

**CITY OF TIFTON  
WORKSHOP/CALLED MEETING  
September 17, 2015  
5:00 p.m.  
Tifton City Hall  
130 E. 1st Street**

**ATTENDEES**

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

Larry Riner, City Manager  
Rob Wilmot, City Attorney  
Jessica Jones, Deputy Clerk

**SPECIAL RECOGNITION & AWARDS PRESENTED BY FIRE CHIEF MICHAEL COLEMAN**

Members of the Tifton/Tift County Fire Department, EMS, Tift County Sheriff's Department, Tift County 911, and Tifton County EMA were present at the meeting to show support of all the men and women who assisted in saving a life during a recent house fire. Chief Coleman stated it was a tradition of the Fire Department to issue Life Safety Awards to members of the department who made physical contact and rescued a victim of a fire. Chief Coleman stated on August 29, 2015, Ms. Cheryl Ellerbe was rescued from her residence after it caught fire; and those taking part in her rescue should be commended for their part in the rescue. Life Safety Awards were presented to firemen Lindsey Tucker, Dustin Sanders, George Cirilo, and Jacob Gill. Shift Captain Tim Cooper had the honor of formally pinning each Fireman with the Life Safety Award. Chief Coleman also presented Commendation Coins to Marquita Powell and Kaja Mobley with Tift County 911, Volunteer Firefighter Don Sumner, Chris Spires with Tift County Sheriff's Office, and Eddie Brown and Riley Rutherford with Tift County EMS. Chief Coleman mentioned all these individuals played a very important role in Ms. Ellerbe's successful rescue. Ms. Cheryl Ellerbe was also present at the meeting and showed gratitude to everyone for rescuing her from the fire.

**DISCUSSION OF RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR ENTERPRISE ZONE APPLICATION FOR 41 AND MAIN, LLC, LOCATED AT 343 MAIN STREET**

Mr. Riner mentioned the enterprise zone application being presented is for a new restaurant coming to downtown. Mr. Riner stated staff is recommending approval of the application, which will provide the owners with incentives for reduced fees for city services and tax abatements for opening a business in the city's enterprise zone.

**DISCUSSION OF CITY OF TIFTON 2015 LMIG PROJECT**

Mr. Riner mentioned bids were received on August 12, 2015 for the 2015 LMIG Project, which will resurface portions of Murray Avenue, Chestnut Avenue, and Hall Avenue. Lowest bid received was from East Coast Asphalt in the amount of \$199,968.90. Staff is requesting bid be awarded to the lowest bidder, East Coast Asphalt.

**DISCUSSION OF APPLICATION PROVIDING FOR HONORARY DESIGNATION/LANDMARK STATUS FOR FULWOOD GARDEN CENTER**

Mr. Riner mentioned the Council of Garden Clubs of Tifton have made application for Honorary Designation/Landmark Status for Fulwood Garden Center. Mr. Riner mentioned staff is recommending approval of the application. He further stated the landmark sign committee will soon be presenting council with designs for the sign which will be placed at the landmark properties.



**DISCUSSION OF SURPLUS PROPERTY BIDS**

Mr. Riner stated bids were received on September 9, 2015 for 2.6 acres of surplus property located off of Golden Road. Mr. Riner mentioned this property is mainly swamp land and staff recommends accepting the highest bid for the property in the amount of \$8,551.50 to Mr. Brian Atwater. Mr. Riner stated at the October Council Meeting staff will request award of bid to Mr. Atwater and request authorization for the City Manager to execute the deeds for the property.

**CALLED MEETING**

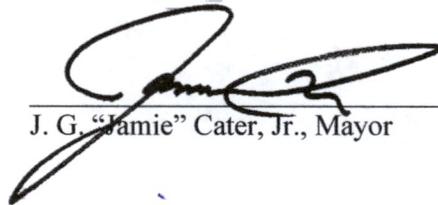
**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Jamie Cater called the meeting to order at 5:27 pm.

**RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR ENTERPRISE ZONE APPLICATION FOR 41 AND MAIN, LLC**

Council Member Wes Ehlers made the first motion for approval of the resolution and Council Member Johnny Terrell second the motion. All members present were in favor, motion passed unanimously.

There being no further business to discuss, meeting was adjourned.



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



Jessica Jones, Deputy Clerk