

**TIFTON CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL CALLED MEETING MINUTES
JULY 10, 2025
1:00 PM
GEORGIA CHAMBER, 1001 LOVE AVE**

Attendees

Mayor Julie Smith
Vice Mayor Josh Reynolds
Council Member Michael Franks
Council Member Lester Cromer, Jr.
Council Member M. Jay Hall

Rob Wilmot, City Attorney
Jessica White, City Clerk

Call to Order

Mayor Julie Smith called the meeting to order at 1:00 pm.

Executive Session

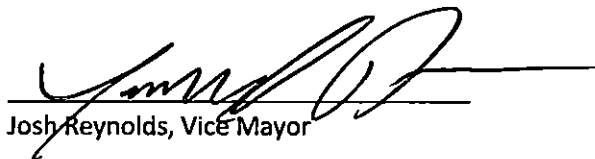
Council Member Hall motioned to go into executive session for discussion of personnel. The motion was seconded by Council Member Franks and unanimously approved. The meeting closed to executive session.

Following discussions, Council Member Hall motioned to go out of executive session. The motion was seconded by Council Member Cromer and unanimously approved.

Resolution Providing for Executive Session

Council Member Hall motioned for approval of the resolution, the motion was seconded by Cromer and unanimously approved.

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


Josh Reynolds, Vice Mayor


Jessica White, City Clerk

AT A MEETING OF THE
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TIFTON
HELD ON July 10, 2025
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 Michael Franks 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:

Present

Absent

✓

Julie B. Smith

✓

Josh Reynolds

✓

Michael Franks

✓

Lester Cromer, Jr.

✓

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 10th day of July, 2025.

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.

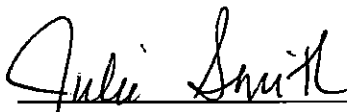
3. The subject matter of the closed meeting or closed portion of the meeting held on the 10th day of July, 2025, which was closed for the purpose(s) of :

- ☐ 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.

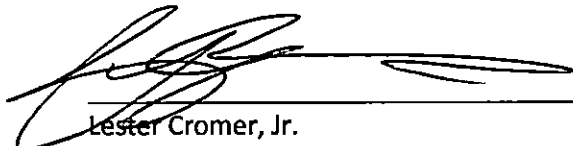
4. This affidavit is being executed for the purpose of complying with the mandate of O.C.G.A. Section 50-14-4(b) that such an affidavit be executed.
5. This affidavit is likewise executed by the following members of the City Council present at such executive session in support of open and honest government and in compliance with City of Tifton Resolution 99-66.

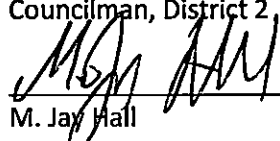
This 10th day of July, 2025.


Julie Smith
Mayor, City of Tifton


Josh Reynolds
Councilman, District 1


Michael Franks
Councilman, District 2


Lester Cromer, Jr.
Councilman, District 3


M. Jay Hall
Councilman, District 4

Sworn to and subscribed before me
By all City Council members
on this 10th day of
July, 2025.


Notary Public

