

City of Tifton
Regular Council Workshop/Called Meeting
June 18, 2015
5:00 p.m.
City Hall Council Chambers
130 E. 1st Street

ATTENDEES:

Johnny Terrell, Vice Mayor
Wes Ehlers, Council Member
Julie Smith, Council Member

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

Vice Mayor Terrell called the meeting to order at approximately 5:08 p.m.

PRESENTATION BY ASSISTANT CHIEF RAYMOND DRENNON

Assistant Chief Raymond Drennon presented a plaque to Sergeant Donnie Cooper for 40 years of service upon his retirement at the end of June.

PUBLIC HEARING FOR JAG GRANT – RAYMOND DRENNON

Assistant Chief Drennon stated this is a yearly grant, the Edward Byrne Grant at \$10,600. He stated it is based on crime rate. He stated it has been used to pay for overtime. He stated they looked at using the funds for purchasing cameras, however that will be cost prohibitive. He stated they are looking at other options.

No one made any comments regarding the grant. Vice Mayor Terrell closed the public hearing.

DISCUSSION OF FRISBEE GOLF COURSE IN FULWOOD PARK

Council Member Smith stated the Outreach Marketing Group is organized to draw activities to our community and take place mostly in the downtown. She discussed some of those events. She introduced Patrick Kunes and asked him to speak on Frisbee golf. She stated we have the opportunity to apply for a tourism grant. Mr. Kunes reviewed a drawing of Fulwood Park outlining a proposed Frisbee disc golf course. He stated this is for a 12 hole course. He discussed the map and gave a brief overview of how disc golf works. He stated this will not interfere with other uses in the park. He stated this will probably come in under \$10,000. He stated there are disc golf tournaments coming up in July in other areas. He stated this is a fast growing sport. He stated this is free and only a Frisbee is needed. He suggested obtaining hole sponsorships and discussed matching funds. He stated there are courses in Valdosta, Moultrie, Albany and other areas. He stated the travel grant will be due at the end of the month. Council Member Smith asked that Mr. Riner get with Mr. Kunes. She stated this grant was through the Georgia Tourism Association. Mr. Riner stated we would have to come up with the cash or inkind match. He stated this could be on the July meeting for authorization to apply for the grant and also permission to use Fulwood Park for this type of function.

DISCUSSION OF PROPOSED FACILITIES RENTAL AGREEMENT FOR THE MYON CITY HALL COMPLEX

Rona Martin reviewed a proposed facilities rental agreement for the Myon City Hall Complex. She stated this is a working facility and as such the recommendation of staff will be to rental the facility on Friday evenings and Saturdays only. She stated due to the historic nature of the building we need to be careful in the types of events that will be held with regards to damage of the building. She stated events such as weddings, receptions, private parties and corporate events are some to be considered. She stated no events where there is a charge to come into the building would be held. She stated there will be security

deposit recommended at \$400. She stated the suggested hour would be up to 10:00 p.m., with the vacating of the building completed by 12:00 midnight. She mentioned that the alcohol would not be allowed unless specifically authorized by the city manager. She stated permits could possibly be obtained through the normal process. She stated building supervisors would be used. She discussed the lessee requirements. She stated the suggested rental would be a ½ day at \$500, and a whole day at \$800 with additional costs for the use of the kitchen. Council Member Ehlers stated one way to mitigate any damages, property injury, etc., would be to eliminate alcohol inside city hall. He stated he is almost for that in all of our city buildings. Ms. Martin stated that would be up to Council. Council Member Smith asked that it be left in because of weddings and having champagne toasts, etc. would be available. She stated with these type of events, serving alcohol would be an expectation. Mr. Wilmot stated under the contract, if folks get out of hand the lessee must have them removed and if not, the building supervisor can remove them. Ms. Martin stated that building supervisors would have to be reliable to manage properly and the city will employ those folks. Vice Mayor Terrell asked about the one day permit. Ms. Martin stated this would be the same process that is normally used. Mr. Ehlers stated his concern is that this is a historic place. Mr. Terrell asked about those who live in nearby apartments at the timeframe. Ms. Martin stated any activity would have to end by 10:00 p.m. and out of the building by 12:00 midnight. Mr. Riner stated we do not envision any concerts or bar type venues.

DISCUSSION OF PROPOSED STREET LIGHT POLICY

Mr. Riner stated we have a proposed written policy before you for street lights to provide for public safety, pedestrian and vehicular traffic as well as for budgeting purposes. He stated street lights are very expensive and discussed those costs. He stated applications will come to the city manager for approval with recommendations from the Police Department as well. He asked for comments before the July council meeting. Council Member Ehlers asked about lighting in subdivisions. Mr. Riner stated subdivision developers are required to put in all amenities such as streetlights, sidewalks, etc. during construction. He stated there is a warranty period that, when expired, the city will take on the responsibility of the lighting.

DISCUSSION OF RESOLUTION AMENDING THE POLICY FOR THE HONORARY NAMING OF CITY OWNED STREETS, PROPERTIES AND FACILITIES TO PROVIDE FOR THE DESIGNATION OF "HISTORIC LANDMARK" STATUS

Ms. Martin discussed the current policy. She stated this agreement is to provide for amendment of the policy allowing for the designation of "Historic Landmark" status. She stated the actual amendment is for the naming of certain private properties or facilities for the designation of "Historic Landmark" status. She stated this would be for permanent status rather than a sunset time. Council Member Smith asked about some type of signage. Ms. Martin stated there is a certain type of signage or emblem for such designation.

RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR ADOPTION OF THE FY2016 CITY OF TIFTON BUDGET

Mr. Riner stated we have had the presentations to Council in addition to the public hearing. He stated this will be covered in the called meeting.

RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LICENSE FOR DEEPLAXMI, INC. DBA JAY'S FOOD MART LOCATED AT 10 SANDRA DRIVE

Rona Martin stated this business is under new ownership. She stated this is for a malt and wine beverage package retail license. She stated a background check on the owner Amitkumar Parmar and manager, Jose Alvarado revealed no violations. She stated staff recommends approval of the request.

BOARD REPORT

Ms. Martin reviewed the board report stating the Bobbie Robinson wishes to continue on the Planning and Zoning Commission while Tommy Nalls does not. She stated there are two vacancies on the Tree Board and two applications from Lorie Felton and Elizabeth Moss for consideration.

LEASING OF RECYCLING FACILITY TO GOLDEN ENVIRONMENTAL

City Attorney Rob Wilmot stated this is for your information, lease the recycling facility, year to year lease. He stated the property is owned 50/50 by the city and county. He stated the agreement will be submitted to the County as well for review and approval. Council Member Ehlers asked about the recycling. Mr. Riner stated he is meeting with Mr. Golden on Monday and will discuss that as well. He stated August 3rd will be the first day of collection, with containers being set out mid-July. He stated the cans have arrived.

CALLED MEETING

Vice Mayor Terrell called the meeting to order.

RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE FY2016 CITY OF TIFTON BUDGET

Mr. Riner stated we've had input from department heads, a public hearing on June 11, 2015 and have a finalized budget. Mr. Riner asked that Council approve the budget presented at the public hearing as is. He stated the budget is \$40,938,000 and balanced. He asked for questions. Council Member Smith asked how the service fund is calculated and if it was a percentage, etc. Mr. Riner stated the service fund is \$2.9 million, where the fund is split among all of the funds, general, water, sewer, gas, solid waste. He stated it is split equally across all funds. Ms. Love stated that once it gets to the general fund then a percentage of each department's budget is used. Ms. Smith asked about confiscated funds. Mr. Riner stated these funds are from arrests, etc. She asked why that is down. Ms. Love stated that is based on actual previous collections and what is available at that time. She asked when Boo Drive will be paid for. Ms. Love stated she will check on that. Ms. Smith asked about SPLOST and what happens to projects that go away, how do we use those dollars. Mr. Riner stated those are voted on by referendum and should not go away. She asked specifically about the fire department and what would happen to those funds. He stated there is a specific process in the event that the interlocal is dissolved. He stated the interlocal agreement is whatever you had when you joined forces you keep and anything purchased, and including cash after the agreement is enter into, is split. She asked about the water meters issue and if it was resolved. Mr. Riner stated the warranty issue is outstanding and is being addressed. She asked about the timeframe for additional phases of the Myon restoration. He stated nothing is scheduled at this time. She asked about the automated license plate camera system. Council Member Ehlers asked if we should wait on the vote for the Mayor and Council Member Parrott. Mr. Riner recommended we move forward, there is a quorum, and he has not received in additional comments from the Mayor or Mr. Parrott. Mr. Wilmot stated this is the advertised date for adoption as required by law. Mr. Ehlers stated he was just offering the courtesy the other two members.

Council Member Smith moved, seconded by Council Member Ehlers and unanimously carried to adopt the FY2016 City of Tifton Budget as presented.

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

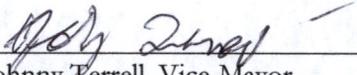
Council Member Smith moved, seconded by Council Member Ehlers and unanimously carried to enter into Executive Session to discuss Personnel, Real Estate and Legal Matters.

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

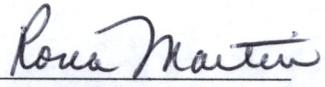
RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

There being to further business, the meeting was adjourned.



Johnny Ferrell, Vice-Mayor



Rona Martin, City Clerk

**AT A MEETING OF THE
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TIFTON
HELD ON 6/18, 2015
A MOTION TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Council member Smith 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 Ehlers seconds the motion.

Motion Approved

Those voting in favor of the motion for closure:

Council Members:

Johnny Terrell Julie Smith
Wes Ehlers

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:

<u>Present</u>	<u>Absent</u>	
_____	_____ ✓	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 18th day of June, 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 18th day of June, 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 18th day of June, 2015.

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

[Signature]
 Wes Ehlers
 Councilman, District 1

 Christopher Parrott
 Councilman, District 2

[Signature]
 Johnny Terrell
 Councilman, District 3

[Signature]
 Julie Smith
 Councilwoman, District 4

Sworn to and subscribed before me
 By all City Council members
 on this 18th day of
June, 2015.

[Signature]
 Notary Public

