

City of Tifton  
Regular Council Workshop/Called Meeting  
January 15, 2015  
5:00 p.m.  
Tifton Municipal Courtroom  
130 E. 5<sup>th</sup> Street

**ATTENDEES**

J. G. "Jamie" Cater, Jr., Mayor  
Wes Ehlers, Council Member  
Chris Parrott, Council Member

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

Johnny Terrell, Vice Mayor (via telephone)  
Julie Smith, Council Member (absent)

Mayor Cater called the meeting to order at approximately 5:07 p.m.

Mayor Cater asked for a motion to allow Mitch Williams to make some comments. Council Member Parrott moved, seconded by Council Member Ehlers and unanimously carried to allow Mitch Williams to speak to the City Council.

Mitch Williams, owner, asked that if a person has an alcohol license and the premises has been purchased by someone else requiring them to move, can they (the alcohol licenses) be taken to another location. Mr. Williams stated if it is a circumstance the person cannot control, then the City Council needs to consider a transfer fee. Mr. Wilmot stated he would check on any prohibition of state law, and if none, then Council could consider it. Mr. Williams asked about having the licenses pro-rated as well. Rona Martin stated they are pro-rated after July 1<sup>st</sup>, where the fee is half of the normal cost. Mr. Riner stated staff can research this and bring it back to Council in February.

**PRESENTATION OF ANNUAL AUDIT – MEREDITH LIPSON OF MAULDIN & JENKINS**

Meredith Lipson of Mauldin & Jenkins, stated the June 30, 2014 audit was completed and filed with the state by the December 31<sup>st</sup> deadline. She provided a handout of the Audit Agenda and the Annual Financial Report ending June 30, 2014. She reviewed the audit opinion, stating a modified opinion was issued which is a clean opinion. She discussed the General Fund assets and liabilities. She reviewed the income statement of the General Fund at a net increase of \$723,336. She reviewed the statement of revenues, expenditures and changes in fund balances. She stated every department came in under budget enabling the fund balance to grow. She reviewed the proprietary funds which are the enterprise funds. She stated there were not significant increases or decreases. She reviewed the statement of cash flows from operations. She stated these funds, with the exception of the Theatre, generated positive cash flows. She reviewed the notes to financial statements with regard to deposits and investments, receivables, capital assets, long-term debt, pension plan, interfund balances and transfers, etc. She discussed the independent auditor's report on internal control over financial report and on compliance and other matters based on an audit of financial statements performed in accordance with Government Auditing Standards. She discussed the two findings 1) the GMA Lease Pool and 2) Accounts Receivable Software and Reports (MS Govern). Council Member Ehlers asked about the findings. Ms. Love stated the first finding is a matter of reclassification. She stated the second one, we are working with Govern to get the reports corrected. Ms. Lipson discussed the state regulations requirements for pension plans liability.

**DISCUSSION OF 2014 COMMUNITY RATING SYSTEM RECERTIFICATION (HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN)**

Scott Murphy, ESG, Inc., gave an update to the existing plan. He stated this update is a federal requirement. He stated in 2002 the federal government passed legislation that all communities had to have a hazard mitigation plan in place if they wanted to be eligible for federal dollars. He stated this provides better security and streamlines any coordination effort allowing for a quicker recovery time. He stated the update consists of a new Emergency Operations Center housing E-911 and IT personnel. He stated this also includes a community emergency management response team. He stated there is a plan for the relocation of residents affected by a disaster, an implementation of an early warning system and we've been certified as a storm rated community. He stated this was a countywide effort in developing the update to the plan. He reviewed statistics involving various types of disasters. He discussed the upcoming 8% reduction of insurance for constituents.

#### **DISCUSSION OF SURPLUSING OF OLD FIRE STATION**

Larry Riner, City Manager, stated he would like the current location of city hall, when vacated, be declared surplus in order to put it back on the tax rolls. He stated an appraisal will be done and an RFP done for sale of the property. He stated we will take sealed proposals or bids.

#### **RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LICENSE FOR SHELL FOOD MART LOCATED AT 2302 US HWY. 41. N.**

Rona Martin, City Clerk stated this change is for an amended alcohol license changing the corporate name and removing the sale of wine from the license. She stated a background check on Mr. Bokhari revealed to relevant violations.

#### **BOARD REPORT**

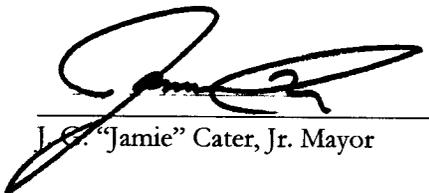
Rona Martin reviewed the report for the year. She stated Greg Anderson need to be reappointed to the Tifton/Tift County Airport Authority and there is still a vacancy on the Zoning Board of Appeals. Mayor Cater stated he will speak to Greg Anderson about reappointment. She stated this will be on the agenda for February 2, 2015.

#### **CALLED MEETING**

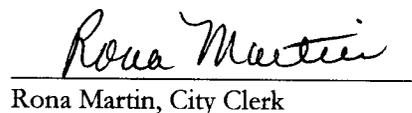
#### **EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS PERSONNEL, REAL ESTATE AND/OR LEGAL MATTERS**

The executive session was not held due to a quorum not being physically present at the meeting after Mayor Cater recused himself. Council Member Terrell was present only via conference call.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:00 p.m.



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



Rona Martin, City Clerk