exceed \$3,600.00

**Resolution Adopting Administrative and Licensing Fees for Alcoholic Beverages:** Ms. Jessica Jones mentioned the resolution was reviewed at the last workshop, and the only change are the fees for catering license of \$500.00. Council Member Jack Folk made the first motion for approval of the resolution, seconded by Sayles, and unanimously approved.

Vice Mayor Wes Ehlers arrived at the meeting

**Resolution Granting Incentives for Enterprise Zone Application from Baxley Properties & Investments, LLC for Property Located at 304 S. Main Street:** Ms. Jones mentioned at the last meeting the council requested information on previous applications granted and she included a spreadsheet with that information in the council packet. After discussion and review of the staff recommendation, council agreed to grant maximum incentives for the application. Vice Mayor Ehlers motioned to give the maximum incentives available and approved the resolution granting the incentives. Motion seconded by Council Member Terrell and unanimously approved.

**Resolution Granting Incentives for Enterprise Zone Application from Baxley Properties & Investments, LLC for Property Located at 337 Commerce Way:** Vice Mayor Ehlers motioned to give the maximum incentives available and approved the resolution granting the incentives. Motion seconded by Council Member Terrell and unanimously approved.

**Resolution Authorizing New Account at Synovus Bank for 2016 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG):** Council Member Sayles motioned, seconded by Ehlers, and unanimously approved the adopt the resolution.

**Ordinance Amending Chapter 6 of the Code of Ordinances Related to Alcohol Beverages:** Mr. Wilmot mentioned the ordinance was discussed at the workshop and the only changes since the workshop were the removal of certain items from the event permit application as discussed. Council Member Folk motioned, seconded by Terrell, and unanimously approved to adopt the ordinance.

**Ordinance Amending PUO 2006-06 for Property Located on West 20<sup>th</sup> Street from Edgemont Properties, LLC:** Discussion was held on the request and Mr. Walker mentioned the presented ordinance only addresses the solar farm and does not address the traffic light or turning lane. Council Member Sayles motioned, seconded by Ehlers, and unanimously approved to adopt the ordinance.

**Requesting Approval for City Participation in the 2016 HEAT Program:** Ms. Sheila Pullins mentioned the city would like to again participate in the Heat Energy Assistance Team (HEAT) Program. Upon council approval, a letter will be sent out to our customers requesting donations. The donations will be made available to qualified families to assist with paying for their natural gas bills from the City of Tifton. Council Member Folk made the first motion approving participation in HEAT, seconded by Terrell, and unanimously approved.

**Requesting Approval for Hunter Walker to be added to the Accounts held at BB&T:** Council Member Sayles made the first motion for approval, seconded by Folk, and unanimously approved.

**Discussion of Noise Ordinance:** Mayor Smith stated she has received complaints from residents near Santos Lounge in reference to loud music at 2:00 AM. Mayor Smith mentioned the police have been out and measured the noise level and they are within the limit, but the noise is still creating a nuisance to the residents in the area. Mayor Smith mentioned the council needs to review the ordinance and see if we can address the issue. Mr. Terrell mentioned the noise gets bad during closing time when the doors are opened and the sound is traveling outside the building. After discussion, council asked Mr. Wilmot and Chief Dowdy to review the ordinance and complaints in the area and report back to council at the next workshop with a recommendation.

**Board Report:** Council Member Folk motioned to remove Mr. William Byrd from the Downtown Development Authority and replace him with Mr. Jared Ross. Motion seconded by Terrell and unanimously approved.

**City Manager Recruitment Update – Hunter Walker:** Mr. Walker mentioned sixty (60) applications have been received for the City Manager position. Mr. Walker mentioned some applicants do not meet the qualifications, but a number of them do. Mr. Walker stated the next step would be to narrow down the list of applicants. Council Member Folk and Council Member Sayles volunteered to join the committee for reviewing the applications. The committee will review the list of applicants and report back to council at the next workshop.

There being no further business to discuss, meeting adjourned at 6:40 PM.

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Julie Smith, Mayor

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Jessica Jones, City Clerk