May 4, 2015

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

5:00 p.m.

TIFTON CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS

130 E. 1ST STREET

CITY OF TIFTON
May 4, 2015
TIFTON CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
130 E. 1st Street
Regular City Council Meeting
5:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

PRAYER AND PLEDGE

PRESENTATION JAMES E. DOVE SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

SWEARING IN OF CHERIE WRIGHT TO THE TIFTON HOUSING AUTHORITY

SPECIAL PRESENTATION BY ESG, INC.

APPROVAL OF COUNCIL AGENDA

CITIZEN INPUT

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Approval of the following minutes: April 2, 2015 Council Retreat; April 6, 2015 Regular Meeting; and April 16, 2015 Workshop/Called Meeting

CONSENT AGENDA

2. Reappointments to the Historic Preservation Commission

ORDINANCES

3. Second Reading and Adoption of an Ordinance amending the Charter to provide for a Change in the Fiscal Year

RESOLUTIONS

4. Resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into negotiations with Mauldin & Jenkins, LLC to perform audit services

5. Resolution providing for Approval of Top scoring Consultants for the FY215 CDBG Project and authorize City Manager to enter into negotiations for Professional Services with those consultants for the 2015 CDBG Project

OTHER BUSINESS

6. Discussion regarding use of city facilities

EXECUTIVE SESSION

7. Executive Session to discuss Personnel, Real Estate, and/or Legal Matters

8. Resolution providing for Executive Session

TIFTON CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM

TO: Tifton City Council

FROM: Tifton Natural Gas Staff and Scott Murphy

DATE: April 13, 2015

DEPARTMENT: Gas

SUBJECT: James E. Dove Memorial Scholarship 2015

DATE: May 4th, 2015
Workshop Meeting ( )
Regular Meeting (X)
Called Meeting ( )

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Annual award of the James E. Dove Memorial Scholarship 2015 to (2) applicants chosen by a panel consisting of staff and Mr. Dove's son, Ernest Dove. These students have been chosen from several applicants this year for not only academic achievement, but commitment to their community and an excellent essay on how Natural Gas affects that community and those in it.

PROPOSED ACTION

Requesting Council presentations of $ 1,000 scholarship checks each to:

Lynsie M. Belan and Dylan R. Merritt.

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

Background Information

- This scholarship has been awarded to Tift County High School seniors to further their education each year since 2002. This is done in memory of James E. Dove who joined the City in 1959 as plans were being formulated for construction of Tifton's Natural Gas system. He traveled to numerous cities around the region to study other gas operations. Mr. Dove worked around the clock during critical times to insure homes, schools and industries would have an adequate supply of natural gas. Dove worked for the City of Tifton until his retirement in 1986. We are proud to award this scholarship in the name of Mr. Dove, for the dedication that he had for the City of Tifton and its citizens.
- Scholarship applications for both students are included for council review.

Financial Implications

- These funds are paid from Gas Specific Funds; marketing program
- This is budgeted item (yes). $ 2,000.00

Pros and/or Cons

- City of Tifton Natural Gas Department; promoting higher education for high school graduates.

Implementation

- Requesting to be placed on the agenda for presentation by Mayor Jamie Cater and or council members. Staff will invite recipients and Ernest Dove to attend.

TIFT COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL

2015 Local Scholarship Application

James E. Dove Memorial Scholarship

Name of Scholarship

PART I:

1. Student Name Lynsie (First) M (M.I.) Belan (Last) Lynsie (Name Preferred)
2. Home Address 1169 N Poplar St. TyTy GA 31795
3. Home Telephone: (229) 387-9327 Date of Birth: 07/30/97
4. Your best estimate of your high school grade point average (GPA) from grades 9th- 12th (present):

   (Please circle one): (A (90-100)) B (80-89) C (70-79)
5. Have you applied for college(s)? (Yes) / No
6. If yes, where have you applied to college? University of Georgia, Georgia Southern
7. SAT SCORE: 1880 (Perfect score=2400) Critical Reading 580 Math 630 Writing 670

   ACT Scores: COMP. Score: 27 English 26 Math 28 Reading 28

   If you have not taken either, when do you plan to take the SAT or ACT? _____
8. Activities, clubs, awards during high school (9th-12th) *(Specify grade level- attach resume if needed)*:

   resume is attached

   What positions of leadership have you held in school clubs, community organizations, etc. *(specify grade level- attach resume if needed)*

   resume is attached
9. What are your future college/ career goals? I plain to major in Business at Terry College at UGA and go into the marketing field.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION: This information is important in determining financial need for scholarships with a financial need requirement:

Father's Occupation Computer Software Programmer Mother's Occupation Substitute

Place of Employment Courtware, Rocket Computer Services Place of Employment Tift County Schools

Total number of dependents in the household 3 Number in school 3

(# of students in Elementary 1 # in Middle/High School 1 # in college 1)

Are you currently employed part-time? no Where? _____ Hours per week? _____

LYNSIE BELAN

169 N Poplar St, TyTy, GA 31795 | H: 229-387-9327 | C: 229-848-4324 | lynsie2belan@gmail.com

Highlights

- Determination to complete work
- Dependable
- Responsible
- Attentive

Experience

Intern for Sports and Program Director Aug 2014 to Dec 2014
Tiftarea YMCA — Tifton, GA
Updated social media frequently to keep members aware of upcoming events. Created flyers to market upcoming programs and activities. Made phone calls about support programs and memberships.
Gained insight about marketing skills needed in the workplace.

Extra-Curricular Activities

Varsity Golf (Spring 2012-present)
Junior Varsity Volleyball (Fall 2013)
FBLA Parliamentarian , August 2013- May 2014
Participated in, and received 1st place at region and qualified for state, FBLA, fall 2012 and spring 2013
Received 1st place at region, FBLA, Fall 2013
Key Club
Volunteered at Tiftarea YMCA as an assistant soccer coach for children ages 5 to 7 and a head coach for cheerleading ages 4 to 6 (Fall 2014)

Education

High School Diploma, General 2015
Tift County High School — Tifton , GA, United States
Member of FBLA (2012-present), Key Club (2013-present) and Beta Club (2012-2013)
3.96 GPA

Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College — Tifton, GA, United States
Dual-enrollment from TCHS. Completed Trigonometry and English 1102. Currently enrolled in Political Science and Communications.
4.0 GPA

Awards

T.A.L.K. - Leadership award 2010-2011
Varsity Golf- Most Valuable Player 2013 and 2014.
Honor roll at Tift County High School 2011-present.

Lynsie Belan

James E. Dove Memorial Scholarship

Being in a household of two college graduates and an older sister who is attending The University of Georgia, I am continually held to high standards. I work diligently to earn all A's and I am pleased with the efforts I put into each class. Because of my strive to challenge myself academically, I have taken the opportunity to participate in dual-enrollment at ABAC my senior year. Through this program, I have been able to complete my English core classes, my first math class, a required communications class, and a government class. Participating in this program has already lightened the financial burden I will endure the first few years of college. I will also be taking out a student loan for the rest of my expenses I will have in college.

My parents, even with my father working sun up to sun down every day as a computer software designer and my mother working as a substitute for the school system, have not been able to save much money for my college education. While I have not obtained a job myself, I have been utilizing my time to focus on my studies in order to obtain Zell Miller.

In my first year at The University of Georgia, I will be charged with approximately $7,120 for dorm expenses, $3,500 for meals, and $800 for books and supplies. If I receive this scholarship, I will put the money towards book expenses, primarily due to its need to be paid off first. Earning this scholarship will allow me to receive all of the books and supplies needed for the first year of college and would also contribute to the payment of the dorm room. This scholarship would decrease my stress level concerning expenses and allow me to focus more on my studies and maintain my 4.0 GPA and Zell Miller Scholarship, vital to my stay at UGA. Through receiving this scholarship, I would be able to truly focus on my future and the career opportunities available. Thank you so much for your time and consideration.

Lynsie Belan

The Benefits of Natural Gas and how it Affects your Community

Natural Gas is the most common source of energy in households across America. It allows us to meet some of our most basic needs such as heating and cooling, transportation, electrical use and much more. Since society is always running on a busy schedule, we rarely take a minute to think of how beneficial or detrimental Natural Gas is to our community and ourselves. Typically, society ignoring the environmental impacts of an aspect of life would lead to the detriment of the environment; however, natural gas is actually the cleanest burning fossil fuel, which reverses this norm. This produces a lower amount of greenhouse gases released into the air than if oil or coal were used.

Natural Gas is the cheapest and most abundant fossil fuel available to society. Being cheaper than gasoline, diesel, and propane, Natural Gas is able to provide the needs for all people with incredible satisfaction. Any person in the community can enjoy the many benefits of Natural Gas due to its affordable price. The reason why Natural Gas is so cheap to the community is because it is abundant in the Earth. Since Natural Gas is the most abundant, it is not rival in consumption; therefore all people in a community can equally enjoy their share of Natural Gas.

Natural Gas provides luxuries to many people such as near-instant heated water, great stovetop cooking, and quick transportation. Natural Gas is used for many things in my house such as hot water, all kitchen appliances (stove), and electricity. From personal experience, I enjoy the shower heating up 5 minutes quicker than before my family found out about using Natural Gas for heating. Gas stovetops always tend to produce more flavorful food, but that's just my opinion. Natural Gas has enhanced the lives in my household exceptionally and I can see that many more people will be switching to Natural Gas if they have not already. It is a stress-reliever and a money-saver.

Along with being the cleanest (producing only water vapor and carbon dioxide when burned), Natural Gas is the most desirable source of energy for anyone in society due to its affordability, abundance, and many luxuries.

Tift County High School Official Transcript

Tel: (229)387-2475
One Blue Devil Way, Tifton, GA 31794

Belan, Lynsie Melissa

Student Number: 18512 Grade: 12
PO Box 202, Ty Ty, GA 31795
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Student Information

Student Number:	18512	**Grade:**	12
Birthdate:	07/30/1997	**Gender:**	F
State ID:	6955630158		
Ethnicity:	White, not Hispanic		
Diploma Type:			
Diploma Date:			

GPA Summary

Cumulative GPA (Weighted)	94 857
Class Rank	30 of 484
Percentile	93 80%

Enrollment Summary

Start/End Date	Grade	School
08/10/2011-05/24/2012	09	Northeast Campus, TCHS
08/07/2012-	10	Tift County High School
08/08/2013-	11	Tift County High School
08/07/2014-	12	Tift County High School

#0199 Tift County High School

Course	Mark	Weight	Credit
2011-2012 Grade 09 Term 1			
27 0815051 Math I Acc	EX		1
Credit: 1.000 GPA: 0.0000			
2012-2013 Grade 10 Term 2			
23 2620051 10th Lit(WRLD)H	90	1 0000	1
52 0210051 Drm/Fund I	96	1 0000	1
60 0710051 Spanish I	97	1 0000	1
45 0810051 US History	96	1.0000	1
Credit: 4.000 GPA: 94.750			
2012-2013 Grade 10 Term 4			
27 0930061 ACC Math III	93	1 0000	1
40 0510060 Chemistry I (H)	95	1 0000	1
08 4360062 Entrepreneurship: Business	99	1 0000	1
60 0720061 Spanish II	93	1 0000	1
Credit: 4.000 GPA: 95.000			
2013-2014 Grade 11 Term 2			
08 4750052 Advanced Marketing	95	1 0000	1
27 2780051 AP Calculus	100	1 0000	1
23 2430060 AP Language	93	1 0000	1
40 2810051 Honors Physics	95	1 0000	1
Credit: 4.000 GPA: 95.750			

#0199 Tift County High School

Course	Mark	Weight	Credit
2013-2014 Grade 11 Term 4			
27 2720060 AP Calculus	97	1 0000	1
23 2510075 AP Language	93	1 0000	1
45 2811061 AP World History	98	1 0000	1
60 0730061 Spanish III	92	1 0000	1
Credit: 4.000 GPA: 95.000			
2014-2015 Grade 12 Term 2			
23 0660451 ENGL 1102/COMP II	99	1 0000	1
08 4740062 Marketing Principles	98	1 0000	1
08 7114051 Marketing WBL	94	1 0000	1
27 0650467 PSO/Trig	99	1 0000	1
Credit: 4.000 GPA: 97.500			

#3052 Northeast Campus, Tift County High Schoo

Course	Mark	Weight	Credit
2011-2012 Grade 09 Term 1			
36 0510042 Pers Fitness	96	0.5000	0 5
Credit: .500 GPA: 96.000			
2011-2012 Grade 09 Term 2			
17 0110042 Health	94	0.5000	0 5
23 2610061 Hon 9thLit/Comp	89	1 0000	1
45 2570051 Honors Am Gov't	94	1 0000	1
23 0460051 Speech I	91	1 0000	1
Credit: 3.500 GPA: 91.714			
2011-2012 Grade 09 Term 4			
27 2920061 Acc Math II	92	1 0000	1
36 0640000 Adv Weight Tr I	100	1 0000	1
07 4411042 Computer Apps I	88	1 0000	1
26 0120051 Honors Biology	95	1 0000	1
Credit: 4.000 GPA: 93.750			

Credit Summary

Official's Signature C. Jackson

The University of Georgia

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November 14, 2014

Lynsie Melissa Belan
169 N Poplar St
Ty Ty, GA 31795

Dear Lynsie,

CONGRATULATIONS! We are pleased to inform you that you have been accepted to the University of Georgia for Fall 2015. Your demonstrated academic performance and potential for success in our university community have earned you First-Year admission, with an initial intended major of BBA Marketing (Intended), to the C. Herman and Mary Virginia Terry College of Business. For tuition purposes, your classification is Georgia Resident.

When you walk past the Arch onto historic North Campus on your first day of class, you will follow the path of the hundreds of thousands of scholars who have preceded you over the past two centuries. We hope you will accept our challenge to share fully in the wealth of today's University--our renowned faculty, our vastly expanding facilities, our internationally recognized curriculum, and the warm support and diversity of student life here in Athens. Working together, we are confident that your University of Georgia experience will become a genuine and memorable part of your future success.

We also have enclosed a checklist that outlines key actions you must complete as well as guidelines regarding admission to specific programs. Please read it closely. Send us the required material, including the non-refundable $300 commitment deposit, at the appropriate time, since your final confirmation as a University of Georgia student will depend on it. The commitment deposit will be credited toward your fall enrollment costs. For key dates in the coming year, check the UGA Academic Calendar at www.reg.uga.edu/calendars.

On behalf of the University of Georgia community, it is a true pleasure to welcome you as a member of our student body. Please do not hesitate to call our office if we can provide additional information.

Best regards,

Nancy G. McDuff
Associate Vice President for Admissions and Enrollment Management
Enclosures

TIFT COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL

2015 Local Scholarship Application

James E. Dove Memorial
Name of Scholarship

PART I:

1. Student Name Dylan (First) R (M.I.) Merritt (Last) (Name Preferred)
2. Home Address 2212 Chula Brookfield Rd.
3. Home Telephone: (229) 387-6228 Date of Birth: 09/30/1996
4. Your best estimate of your high school grade point average (GPA) from grades 9th- 12th (present):

   (Please circle one): (A (90-100)) B (80-89) C (70-79)
5. Have you applied for college(s)? (Yes) / No
6. If yes, where have you applied to college? ABAC
7. SAT SCORE: 1510 (Perfect score=2400) Critical Reading 530 Math 470 Writing 510

   ACT Scores: COMP. Score:_____ English_____ Math_____ Reading _____

   If you have not taken either, when do you plan to take the SAT or ACT? _____
8. Activities, clubs, awards during high school (9th-12th) *(Specify grade level- attach resume if needed):*

   TCHS Air Rifle Team (9th-12th)
   TCHS Fishing Team (10th-12th)
   Beta Club (12th)

   What positions of leadership have you held in school clubs, community organizations, etc. *(specify grade level- attach resume if needed)*

   President of TCHS Fishing Team (12th)
9. What are your future college/ career goals? Although I am undesided, I am favoring a degree in the Biology field.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION: This information is important in determining financial need for scholarships with a financial need requirement:

Father's Occupation Law Enforcement Mother's Occupation Teacher
Place of Employment Tift Co. Sheriff's Dept. Place of Employment Tift Co. B.O.E.
Total number of dependents in the household 3 Number in school 3
(# of students in Elementary 0 # in Middle/High School 3 # in college 0)
Are you currently employed part-time? no Where? _____ Hours per week? _____

Dylan Merritt
Scholarship Essay

My name is Dylan Raymond Merritt. I am a senior at Tift County High School and have always attended Tift County schools. My parents are Ray and Kelly Merritt, both native to Tift County. I attend First Baptist Church of Tifton. I have enjoyed being raised in a church where I was a part of the Royal Ambassador Program from grades first through sixth. During that time, I learned about how to be a missionary through volunteer work within the community. After sixth grade, I became an active part of our church's youth program. This program continues to support missionary work within our community and beyond. I have participated in community clean-up projects and trips to a local nursing home. My hobbies are fishing, hunting, and archery.

During my high school career, I have been a part of the Tift County Air Rifle team for four years and a part of the TCHS Fishing Team for 3 years. Throughout my experiences with the Air Rifle Team, I have learned patience and discipline. It has taught me that through constructive criticism one can set attainable goals. During my second year on the team, I earned the Most Improved Award. My fishing team experiences have taught me some of the same qualities. During my first year, I earned the Rookie Angler of the Year Award. Later, I was also chosen as one of the top five team members to fish in Georgia's State High School Fishing Tournament held at Lake Lanier in Hall County. I've also had the opportunity to travel to Lake Sam Rayburn in Texas for the National High School Fishing Tournament for two years. In addition, I enjoyed a trip to the Bass Master Classic in Birmingham, Alabama where I met and spoke with professional fishermen about their career choices. The fishing team has also provided several volunteer opportunities. I have spent time volunteering at fishing booths geared towards teaching children casting and fishing techniques. These booths were set up at Patrick's Fishing Paradise and in Waycross for children's catfish tournaments. The team has also provided local opportunities. I have spent time volunteering at Annie Belle Clark Primary School's field day and Tift County's Third Grade Farm Day, as well as participating in community fundraising to help our team. Both of the sports' teams have provided me opportunities that I normally wouldn't have had during my high school experiences.

My academic success is just as important to me as my participation in sports and extra-curricular activities. During my tenth grade year, I earned an individual biology award. I am currently a member of the TCHS Beta Club in which I enjoy raising money for the Ronald McDonald House and special activities for my school. I have also maintained an honor roll status while taking such courses as AP World History, AP Environmental Science, Spanish I and II, Mechatronics I and II through Moultrie Tech, Metals I, II, and III, Biotech, Anatomy, and Zoology. Although these aren't my only courses, they represent my personality and desires of study. I have a personal interest in sciences as I consider a future in an area of animal science, such as Marine Biology or veterinary medicine. I also have another interest in mechanics and construction.

In the fall of 2015, I will be attending Abraham Baldwin College. I have applied to this college not only for its reputation as an outstanding school, but because I want to remain in Tift County. Attending ABAC will ensure that I stay active with my church, family, and community. I am applying for this scholarship in order to gain financial assistance on the demanding costs of attending college. I feel that I should receive this award because I am a well-rounded student with more than acceptable grades. I plan on continuing to volunteer through my church and

working part-time in our community. In the past I have worked with the Tift County Recreation Department as a counselor to children during the summer programs. It is morally important to me to be a dedicated son, student, and friend to others. I will continue to maintain these standards as I attend ABAC for the next two years and strive to contribute to the community.

Dylan Merritt
Natural Gas Essay

Prior to research, if someone asked me about what natural gas means to me, I would probably have said that it must be some type of gas that comes from nature. That would have been the only thing that I could have said. Upon doing some reading, I learned that natural gas is a fossil fuel that is created after thousands of years from dead plants and animals. Not only do these deposits produce the gas, but methanogens produce it too. This gas can be taken from the earth and used to heat homes, cook food, and run appliances. So....Why aren't we all using it? In today's economy, money is always an issue. Everything seems to be too expensive for today's growing families. Originally, I thought the same thing about the expenses of using this gas. Upon doing some research, I learned that the opposite is true. It actually costs 2-3 times less than electricity that most people are using in their homes, including my family. Surprisingly, natural gas is about 90% efficient because it takes less energy to extract it from the earth and to provide it to the users. Electricity is only 27% efficient. Studies show that bills are much less for those who use natural gas over electricity. For instance (on a small scale), if a person spends between $5 and $11 on a natural gas bill, then another person may be spending $14 to $23 on an electric bill for the same amount of energy used. Strangely, more and more people seem to resort to using electricity which still doesn't make sense. As electricity demand goes up, electrical infrastructures get rebuilt, expanded, or improved in some way. Therefore, electric costs keep rising. The costs of these improvements get passed down to the consumer. The electricity consumer would be spending even a greater amount of money than the natural gas consumer. Natural gas has also been proven to be better for the environment. It provides a cleaner burn and is odorless. When burned, it has lower greenhouse gas, sulfur dioxide, and nitrogen oxide emissions. Another benefit is that it doesn't emit mercury, but electricity does. So, why do people continue to use electricity instead of natural gas? I think that it is because they aren't aware of its cost effectiveness and its availability. Maybe, we should all reevaluate the days of using Bunsen Burners so we can save money.

Tift County High School Official Transcript

Tel: (229)387-2475
One Blue Devil Way, Tifton, GA 31794

Merritt, Dylan Raymond

Student Number: 14738 Grade: 12
2212 Chula Brookfield Road , Tifton, GA 31794
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Student Information

Student Number:	14738	**Grade:**	12
Birthdate:	09/30/1996	**Gender:**	M
State ID:	9864832867		
Ethnicity:	White, not Hispanic		
Diploma Type:			
Diploma Date:			

GPA Summary

Cumulative GPA (Weighted)	91 821
Class Rank	78 of 485
Percentile	83 92%

Enrollment Summary

Start/End Date	Grade	School
08/10/2011-05/24/2012	09	Northeast Campus, TCHS
08/07/2012-	10	Tift County High School
08/08/2013-	11	Tift County High School
08/07/2014-	12	Tift County High School

#3052 Northeast Campus, Tift County High Schoo

Course	Mark	Weight	Credit
2011-2012 Grade 09 Term 1			
17 0110042 Health	93	0 5000	0.5
Credit: .500 GPA: 93.000			
2011-2012 Grade 09 Term 2			
23 0610052 9thLit/Comp	88	1 0000	1
02 4710042 Basic Agri	92	1 0000	1
45 0570052 Honors Am Gov't	85	1 0000	1
36 0510042 Pers Fitness	97	0 5000	0.5
Credit: 3.500 GPA: 89.571			
2011-2012 Grade 09 Term 4			
01 4610042 Gen Hort	86	1 0000	1
27 0810051 Math I	78	1 0000	1
40 0110051 Phys Sci	84	1 0000	1
60 0710051 Spanish I	83	1 0000	1
Credit: 4.000 GPA: 82.750			

#0199 Tift County High School

Course	Mark	Weight	Credit
2012-2013 Grade 10 Term 2			
26 0120051 Biology	97	1 0000	1
27 0820051 Mathematics II	90	1 0000	1
46 5450053 Metals Safety	99	1 0000	1
60 0720051 Span II	80	1 0000	1
Credit: 4.000 GPA: 91.500			
2012-2013 Grade 10 Term 4			
23 0620061 10th Lit(WRLD)	95	1 0000	1
07.4411062 Computer Applications I	93	1 0000	1
25 5680052 Intro to Biotec	98	1 0000	1
45 0810061 US History	92	1 0000	1
Credit: 4.000 GPA: 94.500			
2013-2014 Grade 11 Term 2			
23 0510051 AmericanLit/Com	92	1 0000	1
21 4620452 Mechatronics I	94	1 0000	1
36 0540051 Weight Training	100	1 0000	1
26 0710061 Zoology	90	1 0000	1
Credit: 4.000 GPA: 94.000			
2013-2014 Grade 11 Term 4			
45 0811051 AP World History	91	1 0000	1
26 0730052 Human Anatomy	86	1 0000	1
27 0830061 Mathematics III	90	1 0000	1
21 4610462 Mechatronics II	96	1.0000	1
Credit: 4.000 GPA: 90.750			
2014-2015 Grade 12 Term 2			
23 0520051 British Lit/Com	98	1 0000	1
36 0550052 Exercise/Weight	100	1 0000	1
48 5810052 Introduction to Metals	99	1 0000	1
21 4640467 Semiconductors/Mech Systems	100	1.0000	1
Credit: 4.000 GPA: 99.250			

Credit Summary

Official's Signature C. Jackson

ABRAHAM BALDWIN
AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE

Office of Admissions
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Phone 229-391-5004
http://www.abac.edu

December 9, 2014

Dylan R Merritt
2212 Chula Brookfield Rd
Tifton, GA 31794

Dear Dylan:

Congratulations! We have carefully reviewed your application and all supporting documents and are pleased to offer you admission to Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College for the Fall Semester 2015. Your acceptance is just the beginning of a challenging and rewarding experience that will provide you with educational and social opportunities to prepare for future endeavors.

This offer of admission is contingent upon a review of any outstanding coursework and satisfactory completion of the COMPASS Placement requirements. You must provide official transcript(s) showing satisfactory grades in the required courses that you indicated would be completed before your enrollment. We will notify you **only** if your admission status changes as a result of our review of your final transcript and COMPASS scores, if required.

Enclosed are guidelines which summarize procedures you need to review and observe. Please contact us if you have any questions or if we may be of assistance.

We welcome you to the ABAC family and look forward to working with you in the future as you pursue your educational goals!.

All the best,

Donna H. Webb
Director of Admissions

City of Tifton
City Council Retreat
April 2, 2015
8:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
Georgia Agricultural Museum Welcome Center
Whiddon Mill Road

ATTENDEES:

J. G. "Jamie" Cater, Jr., Mayor
Johnny Terrell, Vice Mayor
Wes Ehlers, Council Member
Christopher Parrott, Council Member

Larry Riner, City Manager
Rob Wilmot, City Attorney
Rona Martin, City Clerk
Lois Love, Finance Director
Jessica Jones, Executive Assistant

Julie Smith, Council Member (absent)

Mayor Cater gave the prayer.

Mr. Riner gave a recap of recent accomplishments such as debt retirement and smart sourcing of several departments.

DISCUSSION OF MUNICIPAL COURT FINES

Mr. Riner stated they are looking at the fines structure as compared to other surrounding areas. He stated a public defender and a prosecutor, currently Rob Wilmot, have been added to the courtroom as well.

DISCUSSION OF HEALTH INSURANCE

Carla Cooper stated we have been with Skip Hill and Associates for a number of years. She stated they shop the market every year. She stated that almost every year the insurance does increase, with this year being 19%. She reviewed the cost of premiums since 2012. She stated the employees will pay 18% and the City will pay 82%. She stated we have continued to adjust the plans to keep the costs as low as possible, resulting in less benefits for employees. She reviewed the premiums and things done to try to keep the plans affordable for the employees. She reviewed the experience for the past year wherein the insurance company paid out more than they received in premiums from the City. She stated Work Smart also made a presentation to employees about what they have to offer. She reviewed a "just the facts" sheet regarding benefits, etc. Mrs. Cooper reviewed how the insurance was shopped each year. Discussion was held regarding claims and higher costs associated with them.

DISCUSSION OF TIFT THEATRE BOARD

Mr. Riner stated several meetings of the theatre board have been called with participation fairly low. He stated the theatre director would like to dissolve the board and create an ambassador program of five people who would be in charge of helping to raise money, and provide a volunteer force for help at events. He stated the 12 member board is not functioning. He asked Councils' opinion of dissolving the board and replacing it with the five ambassadors. Mayor Cater asked Mr. Riner his opinion and he responded favorably to the ambassador program. Council Member Parrott reminded everyone of his chairing of the board and a challenge getting people there every month. He stated it was a volunteer force with no authority and he would favor an ambassador program. Mr. Ehlers asked about the authority to dissolve the board. Mr. Riner stated Council can dissolve it. Mayor Cater asked about appointments. Mr. Riner stated Robert Reid Goodson should have input on this, as he is familiar with who would work. Mayor Cater discussed possible appointments with each of the Council having input while speaking with Robert Reid Goodson. Mr. Riner stated they will come up with a slate of candidates

and if there is someone Council wants to add, staff can vet that person and make sure they are a willing participant, etc. Mayor Cater suggested a cross section of folks.

DISCUSSION OF PERMIT FEES

Mr. Riner reminded Council of the recent discussion and report by Council Member Ehlers at the March workshop. He asked for questions or concerns. He stated this will be on the meeting for April 6th.

STORM WATER/IMPACT FEES

Scott Murphy, ESG, Inc., gave an overview of various storm water issues currently in Tifton. He stated the proposed project near Town & Country Trailer Park is a prime example of storm water problems in Tifton. He discussed roads that have been repaired due to flooding and the time those roads were closed. He discussed an option as a means to deal with this problem in that of a storm water utility. He stated this is a mechanism to generate funding for storm water. He reviewed nearby communities that have storm water utilities in place. He stated Tifton has 45 square miles of basin area. He discussed the master drainage study done by Tribble & Richardson (Stantec) in 1998. He reviewed the conclusion of the study where half of the basins 24" or larger could not pass a two year rainfall. He stated design typically is for a 50 year rainfall event. He discussed how a program might work. He stated most large retailers are used to paying for storm water and impact fees. He stated revenue of $750,000 to $1,000,000 is generally generated for storm water purposes. He discussed recent work orders. He asked that Council consider a storm water utility as a way to take care of the problems related to storm water. Council Member Ehlers discussed impervious areas. Mr. Murphy discussed the current rates for the surrounding areas. Mr. Riner stated the process would take about two years with a huge education process. General discussion was held regarding a process for developing a utility. Council Member Ehlers stated we need an interlocal agreement for those whose property drains into the city's system, yet are not in the city limits.

SENIOR CENTER MEMBERSHIP PLANS

Fran Kinchen provided a handout and overview of the new requirement by the State of Georgia that seniors have to now pay membership fees to attend senior centers. She reviewed Tifton's proposed membership plan and draft submitted to the state. She stated $5 per month for residents and $10 for non-residents. She stated there is a free membership package for seniors who qualify under the Title 3, Older Americans Act. She discussed various activities that will go along with any membership fees. She stated our request to the state will be that this plan will be effective in January.

COST OF LIVING INCREASE FOR EMPLOYEES

Lois Love provided a hand out of her presentation consisting of Potential Market Value – Directed Pay Increase which consisted of an increase in targeted salaries to the current market value; pay higher than HUD income limits; retain accomplished employees; attract applicants with appropriate education and experience; offer opportunities for growth within the city. She reviewed the income limits summary from Housing Urban Development. She reviewed what other communities have done consisting of a formal market based study; cost of living adjustments; yearly COLA; average annual salary increase is over 3%; incentive pay offered in addition to annual COLA. She stated the plan of action is to raise certain positions to at least $15/hr to bring their salary to market level; and other positions increase rates based on performance at the hourly rate between $.25 - $1.00 per hour. She discussed projected payroll costs. She discussed future plans including a formal market compensation study and offering performance based incentives. Ms. Love reviewed the general fund revenue and expenditure history for fiscal years 2012-2014. She reviewed the general fund FY2015 revenues and expenses as of 3/31/15. She reviewed the general fund projections through 6/30/15. She reviewed the general fund cash analysis through 6/30/15. Mayor Cater suggested giving the top 33 1/3% employees a 3% raise, the middle 33 1/3% a 4% raise and the bottom 33 1/3% a 5% raise as everyone has to pay the same for food and fuel. He stated our salaries at the bottom rung are horrible. Mr. Riner stated the proposed rate will bring the

lower rung of folks up to a minimum $15.00 per hour. He stated the other folks above the $15.00 minimum will receive the $.25-$1.00 per hour pay raise based on performance.

Mr. Riner discussed proposed meetings that have been scheduled with Tift County regarding the fire department, and thus far they have been cancelled by the county.

LA ESTRELLA

Police Chief Buddy Dowdy stated Mr. Terrell's concern was that someone was hurt pretty bad a few weeks ago and that some of the witnesses were supposedly 16, 17 and 18 years old. He stated that La Estrella is considered a restaurant and as such, anyone is allowed to enter the premises. He stated Mr. Terrell is going into La Estrella Friday night to see what is happening. Mr. Terrell stated he was told the back entrance is blocked and there are no sprinklers in case of fire. He stated he is concerned about safety. He expressed concern about the building being rented to gangster groups and fighting. He asked that the fire inspector go to the building. Mr. Coleman stated the occupant load is 100 people or more and falls under the state fire marshal's office. He stated they can still participate in some type of inspection. He stated he will look into it more closely. Mrs. Gaskins stated this business is impacting the ability to rent other spaces in the area as prospective renters feel it is not safe there. Mr. Terrell expressed concern over her being open after hours. Discussion was held regarding possible inspection of the business.

HANDY STOP

Mr. Riner stated the Handy Stop on 12th Street is legal; and Mr. Wilmot will address the legal issues. Mr. Wilmot reviewed the city's ordinance for distance requirements and the need for clarification. He then reviewed a proposed revision to the ordinance providing for a clearer understanding of distance requirements based on state law. He then read the state law. He said state law only addresses distances to churches for distilled spirits, not malt and wine beverages. He stated it does address malt and wine beverages in proximity to schools and school grounds, but not churches. He stated our ordinance currently states 300 ft. from a church. He said state law makes reference to a church building. He discussed what is a church building. He discussed an attorney general's unofficial opinion on the matter. He stated the DOR has adopted regulations for measuring distances for schools from the front door of a location selling the alcohol to the property line of the school; when you talk about a church it is from front door to front door. He discussed the state law for package sales vs. on premise sales. He stated we have to decide what is a church building and how to address it. He stated most cities do not define church building. He reviewed some of those who do define it. He stated we cannot be less restrictive than state law. He stated the intent of the legislature is they don't want alcohol in close proximity to where folks go to church or school. He suggested the definition of church building should be as a place where regular church services are held. He stated code Section 6-65 tracks state law for distance requirements as required by the state either from a church, school, drug alcohol treatment center, or a housing authority unit (on premises sales). He stated the distance measurements are pursuant to the Department of Revenue. He said the state does not regulate on premise consumption. He reviewed the other current regulations in our ordinance. He discussed the use of surveys for distance requirements if Council so chooses. A general discussion was held regarding distances, church buildings, and the Handy Stop. Mr. Wilmot reminded Council that going from property line to property line at Handy Stop to the 1st Methodist Church the measurement is over 300 feet. Mr. Riner stated he checked the deeds and road frontage on those parcels, and it is over 300 feet. Mr. Wilmot stated the Handy Stop is over 300 ft. from the church property, property line to property line. Mr. Wilmot stated "church building" has to be defined. He stated he would work on that and send it out. Mr. Riner suggested this be a workshop item and allow staff more time for review.

GMA DINNER

Jessica Jones reviewed the plans for a dinner with Council during the GMA conference. She also reviewed information for Georgia Cities Week.

TIFT THEATRE EASEMENT

Mr. Riner stated we will be ready to move forward with this item at next Monday's regular meeting.

EFFECTS OF HB 170

Mr. Riner stated the bill has gone to the Governor's Office for signature, and as it stands we are not presently impacted, however, in the future county governments may at its option, without an interlocal agreement, levy a transportation SPLOST up to 70% of the total revenue in ½% increments. He stated local governments have the option to have a T SPLOST. Council Member Ehlers asked about the $3.00 cap. Mr. Riner stated we will be able to tax everything (motor fuel) up to $3.00. Mr. Ehlers asked if we pass a T SPLOST, does this bill cease to exist. Mr. Riner stated no, it does not.

CURRENT INTERLOCAL AGREEMENTS

Mr. Riner updated everyone on recent conversations he has had with the County Manager regarding the Fire Department budget and future of the Tifton/Tift County Fire Department. He stated they've met with Mr. Carter every year during the budget process for review and input. Mr. Riner asked Chief Coleman to present his information on the Fire Department. Mr. Coleman reviewed calls for service history from 1998-2014; 2014 calls per district; calls for service for 2014; the fire protection agreement history along with ISO ratings; trends as related to fire protection; paramount considerations and other considerations based on various scenarios and overall costs of operating the fire department. Discussion was held on various aspects of the interlocal agreement. Discussion was held regarding the Service Delivery Coordination Committee and process/protocol for addressing concerns. Mayor Cater asked Mr. Riner call and offer the county three different days and time frames to set up an SDCC meeting for this matter.

COUNCIL INPUT OF FUTURE PROJECTS AND/OR INITIATIVES

Mr. Riner asked for additional concerns/requests for FY2016. He discussed a conversation he had with Jim Carter regarding the landfill.

He stated water and sewer rates will be going up this year due to the cost of operations.

Council Member Parrott asked for a list of LMIG streets. Jessica Jones stated it is being updated and will get it to them.

There were no other matters addressed.

There being to further business, the meeting was adjourned.

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

Rona Martin, City Clerk

City of Tifton
Regular Council Meeting
April 6, 2015
5:00 PM
Tifton City Council Chambers
130 E. 1st Street

ATTENDEES

Jamie Cater, Mayor
Johnny Terrell, Vice Mayor
Wes Ehlers, Council Member
Chris Parrott, Council Member
Julie Smith, Council Member

Larry Riner, City Manager
Rona Martin, City Clerk
Rob Wilmot, City Attorney

PUBLIC HEARINGS

- Community Development Block Grant Project Completion 10p-x-137-2-5252 – Southwest Tifton Sewer System Improvements Benefitting 595 People

Jessica Jones, Executive Assistant to the Mayor and City Manager, spoke to the hearing for the CDBG Project Completion 10p-x-137-2-5252. She stated this was for a CDBG grant that was received in 2010 for a southside sewer project. She stated this project is complete and $500,000 was received from the Georgia Department of Community Affairs for the project. She asked for comments, with no one responding. She stated this will close out the project and funding.

- Amendment to the Land Development Code to Remove Clubs and Lodges, private, as a Permissible use in the Downtown Commercial Zoning District

Attorney Wilmot stated this application number is T15-000-004 with the City of Tifton being the applicant. He reviewed the city's public hearing procedures. He stated the matter under consideration is to amend Section 2.03.03 Table of Uses, of the Land Development Code by removing clubs and lodges, private as a permissible use in the commercial downtown zoning district.

Attorney Wilmot asked 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 conflicts of interest.

Bert Crowe, Environmental Management Director, stated this is to take out clubs and lodges as a requirement in order to disallow the use of religious facilities in the downtown commercial district which is currently in the code, due to federal changes in the RILUPA act. He stated clubs and lodges must also be disallowed in the district if religious facilities are to continue to be disallowed in the downtown district.

Mr. Wilmot asked if anyone wanted to speak in favor or against the application. No one spoke for or against the request.

Mayor Cater closed the public hearings.

CALL TO ORDER

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

PRAYER AND PLEDGE

Vice Mayor Johnny Terrell led in the prayer and pledge.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION BY KAYCEE BROWN AND FAMILY OF FULWOOD PARK PAINTING

Kaycee Brown representing her family presented and donated a painting of the stone arch at Fulwood Park to the City of Tifton. She gave a history of the arch which was constructed by her grandfather, W. P. Brown, Sr., in 1934. She stated this is in memory of her grandfather and in honor of her father, W. P. "Squire" Brown, Jr. former Mayor of Tifton.

PRESENTATION OF PROCLAMATION FOR TIFT COUNTY COUNCIL ON CHILD ABUSE

Mayor Cater read and presented a proclamation designating the month of April as Child Abuse Prevention month to Kelly Shaunacher representing the Tift County Commission on Child Abuse.

PROCLAMATION FOR GEORGIA CITIES WEEK

Mayor Cater read a proclamation designating the week of April 19-25, 2015 as Georgia Cities Week. Jessica Jones reviewed the activities taking place for Georgia Cities Week.

ANNOUNCEMENT REGARDING LIBRARY DONATION TO BOOK NOOK

Mayor Cater announced that the Library has graciously donated books to restock the "Book Nook." He thanked the library and the work of former Council Member Marianna Keesee as a member of the Library Board.

APPROVAL OF THE COUNCIL AGENDA

Council Member Parrott moved, seconded by Council Member Terrell and unanimously carried to approve the Council agenda.

CITIZEN INPUT

Hal Baxley, 73 Eagle Drive, stated there are a lot of good things going on in the downtown area. He stated there will be new loft apartments going in his building near the courthouse and the Bowen Building as well as a return of the Tifton Drugs to the Bowen Building and other activity by various business owners. He stated he has received a lot of input about what is needed downtown. He stated they need public restrooms and asked Council to consider placement of public restrooms and picnic tables possibly at the Gateway. He stated some of the façades will be spruced up as well. He asked them to consider this request as they work to revitalize downtown Tifton. Mayor Cater asked him to attend the next DDA meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Council Member Smith moved, seconded by Council Member Parrott and unanimously carried to approve the minutes of the February 26, 2015 Workshop/Called Meeting; March 2, 2015 Regular Meeting; March 19, 2015 Workshop/Called Meeting; March 30, 2015 Called Meeting.

CONSENT AGENDA

Council Member Smith stated she would need to recuse herself for item #2 as she was involved in that real estate transaction. Items #3 & 4 were considered first in order to allow Council Member Smith to participate in the action taken on those matters. Council Member Parrott moved, seconded by Council Member Smith and unanimously carried to approve items 3 & 4 as listed below on the consent agenda.

3. Resolution providing for Enterprise Zone Application from Melissa Burgess for a business to be located at 319 S. Main Street

4. Approval of COT-EMD Fee Schedule – Implementation Date 7/1/2015

Council Member Smith recused herself from participation on item #2 and left the room.

Council Member Ehlers moved, seconded by Council Member Parrott and unanimously carried (4-0) to approve item #2 as listed below:

2. Resolution providing for Enterprise Zone Application from Lon and Paula Kemeness

Council Member Smith then rejoined the meeting.

ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR AMENDMENT TO THE LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE TO REMOVE CLUBS AND LODGES, PRIVATE, AS A PERMISSIBLE USE IN THE DOWNTOWN COMMERCIAL ZONING DISTRICT

Council Member Smith moved, seconded by Council Member Terrell, with Mayor Cater calling for discussion. Council Member Ehlers stated he has discussed this with Larry Riner and Rob Wilmot. He then read information he found through the Department of Justice on religious land use. Discussion was held regarding religious facilities, jurisdictions, land uses, etc. Mr. Wilmot stated we have to treat religious organizations equally and when looking at our ordinance, found that we are currently not doing so. He stated this ordinance will correct that, wherein private clubs and lodges will not be allowed downtown. Mr. Wilmot stated this is for the commercial downtown zoning district. Mr. Wilmot stated jurisdiction is the area of one's power over a location. Council Member Ehlers asked about the ability of the Rotary Club to meet at a downtown restaurant if they wish. Mr. Wilmot stated, yes they could meet, as the building land use is a restaurant. He later stated this would be problematic. Mayor Cater questioned the ability of a religious meeting at the theatre. Considerable discussion was held regarding the definitions of religious facilities, and clubs and lodges and land uses. Council Member Parrott asked that this be further considered at a workshop. Discussion was held regarding non-profit organizations. Mr. Crowe discussed parking as part of the problem. After further discussion Council Member Ehlers moved, seconded by Council Member Parrott and unanimously carried to table this matter to the workshop on April 16, 2015 and the regular meeting on May 4, 2015.

City of Tifton
Regular Council Workshop/Called Meeting
April 16, 2015
5:00 p.m.
Tifton Municipal Courtroom
130 E. 5th Street

ATTENDEES:

J. G. "Jamie" Cater, Jr., Mayor
Johnny Terrell, Vice Mayor
Wes Ehlers, Council Member
Chris Parrott, Council Member
Julie Smith, Council Member

Larry Riner, City Manager
Emily Vowell, City Attorney
Rona Martin, City Clerk
Rob Wilmot, City Attorney via phone

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

Mr. Riner stated the requester of item #3 asked that their item be removed from the agenda this evening as they are unable to be in attendance.

Mr. Riner stated the city attorney will be joining us via telephone as he is out of state.

DISCUSSION OF TIFT THEATRE BOARD

Robert Reid Goodson provided a draft of a proposed ambassador program verses a 12 member board for the theatre. He reviewed roles, responsibilities and the mission of the proposed program. He stated the ambassador team would focus on advertising, volunteering and some type of financial responsibility; and briefly discussed those responsibilities. He stated this will be a hard working group of individuals who know the community and how to reach out in various areas. He stated there will be meetings of the group. He stated he would like six individuals who are willing to work and serve on the ambassador program. Mayor Cater suggested other folks in addition to the arts based group who will support and generate interest in the theatre. Council Member Ehlers asked how the group would be developed. Mr. Goodson stated there would be an application process along with guidelines. Mr. Riner stated the board policy has to be updated, with City Council making the appointments. He stated recommendations should come through the theatre staff. Mr. Goodson stated it should be open to anyone with strong ties to the arts and area. Council Member Ehlers discussed comments from board members regarding budget, various requests, etc. General discussion was held regarding those comments. Council Member Ehlers asked about actually calling them ambassadors vs. board members and the legality of that. Council Member Parrott asked about the terms of appointment. A discussion was held regarding this matter. Mr. Goodson gave an update on current happenings at the theatre.

APPROVAL OF THE TOP SCORING CONSULTANTS FOR FY 2015 CDBG PROJECT, AUTHORIZE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO NEGOTIATIONS FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES FOR 2015 CDBG PROJECT

Jessica Jones stated this is for the drainage project behind the bowling alley at Town and Country Trailer Park. She stated proposals have been received for engineering and managing consultants. She stated staff recommends use of Bob Roberson & Associates for management of the grant and Watkins & Associates for engineering for these functions. Mayor Cater asked for a scope of the project.

REQUEST FOR APPEAL OF HPC CASE #H15-000-009 FROM WILMOT AND POWELL, LLC – REMOVAL OF DAMAGED CHIMNEYS ON THE HOUSE LOCATED AT 614 N. TIFT AVENUE

Removed from the agenda at the request of the petitioner.

JAMES E. DOVE SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

Donna Pate stated the chosen applicants for this year are Lynsie M. Belan and Dylan R. Merritt. She discussed their qualifications. She stated the scholarships will be awarded at the May Council meeting.

DISCUSSION OF ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR AMENDMENT TO LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE TO REMOVE CLUBS AND LODGES, PRIVATE, AS A PERMISSIBLE USE IN THE DOWNTOWN COMMERCIAL ZONING DISTRICT

Rob Wilmot recalled discussion at the last meeting regarding this matter. He stated we have to make sure that we treat secular organizations the same as religious organizations. He discussed previous concerns. He stated he is amending the definition of club or lodge, private. He then read the definition. He also discussed the amendment to Section 2.03.03, Table of Uses, which removes clubs and lodges, private as a permissible use in the commercial downtown zoning district. A discussion was held regarding buildings, building uses, regular assembly, meetings in restaurants and other concerns. Mr. Riner asked if clubs can have their meetings at restaurants monthly or weekly based on this. Mr. Wilmot stated yes they can, we are looking at the building. Discussion was held regarding building uses vs. buildings, regular uses, etc. Mr. Riner stated he will get back with Mr. Wilmot to revise the ordinance with the intent clearly defined and brought back for the May 4th meeting. Mr. Crowe discussed what the intent of the ordinance is to be based on uses.

HPC APPOINTMENTS

Rona Martin stated that Marx-Ann Myddelton and Mark Peterman wish to be reappointed and Erika Johnson does not wish to be reappointed. Mr. Riner stated all staff concerns have been addressed.

APPOINTMENT TO HOUSING AUTHORITY (CHERIE WRIGHT)

Rona Martin stated this is a mayoral appointment and as such, Mayor Cater appointed Cherie Wright to the Tifton Housing Authority. She stated Mrs. Wright will be sworn in at the May 4th meeting.

DISCUSSION OF SOLAR POWER GRANT FROM GEFA

Mr. Riner stated this is information only. He stated a pre-application was submitted six months ago and we were awarded a $570,000 energy grant for that. He stated the total cost is about $2.2 million. He stated ESG will look into this. He stated this is a very expensive project with long term financing, however, and it may not be prudent to do this at the present time. He stated they will look into the matter further.

UPCOMING GMA LISTENING SESSION

Mr. Riner stated the upcoming GMA Listening Session is 4/24/15. He stated if anyone wants to attend we can carpool, to please notify him by tomorrow.

DISCUSSION OF ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR AMENDMENT TO DISTANCE REQUIREMENTS FOR ESTABLISHMENTS HOLDING AN ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LICENSE IN PROXIMITY TO CHURCHES, SCHOOL BUILDINGS, SCHOOL GROUNDS, OR COLLEGE CAMPUSES

Mr. Wilmot gave an overview of this matter. He stated this is to define more clearly distance requirements for the sale of alcohol to certain school buildings, educational buildings, school grounds, college campuses and churches. He stated this is a revision to Section 6.65 which addresses distances and location. He reviewed Section 6.65 (a)(1). He stated this is basically state law and the minimum requirements we have to comply with. He stated the distances can be greater. He said state law does not

regulate distance requirements for the retail sale of wine and malt beverage purchases. He stated you can be more restrictive than state law. He discussed a recent conversation with Michael Sard, a trainer on alcohol licensing, who participated at the Georgia Association of Business Tax Officials spring conference. He stated Mr. Sard's opinion is that since the State of Georgia does not prohibit the sale of malt beverages and wine in proximity to a church, then the city can define a church building in any way we wish, and regulate the sale of malt and wine beverages in proximity to a church. He stated he has defined a church building as a stand-alone building where regular worship services are performed, meaning where they hold church on Sunday and worship. He discussed distance measurements in section (d)(1) of the ordinance. He mentioned the other portions of the ordinance such as housing authority, distance requirements in the commercial downtown; and all other areas as stated in Section 6.65(g)(2) which the measurements shall be a minimum of 100 yards as measured in a straight line from the front door of the premises from which on-site consumption of alcoholic beverages is furnished and consumed to the front door of the building of a church, school or college. He discussed revisions to 6-64. Brief discussion was held regarding entertainment establishments and possible changes to the state law age requirements. Council Member Ehlers asked if we can create a distance requirement for church property that is contiguous to a church building. Mr. Wilmot stated he is trying to accomplish something where the measurement is from the front door of the seller to the front door of the church. Discussion was held regarding possible restriction considerations. Discussion was held regarding church buildings. Mr. Wilmot stated it is up to Council if you want to make further restrictions. Mr. Wilmot asked Council their thoughts on allowing the sale of malt and wine beverages in proximity to a church and if they had any distance requirements in mind.

CALLED MEETING

EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS PERSONNEL, REAL ESTATE AND/OR LEGAL MATTERS

Council Member Ehlers moved, seconded by Council Member Smith and unanimously carried to enter into Executive Session to discuss Real Estate and Legal Matters.

Council Member Smith moved, seconded by Council Member Terrell and unanimously carried to come out of Executive Session.

RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION

Council Member Parrott moved, seconded by Council Member Terrell and unanimously carried to adopt a Resolution providing for Executive Session.

There being to further business, the meeting was adjourned.

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

Rona Martin, City Clerk

AT A MEETING OF THE
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TIFTON
HELD ON 4/16, 2015
A MOTION TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION

Council member Ehlers 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 Smith seconds the motion.

Motion Approved

Those voting in favor of the motion for closure:

Council Members:
Mayor Jamie Carter
Council Members Johnny Terrell, Wes Ehlers, Chris Parrott Julie Smith
Those voting against the motion for closure:

Council Members:

AFFIDAVIT

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

Present	Absent	
✓		J. G. "Jamie" Cater, Jr.
✓		Wes Ehlers
✓		Christopher Parrott
✓		Johnny Terrell
✓		Julie Smith

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

1. I am a member of the Tifton City Council and I was present at a meeting of the City Council held on the 16th day of April, 2015.

2. 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.

3. The subject matter of the closed meeting or closed portion of the meeting held on the 16th day of April, 2015, 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 16th day of April, 2015.

J. G. "Jamie" Cater, Jr.
Mayor, City of Tifton

Wes Ehlers
Councilman, District 1

Christopher Parrott
Councilman, District 2

Johnny Terrell
Councilman, District 3

Julie Smith
Councilwoman, District 4

Sworn to and subscribed before me
By all City Council members
on this 16th day of
April, 2015.

Rona Martin
Notary Public

RONA MARTIN
NOTARY PUBLIC GEORGIA
EXPIRES JAN. 23, 2017
TIFT COUNTY

MAY MEETING
Historic Preservation Commission (expiration 5/31/2015)

The following members wish to be reappointed:

Marx-Ann Myddelton
Mark Peterman

There is still one vacancy on this commission

ORDINANCE NO. 2015-____

[ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHARTER BY HOME RULE]

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF TIFTON BY AMENDING ARTICLE VI SECTION 6.25(b) TO PROVIDE FOR THE ADOPTION OF THE FINAL OPERATING BUDGET FOR THE ENSUING FISCAL YEAR NOT LATER THAN JULY 1 OF EACH YEAR; TO PROVIDE FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE; TO REPEAL ALL OTHER ACTS AND ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, the City of Tifton, Georgia, a municipal corporation of the State of Georgia (the "City") operates pursuant to the Constitution and laws of the State of Georgia and its charter, approved April 4, 1997 (Ga. L. 1997, p. 3970), as amended; and

WHEREAS, the City has now determined that it is necessary to make certain amendments to its Charter pursuant to its home rule powers granted pursuant to Article IX, Section II, Paragraph II of the Constitution of the State of Georgia and OC.G.A. Sections 36-35-1 through 36-35-7.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TIFTON, GEORGIA AND IT IS HEREBY ORDAINED, by the authority of the same, as follows:

Section 1. The Charter of the City of Tifton, Georgia, which was established by an Act creating a Charter for the City of Tifton, Georgia, approved on April 4, 1997 (Ga. L. 1997, p. 3970), as amended, is hereby amended by amending Article VI Section 6.25(b) of the Charter to provide for the adoption of the final operating budget for the ensuing fiscal year not later than July 1 of each year, Article VI Section 6.25(b) to read as follows:

Section 6.25. - Adoption.

(b) The city council shall by ordinance adopt the final operating budget for the ensuing fiscal year not later than July 1 of each year. If the city council fails to adopt the budget by said date, the amounts appropriated for operation for the then current fiscal year shall be deemed adopted for the ensuing fiscal year on a month-to-month basis, with all items prorated accordingly, until such time as the city council adopts a budget for the ensuing fiscal year. Adoption of the budget shall take the form of an appropriations ordinance setting out the estimated revenues in detail by sources and making appropriations according to fund and by organizational unit, purpose, or activity as set out in the budget preparation resolution adopted pursuant to Section 6.23 of this charter.

Section 2. All portions of the Charter or amendments thereto or all ordinances in conflict herewith be and same are hereby repealed.

Section 3. If any part of this ordinance shall be declared void, it is the intent and purpose hereof that all other provisions not so declared void shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 4. The Clerk of the City is hereby authorized and directed to cause a notice, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit "A" and hereby incorporated by reference, to be published in *The Tifton Gazette*, the official newspaper in which Sheriff's advertisements are published in Tift County, in which the City is located, once a week for three weeks within a period of sixty days immediately preceding the day of the final adoption of this ordinance. The Clerk of the City is also hereby authorized and directed to cause the publisher of *The Tifton Gazette* to execute an affidavit of such publication.

This ordinance was introduced and read at a lawful meeting of the Council of the City of Tifton held on April 6, 2015, 2015 and read the second time, passed, and adopted in like meeting held on May 4, 2015.

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J. G. "Jamie" Cater, Jr.
***Mayor,* City of Tifton**

APPROVED as to Form:

_____

Robert C. Wilmot
City Attorney

Attest:

_____

Rona Martin
City Clerk

Exhibit A
Ordinance No. 2015-_____

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO AMEND CHARTER OF THE CITY OF TIFTON, GEORGIA, BY ORDINANCE PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF THAT ACT OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY KNOWN AS "THE MUNICIPAL HOME RULE ACT OF 1965"

CITY OF TIFTON
COUNTY OF TIFT
STATE OF GEORGIA

Notice is hereby given that an ordinance will be introduced on March 2, 2015 and read for final adoption on May 4, 2015 to amend the Charter of the City of Tifton, Georgia, which was created by an Act on April 4, 1997 (Ga. L. 1997, p. 3970), as amended, so as to provide for the adoption of the final operating budget for the ensuing fiscal year not later than July 1 of each year and for other purposes.

A copy of this proposed amendment to the Charter of the City of Tifton, Georgia is on file in the office of the Clerk of the City of Tifton, and is on file in the office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of Tift County, Georgia, for the purpose of examination and inspection by the public, all as required by law. A copy of the ordinance will be filed with the Georgia Secretary of State upon passage.

This __ day of _____, 2015.

Rona Martin
City Clerk
City of Tifton, Georgia

Filed in the Office of the Clerk of Tift Superior Court on _____, 2015.

Print once per week for three weeks.

TIFTON CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM

TO: Tifton City Council

FROM: Lois Love, Finance Director

DATE: April 27, 2015

DEPARTMENT: Finance

SUBJECT: Mauldin & Jenkins, LLC Audit Cost Proposal

DATE: May 4, 2015
Workshop Meeting ( )
Regular Meeting (X)
Called Meeting ( )

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Approve resolution authorizing the City Manager to negotiate and enter into a contract with Mauldin & Jenkins, LLC to perform audit services for fiscal year ending June 30, 2015, with automatic renewal in subsequent years.

PROPOSED ACTION

Approval of resolution allowing the City Manager to negotiate the contracts with Mauldin & Jenkins, LLC.

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

As Council is aware, the City has employed the accounting services of Mauldin & Jenkins over the last several years beginning with their audit for the 2011-2012 fiscal year. Mauldin & Jenkins has invested an enormous amount of time in the audit processes and has greatly assisted the City to overcome significant accounting and reporting challenges. Additionally, there are significant accounting and reporting challenges that will be required to be implemented over the next few years. Based upon the knowledge of the finances of the City that Mauldin & Jenkins has obtained over the past years, it is imperative that we capitalize on this knowledge as we move forward in taking corrective measures and establishing sound accounting processes and procedures going forward.

Based upon the foregoing, I request City Council to approve contracting with Mauldin & Jenkins pursuant to Section Six of the City of Tifton's Purchasing Guidelines for the fiscal year 2014-2015 with automatic renewal for subsequent years unless terminated by the City upon 60 days' notice prior to the expiration of the term or any renewal term. I believe this will provide the continuity of service we presently require and which Mauldin & Jenkins is in a unique position to provide based upon their knowledge and experience of the City's finances.

Background Information

- Mauldin & Jenkins, LLC has extensive knowledge of the City's finances.
- New Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) statements are required to be adopted by the City in the next few years.
- Mauldin & Jenkins, LLC is a very experienced audit firm in the government sector.

Financial Implications

- By utilizing Mauldin & Jenkins, LLC the City's audit will be much more efficient.
- Is this a budgeted item ____Yes____.

Pros and/or Cons

Mauldin & Jenkins, LLC is very experienced. They audit over 185 governments in the southeast. They performed the fiscal year audits for 2012, 2013 and 2014, and, therefore, the audit process will be more efficient if the City retains Mauldin & Jenkins, LLC as the auditor.

Implementation

Upon approval, the City Manager is responsible for ensuring the approved action is completed.

CITY OF TIFTON

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-_____

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF TIFTON, GEORGIA AUTHORIZING THE NEGOTIATION OF CONTRACT WITH MAULDIN & JENKINS, LLC

WHEREAS, the City has employed the accounting services of Mauldin & Jenkins over the last few years beginning with their audit for the 2011-2012 fiscal year;

WHEREAS, Mauldin & Jenkins has invested an enormous amount of time in the audit processes and has greatly assisted the City to overcome significant accounting and reporting challenges;

WHEREAS, there are significant accounting and reporting challenges that will be required to be implemented over the next few years;

WHEREAS, based upon the knowledge of the finances of the City that Mauldin & Jenkins has obtained over the past few years, it is the desire of City Council to capitalize on this knowledge moving forward in taking corrective measures and establishing sound accounting processes and procedures;

WHEREAS, based upon the knowledge of the finances of the City that Mauldin & Jenkins has obtained over the past several years, Mauldin & Jenkins, LLC is in a unique position to provide exceptional accounting services and it is the desire of City Council to contract with Mauldin & Jenkins.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

The City Manager is authorized to negotiate and enter into a contract with Mauldin & Jenkins, LLC pursuant to Section Six of the City of Tifton's Purchasing

Guidelines for the fiscal year 2014-2015. The contract for services shall provide for automatic renewal for subsequent years unless terminated by the City upon 60 days notice prior to the expiration of the term or any renewal term and in accordance with the requirements of O.C.G.A. § 36-60-13.

RESOLVED by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Tifton this ___ day of May, 2015.

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J.G. "Jamie" Cater, JR.

Mayor

Attest:

_____

Rona Martin

City Clerk

TIFTON CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM

TO: Tifton City Council

FROM: Larry Riner

DATE: 3/27/2015

DEPARTMENT: City Manager's Office

DATE:	*3/27/2015*
Workshop Meeting	*(X)*
Regular Meeting	*( )*
Called Meeting	*( )*

SUBJECT: Approval of the Top Scoring Consultants for the FY2015 CDBG Project, and Authorize the City Manager to Enter Into Negotiations for Professional Services for 2015 CDBG Project

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The City of Tifton recently requested qualifications and proposals for planning, design, and administrative services for the 2015 CDBG Project Application. Qualifications were submitted by 3 engineering firms and 2 administration consultants. Formal evaluations of the firms have been completed. Staff recommends contracting engineering services for the project with Watkins & Associates and Administration Services with Bob Roberson and Associates, Inc.

PROPOSED ACTION

Accept top scoring proposals and authorize the City Manager to enter in to negotiations with the top scoring firms, Watkins & Associates and Bob Roberson and Associates, Inc. for the submittal and administration of the FY2015 CDBG.

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

Background Information

The proposed grant project consists of piping in a large drainage ditch near the Town & Country Mobile Home Park. The application will improve conditions for 349 residents by relieving flooding conditions and removing a safety hazard in the neighborhood.

Financial Implications

- Is this a budgeted item ____ yes or __X___ no. Current available budgeted amount_____.

The city will provide $116,800 in man hours to install the pipes and $92,428 cash support. Project will be budgeted in FY2016 CIP.

Pros and/or Cons

- Project, if funded, will be mostly paid for with CDBG Funds totaling $500,000 .
- $209,228 of local commitment will be accounted for in man hours and cash

Implementation

- Scott Murphy and Adam Cobb w/ ESG will oversee the project performance.

CITY OF TIFTON, GEORGIA
RESOLUTION NO. 2015-_____

[AUTHORIZE CITY MANAGER TO NEGOTIATE & EXECUTE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACTS – PIPING OF A LARGE DRAINAGE DITCH IN THE AREA OF TOWN & COUNTRY MOBILE HOME PARK]

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TIFTON, GEORGIA.

WHEREAS, the portion of the City of Tifton drainage system commonly referred to as the area near Town & County Mobile Home Park is in need of rehabilitation and improvement; and

WHEREAS, funds are available for such drainage improvement project through the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program for Fiscal Year 2015; and

WHEREAS, the City of Tifton has initiated the application process for funding through the CDBG program for such drainage system improvements, but, finds it necessary to contract for administration services with a grant writer and engineering services with a civil engineer to complete such application and all services connected thereto.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Tifton that:

(1) the City Manager is authorized to negotiate and execute professional services contracts with Bob Roberson & Associates and with Watkins & Associates Consulting Engineers, LLC to complete the requirements of the CDBG application and services connected therewith;
(2) all actions of staff thus far in initiating the grant application process are ratified and approved; and
(3) the City Manager is authorized to negotiate and execute all documents necessary to effectuate and accomplish this drainage improvement project through CDBG funding.

RESOLVED at a meeting of the City Council of the City of Tifton held on the 4th day of May, 2015.

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J. G. "JAMIE" CATER, JR.
Mayor

Attest:

_____
Rona Martin, ***City Clerk***

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Use of City Facilities

AT A MEETING OF THE
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TIFTON
HELD ON _____, 2015
A MOTION TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION

Council member _____ 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 _____ seconds the motion.

Motion Approved

Those voting in favor of the motion for closure:

Council Members:

Those voting against the motion for closure:

Council Members:

AFFIDAVIT

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

Present	Absent	
_____	_____	J. G. “Jamie” Cater, Jr.
_____	_____	Wes Ehlers
_____	_____	Christopher Parrott
_____	_____	Johnny Terrell
_____	_____	Julie Smith

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

1. I am a member of the Tifton City Council and I was present at a meeting of the City Council held on the _____ day of _____, 2015.

2. 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.

3. The subject matter of the closed meeting or closed portion of the meeting held on the _____ day of _____, 2015, 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 _____ day of _____, 2015.

_____
J. G. "Jamie" Cater, Jr.
Mayor, City of Tifton

_____
Wes Ehlers
Councilman, District 1

_____
Christopher Parrott
Councilman, District 2

_____
Johnny Terrell
Councilman, District 3

_____
Julie Smith
Councilwoman, District 4

Sworn to and subscribed before me
By all City Council members
on this _____day of
_____, 2015.

_____
Notary Public

EXECUTIVE SESSION RESOLUTION
OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TIFTON
2015-___

BE IT RESOLVED by the Tifton City Council as follows: at the meeting held on the _____ day of _____, 2015, the Council entered into executive session for the purpose of discussing:

____ Legal Matters.

____ Personnel Matters.

____ Real Estate Matters.

At the close of the discussions upon such subject(s), the Council did vote to re-enter into open session and herewith takes the following action in open session:

1. The actions of the Council and the discussion of the same regarding the matter set forth for closed session purposes are hereby ratified.

2. This body does hereby confirm that to the best of the knowledge of the body, based upon the advice of the City Attorney, the said subject matter of the meeting, and of the closed session portion was devoted to matters within the specific relevant exception(s) as set forth above.

3. The affidavit, together with this Resolution, shall be included and filed with the official minutes of the meeting and shall be in a form as required by the statute.

Approved this _____ day of _____, 2015.

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J. G. "Jamie" Cater, Jr.
Mayor, City of Tifton

ATTEST:

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Rona Martin
City Clerk