

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

Attendees

Mayor Julie Smith
Council Member Jack Folk
Council Member Johnny Terrell
Council Member M. Jay Hall
Vice Mayor Wes Ehlers (via phone)

Pete Pyrzenski, City Manager
Rob Wilmot, City Attorney
Jessica White, City Clerk

Call to Order

Mayor Smith Called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM

Prayer and Pledge

Pastor Jerry Riggs with Tifton Missionary Baptist Church offered the prayer and Council Member Hall led the pledge.

Approval of the Agenda

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

Approval of the Minutes

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

Public Comments

Mr. Hayward Fowler spoke of recent issues with mosquitos and flies. He stated she has not seen the City spraying for mosquitos this year and inquired about plans to help the growing issue. Mayor Smith confirmed that she has also experienced issues with flies. Mr. Pyrzenski, City Manager stated he would look into solutions for addressing the issues brought forward. Lastly, Mr. Fowler commented on COVID vaccines and stated reports are showing that the vaccine is successful in curbing symptoms.

Consent Agenda

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

- 1. Resolution Amending the Employee Handbook for Educational Incentive Program**
- 2. Resolution Approving the School Resource Officer (SRO) Agreement**
- 3. Resolution Approving Amendment No. 7 to the Agreement with ESG Operations, Inc**
- 4. Resolution Updating the Georgia Fund 1 Investment Account**

5. **Resolution Updating Authorized Signers for Ameris Bank**
6. **Resolution Calling for a Special Referendum Election for Authorizing Package Sale of Distilled Spirits**
7. **Ordinance Amending the City Code of Ordinances, Chapter 74, Article V. Hotel Occupancy Tax to Include Applicability for Marketplace Facilitators, Innkeepers, and Short-Term Rentals**

Approval of Proposed Lease Agreement with Farmer's Bulk Supply, LLC for Operation of the Tifton Inert Landfill

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

Consider Amendments to City Observed Holidays

Mr. Pete Pyrzenski recommended postponing action on any changes to city observed holidays and re-evaluating any possible changes during next year's budget process. Council briefly discussed and Council Member Hall made the first motion to postpone the item indefinitely. Motion seconded by Terrell and unanimously approved.

Resolution Amending the FY2021 Budget

Mr. Pyrzenski gave an overview of the proposed general fund budget amendments and referenced the budget committee's recommendation for additionally transferring \$400,000 (general fund's fund balance) to the City's retirement fund to further stabilize its financial position. Following discussion, Council Member Folk motioned for approval of the resolution and budget amendments, motion seconded by Hall, and unanimously approved.

Postponement of Ordinances for Annexation and Rezoning of Properties Located on Carrington Drexler Road

City Attorney Rob Wilnot recommended postponing the ordinances and taking the annexation request back through the statutory process since the acreage had changed since it was reviewed by the Planning and Zoning Board. Council Member Terrell made the first motion to postpone the following ordinances indefinitely, motion seconded by Folk and unanimously approved.

11. Consider Adoption of Ordinance for Annexation of Approx. 93.59 Acres Located on Carrington Drexler Road as Requested by Ryan Sanders, Beltline Energy LLC, Boyd Property, Map and Parcel Number 0057 060. (Application PP21-0025)
12. Consider Adoption of Ordinance for Rezone of Approx. 93.59 Acres Located on Carrington Drexler Road from County Suburban Agriculture (SA) to City of Tifton Suburban Agriculture (SA) as Requested by Ryan Sanders, Beltline Energy LLC, Boyd Property, Parcel Number 0057 060. (Application PP21-0026)
13. Consider Adoption of Ordinance for Annexation of Approx. 29.294 Acres Located on Carrington Drexler Road as Requested by Ryan Sanders, Beltline Energy LLC, Carrington Property, Map and Parcel Number 0057 109. (Application PP21-0023)

14. Consider Adoption of Ordinance for Rezone of Approx. 29.294 Acres Located on Carrington Drexler Road from County Suburban Agriculture (SA) to City of Tifton Suburban Agriculture (SA), as Requested by Ryan Sanders, Beltline Energy LLC, Carrington Property, Map and Parcel Number 0057 109. (Application PP21-0024)

Appointments to the Historic Preservation Commission

Council Member Hall made the first motion to appoint Mr. Franklin Guill, Mr. Adam Simmons, and Ms. Ann Clayton to the Historic Preservation Commission. Motion seconded by Folk and unanimously approved.

Appointments to the Housing Authority Board

Mayor Smith appointed Mr. Larry Mims and Mr. Randy Chambers to the Housing Authority Board.

City Manager Report

Ms. Crystal Gaillard introduced the City's intern, Patrick, and mentioned he is currently doing an inventory to record all blight properties in the city. Patrick mentioned he is creating a database to include pictures of the properties. Mr. Pyrzenski also mentioned the bid for the construction of the Youth Center is currently out to bid.

Mayor & Council Comments

Council Member Jack Folk reminded the public to pull back their trash cans following their pickup day and encouraged everyone to get vaccinated.

Council Member M. Jay Hall mentioned the downtown parking committee recently held a meeting and a good mix of participants were present and gave good recommendations.

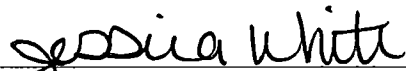
Mayor Julie Smith mentioned this week she will be joining members of Georgia Municipal Association's Board in Washington DC to promote Georgia Cities. She also mentioned the trailer for the Tiger Rising, which was filmed in Tifton, is out and the movie is expected to hit theatres in October 2021.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 6:15 pm.

Respectively Submitted,



Julie Smith, Mayor



Jessica White, City Clerk