

**CITY OF TIFTON
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
NOVEMBER 17, 2016
5:30 PM
TIFTON CITY HALL**

Attendees

Mayor Julie Smith

Vice Mayor Wes Ehlers

Council Member Jack Folk

Council Member Johnny Terrell

Council Member Frank Sayles

Hunter Walker, Interim City Manager

Jessica Jones, City Clerk

Rob Wilmot, City Attorney

Public Hearing to Discuss a Proposed Text Amendment to the Land Development Code, Chapter 4, Section 4.03.31(d)(1) which would Modify Distance Requirements for Tattoo Parlors or Body Piercing Establishments

City Attorney Rob Wilmot opened the public hearing and overviewed the proposed amendments which would modify the LDC distance requirements so that tattoo parlors and body piercing establishments cannot be located within 1,000 feet of a property zoned for residential zone uses. Mr. Wilmot stated the current requirement states that a tattoo parlor or body piercing establishment cannot be located within 1,000 feet of a parcel which is either used or zoned residential. Mr. Wilmot opened the public hearing up for public comment, but no one spoke. There being no public comments the public hearing was closed.

Call to Order

Mayor Julie Smith called the meeting to order at approximately 5:36 PM.

Discussion of Proposed Text Amendment to the LDC which would Modify Distance Requirements for Tattoo Parlors or Body Piercing Establishments

Mr. Houston Shultz mentioned the proposed text amendment as presented by Mr. Wilmot was brought before the Planning and Zoning Board and was unanimously approved. Vice Mayor Ehlers mentioned the Council should consider the neighborhood located near the proposed tattoo parlor location. Vice Mayor Ehlers and Council Member Terrell asked if the residents of the Town and Country Mobile Home Park were notified of the proposed change and tattoo parlor business location. Since the residents were not informed, Mr. Terrell mentioned he would reach out to the residents in the area about the proposed change and report back. Discussion was held on the topic and will be voted on at the December Council Meeting.

Discussion of Distance Requirements for Tattoo Parlors or Body Piercing Establishments located within 300 Feet of a Bar

Council briefly discussed the requirements and asked Mr. Wilmot to draft a proposed amendment to delete the 300-foot requirement because it limits the possibility of future development.

Resolution Approving a 3% COLA for Eligible Retirees to Begin January 2017

Mr. Hunter Walker mentioned the proposed 3% COLA would be given to 12 employees whom entered retirement at 65 years of age or after. Mr. Walker mentioned seventeen employees are entitled

to the automatic 3% COLA based on their retirement plan agreement, but the twelve presented employees must be voted on and approved each year in order to receive the increase. The 3% increase for the twelve retirees would be an increase of \$207.97. Council discussed the COLA increase and questioned the 3% increase. Mr. Wilmot stated the 3% is the standard amount the city has given in the past. Council inquired if the increase could be based on factors such as inflation or Social Security increase. Staff will review the retirement plan and report back to council at the December Meeting.

Discussion of Proposals Received for Traveling Bridge Filter at Wastewater Treatment Plant

Mr. Pete Pyrzenski stated ESG staff has reviewed all the proposals received for the traveling bridge filter and requested council's approval to move forward with replacement of the filter which has been out of service for many years now. Mr. Pyrzenski reviewed pictures of the filter and explained how it operates to ensure proper treatment of the wastewater prior to discharging into the New River. Mr. Tommy Coker explained how the traveling bridge filter is affecting our treatment permit, and EPD approved requirements. Mr. Pyrzenski stated the item is included in the capital improvement budget and has an available budget of \$600,000. He mentioned the proposals did come in over budget, but staff is recommending awarding to the lowest bidder Evoqua for \$711,460.00. Proposals received for the filter upgrade vary based on different technology for filtration. Staff will review the SPLOST funding available to cover the overage and will have a report prepared for the December Meeting for Council to review prior to approval.

Proposals were received from the following vendors:

1. Evoqua - \$711,460.00
2. Evoqua (Disc Filters) - \$890,493.00
3. Petticoat Schmitt (Evoqua) - \$991,100.00
4. P.F. Moon & Company - \$1,095,000.00
5. Petticoat Schmitt (Aqua Aerobic) - \$1,148,700.00
6. Sam Hall & Sons - \$1,418,245.00

Discussion of Proposed 2017 Local Maintenance and Improvement Grant (LMIG) Application

Mr. Pete Pyrzenski stated an application for LMIG funding is due by January 1, 2017, and staff is requesting Council's direction on project submittal for funding. GDOT has allotted \$215,364.03 to the city and requires the city provide 30% in matching funds. The City has historically used this funding for street resurfacing, and staff included the most recent LMIG priority list for review. Mr. Pyrzenski stated he would like to have the staff engineer, John Shepard, evaluate the grading on the streets and update the list, but that would take a few months to complete. Staff requested council's direction to either submit a funding application for street resurfacing based on the current LMIG list or roll funding to FY2018 and combine funding and projects. Council briefly discussed the request.

Review of Bids Received for Downtown Streetscape Phase 3 Project

Mr. Hunter Walker presented the bid results for the Streetscape Phase 3 project which were received on November 4, 2016. The project consists of adding landscaping and improvements to Commerce Way, Love Ave, and South Main Street. The City received two bids on the project:

1. Wimpy Enterprises, Inc - \$538,535.76
2. A.C. Blount Concrete Service, Inc. - \$720,971.78

Mr. Walker mentioned GDOT will cover up to \$500,000 on the project. The City's current available budget for the project is \$489,500.00 and the bid came over budget. Mr. Walker stated it would be appropriate to request DDA contribute to the project to cover the over budget amount. Mr. Walker and Council Sayles will contact DDA about possibly contributing to the project.

Discussion of Proposed Road Improvements on Moore Highway and EB Hamilton Road

Mr. Hunter Walker mentioned at the October Workshop Mr. Roger Dill requested City's participation in the proposed projects. Mayor Smith mentioned a meeting will be held tomorrow with Jay Roberts at the County Manager's Office and Vice Mayor Ehlers will be attending and will gain more insight on the project. Council briefly discussed the projects, construction costs, and possible options for funding. Vice Mayor Ehlers and Ms. Jones will attend the meeting with Tift County and report back with more information on the project.

Discussion of Proposed Amendments to the Noise Ordinance

Mr. Wilmot mentioned he has reviewed noise ordinances in both Athens and Valdosta. Athens uses the wording "plainly audible" and imposes different distance requirements for different time periods. He explained numerous options which would protect residential properties located near commercial properties. Mr. Wilmot stated he favored Athens' ordinance and suggested he draft an ordinance for council's review which would protect both residential areas, downtown area residents, and commercial properties. Council briefly discussed and Mr. Wilmot will draft an ordinance to bring back before council for review.

Discussion of Bids for Police Units

Chief Dowdy mentioned he has re-bid the police units as requested and bids will be opened on November 28, 2016, and will be presented back to Council at the following council meeting.

Resolution Providing for Alcohol License for 41 and Main, LLC located at 343 Main Street

Ms. Jessica Jones stated the applicant has requested adding alcohol catering to their license and the amendment requires Council's approval. Ms. Jones mentioned staff has reviewed the application and is recommending approval.

Resolution Providing for Alcohol License for Enmark Stations, Inc located at 311 S. 5th Street

Ms. Jessica Jones stated the business has a new manager, staff has reviewed the application and is recommending approval.

Resolution Providing for Alcohol License for 1st Choice located at 2640 Tift Avenue N.

Ms. Jessica Jones stated the application is for a new business opening under a new owner at the current Esco's location, staff has reviewed the application and is recommending approval. Ms. Jones mentioned the new license will be effective January 1, 2017.

Resolution Providing for Alcohol License for Harvey's Supermarket #1650 at 2201 US Hwy 41 N.

Ms. Jessica Jones stated the business has a new manager. Staff has reviewed the application and information on the new manager and is recommending approval.

Resolution Providing for Alcohol License for Flash Foods #173 located at 1002 N. 8th Street

Ms. Jessica Jones stated the business has a new manager. Staff has reviewed the application and information on the new manager and is recommending approval.

Resolution Providing for Alcohol License for CVS Pharmacy #4514 located at 111 E. 8th Street

Ms. Jessica Jones stated the business has a new manager. Staff has reviewed the application and information on the new manager and is recommending approval.

Resolution Providing for Alcohol License for J.R. Food located at 701 E. 12th Street

Ms. Jessica Jones stated the business has a new manager. Staff has reviewed the application and information on the new manager and is recommending approval.

Resolution Providing for Alcohol License for Logan's Roadhouse located at 910 West 7th Street

Ms. Jessica Jones stated the business had a change in their corporate licensee, and the change requires council's approval. Staff has reviewed the application and information on the new licensee and is recommending approval.

SPECIAL CALLED MEETING

Council Member Folk motioned, seconded by Terrell, and unanimously approved the following resolutions:

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Executive Session

Council Member Terrell made the first motion to go into executive session for legal and personnel matters, seconded by Ehlers, and unanimously approved by Mayor Smith, Folk, and Sayles. Meeting closed to executive session.

Council Member Folk made the first motion to go out of executive session and back into regular session, seconded by Terrell, and unanimously approved by Mayor Smith, Ehlers, and Sayles. Meeting opened to regular session.

Resolution Providing for Executive Session

Council Member Folk made the first motion, seconded by Terrell, and unanimously approved to adopt the resolution.

There being no further business to discuss, meeting adjourned.

Mayor Julie Smith

Jessica Jones, City Clerk