

**TIFTON CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
WORKSHOP/SPECIAL CALLED MEETING
MAY 23, 2016
CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS
5:30 PM**

ATTENDEES

Mayor Julie Smith

Vice Mayor Wes Ehlers

Council Member Jack Folk

Council Member Johnny Terrell

Larry Riner, City Manager

Jessica Jones, City Clerk

Rob Wilmot, City Attorney

Absent: Council Member Frank Sayles

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Smith called the meeting order at 5:30 PM

SPECIAL PRESENTATION TO FORESTINE CROCKETT ON HER RETIRMENT & CELEBRATING 39 YEARS OF

SERVICE WITH THE CITY OF TIFTON Mayor Julie Smith presented a proclamation to Ms. Crockett for her service to the city and thanked her for her many years of service. Beth Thacker and Gail Drayton also presented a plaque to Ms. Crockett and expressed their appreciation and friendship to her as coworkers.

GEFA GRANT FUNDING FOR SOLAR ENERGY PROJECT AT WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT

(GREENAVATIONS) Mr. Riner mentioned sometime back Greenavations on behalf of the City of Tifton submitted an application to GEFA requesting funding for a 1-megawatt solar plant at the wastewater treatment facility. Mr. Riner mentioned the grant and loan application have been approved, but because of the rising costs associated with the solar plant; Mr. Riner suggests not moving forward with the project. Mr. Riner stated if energy cost were rising each year, the plan would be reasonable, but Colquitt EMC has only had one rate increase in the past seventeen years. Mr. Riner mentioned Council Member Folk and Council Member Ehlers have both reviewed the funding requirements, and staff is not recommending moving forward with the project at this time.

DECLARING SURPLUS PROPERTY – UNNAMED ALLEY BETWEEN POPLAR STREET & CYPRESS STREET

Mr. Riner stated in the council packet is a map showing the alley to be surplus. He mentioned the alley will be offered to the adjacent property owners and closed to the public.

DECLARING SURPLUS PROPERTY – UNNAMED ALLEY BETWEEN 7TH STREET AND 11TH STREET

Mr. Riner stated the unnamed alley is between 7th Street and 11th Street off of Magnolia Drive and Timmons Street. Mr. Riner mentioned he has met with many of the property owners, and a solution has been made for closing the alley. Mr. Riner stated utilities and fire hydrants are located within the alley and proper easements will be kept to maintain the infrastructure within the alley. Mr. Riner mentioned the intent is to block off the alley because of traffic and other issues taking place within the alley.

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE CDBG REDEVELOPMENT FUND GRANT MOU WITH DDA

Mr. Riner mentioned the Memorandum of Understanding is for the Commerce Way Parking Project. Mr. Riner mentioned the MOU is the last component to applying for the grant funding. The proposed

MOU states the responsibilities of the City of Tifton and DDA. DDA has agreed to provide up to \$70,000 in funding for the project, if approved.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE AGREEMENT FOR FUNDING FROM THE EPD HAZARDOUS WASTE TRUST FUND

Mr. Ricky Hobby, Landfill Director, mentioned the resolution is a continuation to the resolution adopted in October 2015. Mr. Hobby mentioned EPD has additional funding available to cover eligible costs incurred for maintaining the landfill. Mr. Hobby mentioned the resolution will give the City Manager permission to accept funds in the amount of \$36,441.00 from the Hazard Waste Trust Fund. Reimbursement funds will be deposited back into the operating account for the Landfill.

ORDINANCE AMENDING THE REQUIREMENTS FOR ADULT ENTERTAINMENT ESTABLISHMENTS

Mr. Wilmot mentioned the city's current adult entertainment ordinance does not address adult novelty shops and the presented ordinance will amend the code to include requirements for adult novelty shops. Mr. Wilmot stated the adult novelty shops will have to meet the requirements of the ordinance and minors will not be permitted in areas where adult novelties are displayed. There were no comments on the proposed ordinance.

ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR ALCOHOL SALES AT FESTIVALS

Mr. Wilmot mentioned the ordinance was drafted somewhat similar to the festival requirements in Savannah, Georgia. Mr. Wilmot mentioned the City Council will be able to set areas of a festival to purchase and drink alcohol, and wristbands will be sold to participants who wish to purchase and drink alcohol at the festival. Mayor Smith mentioned this ordinance will allow for festivals to generate funds to help recoup costs for security and labor for the event. Council briefly discussed the ordinance.

DISCUSSION OF BIDS FOR WESTSIDE AND CHULA FIRE STATIONS

Mr. Riner mentioned this is the second time these projects have been bid. Mr. Riner stated the bids received came in high again, and he has spoken with county manager Jim Carter about the bids. Mr. Riner and Mr. Carter discussed the bids, and the county has agreed to pave the Chula Fire Station in house after the division of assets occurs following the County taking over operations of the County Stations. Mr. Riner mentioned he has forwarded a memo to council from Mr. Carter agreeing to take over the Chula Fire Station Project. Staff recommendation is to reject bids received for paving at the Chula and Westside Fire Stations.

DISCUSSION OF LETTERS RECEIVED FROM TIFT COUNTY

Mr. Riner mentioned Tift County has sent letters requesting reimbursement for costs incurred for repairing utility cuts made on county roads. Mr. Riner stated staff is looking into the request and has requested additional information from Tift County in order to make a recommendation to council. The city is still trying to identify the correct amount of costs incurred for the utility cuts, but the requested amount is an estimated \$324,000.00. Mr. Riner mentioned the county has also withheld the joint SPLOST distribution for the month. Discussion was held on the request to cover costs incurred for utility cuts on county roads. Mr. Riner mentioned the county did request the city to repair the road cuts, but the repair standards required by the county were basically DOT standards. Mr. Riner mentioned the roads that have been repaired by the county were not repaired to the same standards as requested of

the city. Mr. Riner mentioned the city was never given the opportunity to make the repairs by any other specs. Council held a discussion on the letters and the county's request for reimbursement.

CHANGING DATE FOR JULY COUNCIL MEETING

Ms. Jones mentioned the July Council Meeting falls on July 4th Holiday and normally the council changes the meeting to the following week. Staff is proposing changing the meeting date to July 11, 2016 at 5:30 pm.

SPECIAL CALLED MEETING

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE AGREEMENT FOR FUNDING FROM THE EPD HAZARDOUS WASTE TRUST FUND

Motion was made by Council Member Wes Ehlers, seconded by Council Member Johnny Terrell, and unanimously carried to adopt the resolution.

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

Motion was made by Council Member Wes Ehlers to go into executive session for legal reasons, seconded by Council Member Johnny Terrell, and unanimously carried.

Meeting closed to executive session

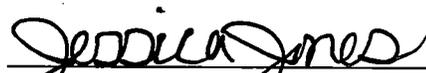
RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion was made by Council Member Johnny Terrell, seconded by Council Member Jack Folk, and unanimously carried to adopt the resolution.

There being no further business to discuss, meeting adjourned.



Julie Smith, Mayor



Jessica Jones, City Clerk

**AT A MEETING OF THE
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TIFTON
HELD ON May 23, 2016
A MOTION TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Council member Folk 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 Terrell seconds the motion.

Motion Approved

Those voting in favor of the motion for closure:

Council Members: Wes Ehlers
Julie Smith

Those voting against the motion for closure:

Council Members: N/A

AFFIDAVIT

Personally appeared before the undersigned attesting officer, duly authorized to administer oaths in the State of Georgia:

<u>Present</u>	<u>Absent</u>	
<u>✓</u>	<u>SS SS</u>	Julie B. Smith
<u>✓</u>	_____	Wes Ehlers
<u>✓</u>	_____	Jack Folk
<u>✓</u>	_____	Johnny Terrell
_____	<u>✓</u>	Frank Sayles

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 23 day of May, 2016.

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 23 day of May, 2016, 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 23 day of may, 2016.

Julie Smith
 Julie Smith
 Mayor, City of Tifton

Wes Ehlers
 Wes Ehlers
 Councilman, District 1

Jack Folk
 Jack Folk
 Councilman, District 2

John Terrell
 John Terrell
 Councilman, District 3

Frank Sayles, Jr.
 Frank Sayles, Jr.
 Councilwoman, District 4

Sworn to and subscribed before me
 By all City Council members
 on this 23rd day of

May, 2016
Jessica Jones
 Notary Public

