

City of Tifton
Regular Council Workshop/Called Meeting
July 21, 2015
5:00 p.m.
City Hall Council Chambers
130 E. 1st Street

ATTENDEES:

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

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

DISCUSSION OF REQUEST FOR LARRY DEAN SIGN

Mr. Riner stated this type of request would need to be forwarded to the Georgia DOT via City Council for approval. He stated the applicant will pay for the sign. Vice Mayor Terrell asked that it be sent to DOT. Mr. Riner stated we have a street naming policy however; it does not apply to DOT rights of ways. Council Member Smith suggested we have something like the civic clubs as part of the policy. Mr. Riner reminded them of the street naming policy currently in place. General discussion was held regarding this matter. Vice Mayor Terrell asked that the letter be sent to DOT for consideration.

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE CALENDAR YEAR 2015 TAX DIGEST AND M&O LEVY AND SETTING THE MILLAGE RATE BASED ON THE FINAL 2015 TAX DIGEST

Lois Love, Finance Director stated this resolution was for adoption of the final millage rate, tax digest and M&O Levy. She stated the official millage rate for 2015 tax digest is for 9.759 mills.

RESOLUTION ISSUING A NOTICE OF ELECTION

Rona Martin, City Clerk stated this resolution provides for the 11/3/15 elections which includes the mayoral seat and districts two and four council seats. She stated the Elections Division of Tift County holds the election for us and requires approval by City Council. She stated the qualifying period is August 31 – September 4, 2015, 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. each day.

RESOLUTION ADOPTING CHIP POLICY & PROCEDURES

Jessica Jones stated the Georgia Department of Community Affairs has developed new policies and procedures for the Community Home Investment Program and requires the City to adopt those updated policies and procedures before using any CHIP funding. She stated the Tift County Community Development will administer the grant and the new policies and procedures. Discussion was held regarding awareness of the program and getting the word out to the citizens.

RESOLUTION DECLARING TWO ACRES LOCATED ON GOLDEN ROAD AS SURPLUS PROPERTY

Mr. Riner stated this property is near our lift station on W. Golden Road. He stated ESG has looked at this property and has no need for it. He asked that this property be placed back on the tax rolls.

RESOLUTION ADOPTING A POLICY FOR COMPETITIVE NEGOTIATION QUALIFICATIONS –BASED SELECTION FOR PROJECTS USING FEDERAL AID HIGHWAY PROGRAM (FAHP) FUNDING

Ms. Jones stated this resolution is for adopting a policy as a result of our SAFETEA Lou program. She stated this is in line with the Brooks act. She stated this assures that we have a policy in place for following the proper procedures for procurement.

RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LICENSE FOR SUNMART, HANUMANT, LLC

Ms. Martin stated this resolution is being requested for a new business owner of Sunmart located at on S. Central Avenue. She stated a background check was done on Paresh Patel which revealed a charge of driving under the influence and a hit and run and that his license is currently suspended. She discussed the requirements of the alcohol ordinance. She stated staff is recommending denial of the request.

RESOLUTION ABANDONING ALLEY BESIDE DAIRY QUEEN RUNNING SOUTH OF HWY. 82 WEST

Mr. Riner stated this is by the Dairy Queen on HWY. 82. He stated they are waiting on the signature of one property owner. He reviewed the plat map.

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF DDA SUBMITTAL OF DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT REVOLVING LOAN FUND APPLICATION

Lequrica Gaskins stated this resolution is a request for an application with the DCA for revolving loan funds for a restaurant project in the downtown area.

RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR ENTERPRISE ZONE APPLICATION BY BRIAN ATWATER FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 622 TIFT AVENUE

Council Member Julie Smith recused herself from the discussion of the Enterprise Zone Applications located at 633 and 810 Tift Avenue. Ms. Martin reviewed the enterprise zone application and incentives for the application for 622 Tift Avenue.

RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR ENTERPRISE ZONE APPLICATION BY BRIAN ATWATER FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 810 TIFT AVENUE

Council Member Julie Smith recused herself from the discussion of the Enterprise Zone Applications located at 633 and 810 Tift Avenue. Ms. Martin reviewed the enterprise zone application and incentives for the application for 810 Tift Avenue.

CALLED MEETING

Council Member Terrell called the meeting to order.

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE CALENDAR YEAR 2015 TAX DIGEST AND M&O LEVY AND SETTING THE MILLAGE RATE BASED ON THE FINAL 2015 TAX DIGEST

Council Member Parrott moved, seconded by Council Member Ehlers and unanimously carried to approve the CY 2015 Tax Digest and M&O Levy and setting the millage rate based on the final 2015 Tax Digest.

RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR NOTICE OF ELECTION

Council Member Ehlers moved, seconded by Council Member Parrott and unanimously carried to adopt a Resolution providing for Issuing Notice of Election.

There being to further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Johnny Terrell

Johnny Terrell, Vice-Mayor

Rona Martin

Rona Martin, City Clerk