

**CITY OF TIFTON
COUNCIL MEETING
APRIL 19, 2021
5:30 PM
TIFTON CITY HALL**

Attendees

Mayor Julie Smith

Vice Mayor Wes Ehlers

Council Member Jack Folk

Council Member Johnny Terrell

Council Member M.Jay Hall

Pete Pyrzenski, City Manager

Rob Wilmot, City Attorney

Jessica White, City Clerk

Call to Order

Mayor Julie Smith called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm.

Prayer and Pledge

Chief Bobby Bennett gave the invocation and led the pledge.

Approval of the Agenda

Council Member Folk made the first motion for approval of the agenda, motion seconded by Hall, and unanimously approved.

Approval of the Minutes

Council Member Hall made the first motion to approve the minutes from March and April 2021. Motion seconded by Folk and unanimously approved.

Public Comments

No one spoke.

Oath of Office for Justin Golden, HPC Board Member

Mayor Julie Smith administered the Oath of Office to Justin Golden and he was sworn in to serve on the Historic Preservation Board.

James E. Dove Memorial Scholarship Award Presentation

Mr. Jeff West, ESG Project Manager, presented scholarship checks to Tift County High School seniors Chrishawn Chappelle and John Aultman. Mayor Julie Smith and Council congratulated the recipients and wished them well in their future plans.

Consent Agenda

Council Member Folk motioned, seconded by Hall, and unanimously approved the following items on the consent agenda:

3. Resolution Providing for the Sale of Surplus Property

4. Resolution Appointing Voting Delegates to Municipal Gas Authority of Georgia's Election Committee

5. Ordinance Establishing Guidelines for Filming and Special Events

Resolution 2021-19, Establishing Decorum for City Council Meetings

Vice Mayor Ehlers made the first motion for approval of the resolution, motion seconded by Terrell, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 2021-20, Updating the Schedule of Fees

Council Member Folk made the first motion for approval of the resolution. Motion seconded by Hall and unanimously approved.

Resolution 2021-21, Approving the Recycling Facility Lease Agreement with Ryland Environmental

Mr. Pyrzenski mentioned Ryland Environmental is interested in using the facility for parking their garbage trucks and storing extra cans. Mr. Pyrzenski mentioned the agreement will also be sent to Tift County for approval. Council Member Hall made the first motion for approval of the resolution and agreement. Motion seconded by Folk and unanimously approved.

Ordinance Providing Amendments to the Alcohol Beverage Ordinance

Mr. Wilmot reviewed the proposed amendments to the alcohol ordinance. Changes include allowing recreational facilities to obtain an alcohol license, adding standards for complimentary service, tasting rooms, and changes to the license approval process. Council reviewed the ordinance and final approval will be brought forward for consideration at the next meeting.

Appointments to the Urban Redevelopment Board

Council Member Folk motioned, seconded by Terrell, and unanimously approved to reappoint Tyler Riddle and Bobbie Campbell to the URA.

Financial Report

Ms. Dana Chancey, Finance Director, presented the financial report as of March 2021

City Manager Report

Mr. Pyrzenski mentioned the 2nd Street (T-SPLOST) Resurfacing Project is schedule to being very soon.

Mayor & Council Comments

Mayor Julie Smith encouraged everyone to get the COVID vaccine.

Executive Session

Council Member Hall motioned to go into executive session to discuss legal matters. Motion seconded by Terrell and unanimously approved. Meeting closed to executive session.

Council Member Hall motioned to go out of executive session, seconded by Ehlers, and unanimously approved. Meeting opened to regular session.

Resolution 2021-22, Providing for Executive Session

Council Member Hall motioned to approve the resolution, seconded by Ehlers, and unanimously approved.

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



Julie Smith, Mayor



Jessica White, City Clerk

AT A MEETING OF THE
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TIFTON
HELD ON April 19, 2021
A MOTION TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION

Council member M. Jay Hall 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 Johnny Terrell seconds the motion.

Motion Approved

Those voting in favor of the motion for closure:

Council Members: All

Those voting against the motion for closure:

Council Members: None

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>	_____	Julie B. Smith
<u>✓</u>	_____	Wes Ehlers
<u>✓</u>	_____	Jack Folk
<u>✓</u>	_____	Johnny Terrell
<u>✓</u>	_____	M. Jay Hall

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 19th day of April, 2021.

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 19th day of April, 2021, 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 19th day of April, 2021.

Julie Smith

Julie Smith
Mayor, City of Tifton

Wes Ehlers

Wes Ehlers
Councilman, District 1

Jack Folk

Jack Folk
Councilman, District 2

Johnny Terrell

Johnny Terrell
Councilman, District 3

M. Jay Hall

M. Jay Hall
Councilman, District 4

Sworn to and subscribed before me
By all City Council members
on this 19th day of
April, 2021.

Jessica White
Notary Public

