

City of Tifton
Regular Council Workshop/Called Meeting
August 20, 2015
5:00 p.m.
City Hall Council Chambers
130 E. 1st Street

ATTENDEES:

Mayor Jamie Cater, Jr.
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 5:05 p.m.

PRESENTATION OF PROCLAMATION FOR ALZHEIMER'S MONTH

Mayor Cater read and presented a proclamation for naming September as Alzheimer's Month, to Dan Phillips of the Alzheimer's Association.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION – LOIS LOVE

Lois Love, Finance Director, recognized Megan Lightfoot for her completion of the Department of Justice Course required as part of the Accounting Policies and Procedures submitted to the USDOJ. She discussed Megan's exceptional work in the department. Ms. Love also recognized Karen Sanders for completion of the UGA Level I Financial Course. She also recently completed her internal controls level II class. Ms. Love praised her for her work ethic, loyalty and support of management.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION – JULIE SMITH

Council Member Smith introduced Jared Ross to speak regarding a recent experience he had with Donna Pate and other Utilities Department employees. Mr. Ross discussed significant plumbing issues at his apartment complex that occurred on a Friday afternoon. Mr. Ross stated that Donna Pate went above and beyond for him in resolving his problem. He stated there were three families that were without sewer service. He stated a crew came out that very afternoon and completed the work. He stated he was very impressed with the customer service along with a follow up call from Mrs. Pate on Monday morning. He thanked Ms. Pate and the entire crew for the work they did. Ms. Pate discussed the crew and process for their hard work. Mr. Ross thanked Donna once again for her good work.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION - BUBBA HARRISON

Mr. Harrison expressed his thanks and recognition of the Tifton Police Department for their service during a minor vehicle accident he was involved in. He also thanked Council for the ABAC Welcome Back Banners. He also expressed thanks for a pleasant experience with code enforcement.

PROPOSAL TO PURCHASE LANDFILL COMPACTOR – RICKY HOBBY

Mr. Hobby stated five proposals were sent out with four being returned. He stated the four returned all met specifications. He stated funds will come from the GMA Lease Pool and are budgeted at \$700,000 in the CIP Program. He stated this machine will replace a 2010 Bomag compactor and provides for a five year buy back of the machine. He stated this also includes a 5 year/7500 hour bumper to bumper warranty and preventative maintenance contract. He reviewed the proposals. He stated staff recommends awarding the proposal to Yancey Brothers Company for \$683,134 and a net cost of \$504,884. He stated this is not the lowest proposal and discussed the reasons for the recommendation as a heavier machine

for better compaction, 24 hour service calls, accessibility of parts, minimum downtime, equipped with full 360 degree viewing area, equipment carries a better cleat formation for slopes, easier maneuverability when machine is down, and excellent past experience with CAT equipment and services.

DISCUSSION OF DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE SUBMITTAL OF ACCOUNTING POLICIES/PROCEDURES – LOIS LOVE

Ms. Love stated this is a resolution to adopt the listed revised and new accounting policies and procedures as required by the US Department of Justice. She discussed the FY2013 Audit and the six findings, where five were questioned by the Department of Justice. She stated a corrective plan was required by the DOJ and as such these policies and procedures have been developed and will be implemented by the departments. She stated the submittal deadline is August 31, 2015. She requested approval of the resolution and the accounting policies and procedures.

RESOLUTION DECLARING PROPERTIES SLUM/BLIGHT, COMMERCE WAY – LARRY RINER

Mr. Riner stated this is for Davis Music Building and adjacent buildings on Commerce Way. He stated this is an application for a CDBG Redevelopment Fund Grant with a \$300,000 maximum that can be used for purchase and demolition of the properties. He stated these buildings are in a sad state of repair and requested that Council approve the resolution for submittal of the grant application.

DISCUSSION OF SURPLUS PROPERTY BIDS – LARRY RINER

Mr. Riner stated bids for five surplus properties owned by the City were opened on August 11, 2015. He stated one came in above the appraisal value, 816 Love Avenue. He asked that this bid be approved at \$50,000 stating the appraised value was \$10,000. He reviewed the other four bids stating they all came in below the appraised value. He asked that these bids be rejected and then rebid. Mr. Riner discussed the requirements for bids stating they have to meet fair market value. Mr. Wilmot explained that based on state law, fair market value as what one is willing to pay for a property. Mr. Riner stated we are looking at something close to the appraised value.

DISCUSSION OF LANDMARK STATUS MARKERS – LARRY RINER

Mr. Riner stated we now have a policy for this. He stated there are many types of markers, etc. He suggested a committee be formed to work with staff to come up with a standardized sign for use and branding. Mayor Cater stated he wanted to think about it and asked Council to send him an email.

DISCUSSION OF SEPTEMBER MEETING – RONA MARTIN

Mr. Martin stated the September meeting falls on Labor Day weekend. She suggested the meeting be moved to 9/8 or 9/14/15. Consensus was the meeting would be held on 9/8/15.

RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LICENSE FOR WAL-MART STORES EAST, 1810 N. TIFT AVENUE – RONA MARTIN

Ms. Martin stated this was for the new Wal-Mart grocery going up on N. Tift Avenue. She stated John Dillard is the new manager and has no negative background. She stated staff recommends approval of this request.

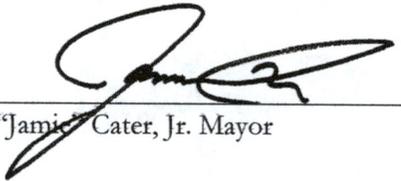
CALLED MEETING

Mayor Cater called the meeting to order.

**RESOLUTION ADOPTING ACCOUNTING POLICIES AND PROCEDURES FOR
SUBMITTAL TO THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE**

Council Member Parrott moved, seconded by Council Member Terrell and unanimously carried to adopt a Resolution providing for Accounting Policies and Procedures for submittal to the Department of Justice.

There being to further business, the meeting was adjourned.



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



Rona Martin, City Clerk

