

**CITY OF TIFTON
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
JUNE 16, 2025
5:30 PM
TIFTON CITY HALL**

Attendees

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

Larry Lawrence, Acting City Manager
Rob Wilmot, City Attorney
Jessica White, City Clerk

Call to Order

Mayor Julie Smith called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. Josh Reynolds, Vice Mayor, offered the prayer followed by Council Member MJ Hall leading the Pledge.

Approval of the Agenda

Council Member Reynolds made a motion to approve the agenda. The motion was seconded by Hall, and unanimously approved.

Approval of the Minutes

Council Member Reynolds made the first motion for approval, the motion was seconded by Cromer, and unanimously approved the meeting minutes from May 19, 2025, and June 9, 2025.

Presentations

Swearing-in Cantrell Mann-Sears to the Keep Tift Beautiful Board

Mayor Julie Smith administered the oath of office to Mr. Cantrell Mann-Sears, officially appointing him to the Keep Tift Beautiful Board.

Introduction of the 2025-2026 Youth Council

Dr. Tonja Tift introduced the Youth Council and spoke on the activities planned for the group in the upcoming year. The Council congratulated its members for their recent accomplishments and are looking forward to their learning and service within the community.

Consent Agenda

Council Member Cromer motioned, second was made by Hall, and unanimously approved the following items on the consent agenda:

3. Resolution Providing for the City's 2025 General Election (*Resolution No. 2025-28*)

4. Resolution Designating Arts Affair as a Festival (*Resolution No. 2025-29*)

New Business

Resolution for Honorary Street Name Designation of Central Lane in Honor of Hayward Fowler

Mayor Smith recognized Mr. Hayward Fowler, Owner of The Fun Channel, for his decades of service documenting community events and contributing to the community through his local media company. Mayor Smith noted Mr. Hayward Fowler documented nearly every local event, from proms and ribbon

cuttings to hurricanes and talent shows, and the city appreciates his work and wished to honor his service by naming an alley.

Motion: The resolution was presented and Council Member Hall made the first motion for approval of the Resolution, the motion was seconded by Reynolds, and unanimously approved.

Following approval, Mayor Julie Smith presented Mr. Hayward Fowler with a commemorative sign naming Central Lane in his honor. She expressed the City's appreciation for his dedicated service and contributions to the Tifton community.

Other Business

Board Appointments

Urban Redevelopment Agency – Motion was made by Council Member Franks, seconded by Hall, and was unanimously approved to reappointment Bruce Green, Jill McIntyre and Willie Dean to the URA.

Keep Tift Beautiful Board – Motion was made by Council Member Hall, seconded by Cromer, and unanimously approved to appoint Kara Self and Elizabeth Temples to the KTB Board

Financial Report

Larry Lawrence, CFO, presented the March Financial Report and briefly reviewed.

City Manager Report

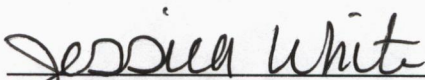
Larry Lawrence, gave a summary on upcoming events, projects, and updates for the City of Tifton.

Mayor & Council Comments

City Council and Mayor provided closing comments.

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


Josh Reynolds, Vice Mayor


Jessica White, City Clerk