

**City of Tifton  
Council Workshop  
May 2, 2022  
5:30 PM  
Tifton City Hall**

**Attendees**

Mayor Julie Smith	Pete Pyrzenski, City Manager
Vice Mayor Jack Folk	Rob Wilmot, City Attorney
Council Member Josh Reynolds	Jessica White, City Clerk
Council Member Lester Cromer, Jr.	
Council Member M. Jay Hall	

**Call to Order**

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

**Approval of the Agenda**

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

**Proclamation Recognizing Foster Care and Foster Family Month**

Mayor Julie Smith read aloud the proclamation and presented it to Ms. Jana Barfield with CASA.

**Proclamation Recognizing Lupus Awareness Month**

Mayor Julie Smith read aloud the proclamation and presented it to Ms. Pat McKinnon and the group of Lupus survivors.

**Proclamation Recognizing Municipal Clerks Week**

Mayor Julie Smith read aloud the Proclamation and presented it to Ms. Jessica White, City Clerk.

**Recognizing Dana Chancey, Finance Director, for her Service to the City and Retirement**

Ms. Emly Beeman and Mr. Pete Pyrzenski presented a service plaque to Ms. Chancey in appreciation for her excellent work and leadership of the Finance Department.

NEW BUSINESS

**Resolution Designating Rock the Block as a Festival**

Ms. Jessica Jones presented a request from the Tifton-Tift County Tourism Association for designating the Rock the Block event on July 1, 2022, as a festival. Ms. White mentioned the event is a celebration of Tifton's 150th Anniversary and will include vendors, activities, music, and fireworks. She mentioned the Tourism Association is requesting to allow alcohol at the event. Council reviewed the information and briefly discussed.

**Resolution Authorizing Submittal of an Application to the Rural Downtown  
Redevelopment Grant Program**

Mr. Pete Pyrzenski gave an overview of the grant and mentioned the city intends to apply for funding for the Commerce Way Project. He mentioned the funding must be used to revitalize downtown and requires a 10% match. He mentioned the City will be applying for funding to improve the streetscape, walkability, and aesthetics of the Commerce Way area.

OTHER BUSINESS

**City Manager Report**

Mr. Pyrzenski thanked Emily Beeman, Jocyn Paulk, and staff for all their efforts in making the Georgia Cities Week events a success. He also mentioned a contractor has begun pressure washing sidewalks in downtown.

**Mayor & Council Comments**

Council Member Lester Cromer mentioned he recently attended GMA's Small Cities Conference and learned a lot at the event.

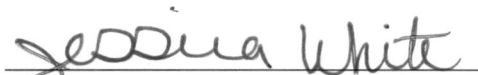
Council Member Josh Reynolds mentioned a community group has organized a cleanup event at the Magnolia Tree on May 14th.

Council Member M. Jay Hall invited everyone to Southwell's Mobile Clinic Ribbon Cutting on Wednesday and mentioned the mobile clinic will be set up regularly at the 41 Farmers Market each month.

Mayor Julie Smith mentioned early voting began today and encouraged everyone to get out and vote.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 6:10 PM.

Respectively Submitted,



Jessica White, City Clerk



Julie Smith, Mayor