

CITY OF ELBERTON
REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL
Monday, May 5, 2014 – 5:30 p.m.

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof the Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council convened at 5:30 p. m. on Monday, May 5, 2014 in Council Chambers of the Municipal Building, 203 Elbert Street with Mayor Guest presiding.

Present were: Council Members Butler, Colquitt, Hunt, Seymour, and Prince; City Attorney Phelps, City Manager Dunn and City Clerk Churney.

Mayor Guest called the meeting to order and led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance. City Attorney Phelps led the assembly in prayer.

Council Member Butler motioned to approve the minutes of the April 7, 2014 meeting as submitted, seconded by Council Member Hunt and the motion passed unanimously (Butler, Hunt, Seymour, Prince, Colquitt).

Controller Kevin Eavenson presented the Financial Report through March 2014 is enclosed for review.

General Fund	\$ 5.3 million
Combined Utilities Fund	\$ 28.5 million
Elberton Technology Services Fund	\$ 423,703
Solid Waste Fund	\$ 42,870 net loss
Unrestricted Investments-General Fund and Utility Fund	\$ 6.1 million
Restricted Investments (SPLOST & Utility Funds)	\$ 2.5 million

Rev. Barnett spoke to Council with regard to the Granite City Cook-off to be held September 13, 2014 on the square. He asked for Council's continued support for the event.

On behalf of the Georgia Municipal Association, Ms. Catherine Fleming recognized Representative Tom McCall for his efforts in support of broadband access in rural Georgia.

Council Member Hunt motioned to place Ordinance 2183 on Second Reading to amend the comprehensive zoning map with a heading as follows:

ORDINANCE 2183

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE COMPREHENSIVE ZONING MAP
OF THE CITY OF ELBERTON; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

The Ordinance was read in its entirety at the April meeting. Council Member Hunt motioned to waive the reading, seconded by Council Member Seymour and the motion passed unanimously (Butler, Hunt, Seymour, Prince, Colquitt). Council Member Hunt motioned to adopt the Ordinance, seconded by Council Member Seymour and the motion passed unanimously (Butler, Hunt, Seymour, Prince, Colquitt).

Council Member Butler placed Ordinance 2184 on First Reading to create additional licensing requirements for secondhand dealers with a heading as follows:

ORDINANCE 2184

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ELBERTON TO REPLACE ARTICLE VIII
OF CHAPTER 10 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF ELBERTON, GEORGIA
TO CREATE ADDITIONAL LICENSING REQUIREMENTS FOR SECONDHAND DEALERS
WITHIN THE CITY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

City Manager Dunn stated that Section 10-238 (2) should be updated to reflect 500 feet rather than 2,500 feet. Council Member Butler motioned to waive the reading, seconded by Council Member Seymour and the motion passed unanimously (Butler, Hunt, Seymour, Prince, Colquitt).

Council Member Colquitt introduced a Resolution to purchase 1.94 acres on Tate and Carey Streets from Elbert County as follows:

RESOLUTION

- WHEREAS:** The City of Elberton owns and operates a playground located on Carey Street on a permanent easement granted by the Elbert County Board of Commissioners; and
- WHEREAS:** The parcel of land on which the City's playground is built, also known as 230 Tate Street, contains an old school building that was later used by Elbert County as a Senior Center, and this building has now been vacant many years and is in danger of becoming a nuisance property; and
- WHEREAS:** The City of Elberton has offered to the Elbert County Board of Commissioners to work together to remediate this potential nuisance for the surrounding residential community that would be impacted by it; and
- WHEREAS:** The Elbert County Board of Commissioners have approved demolishing the structures at 230 Tate Street leaving a vacant parcel of land except for the City-owned playground facility; and
- WHEREAS:** The Mayor and Council have included funding for recreational improvements in the Fiscal Year 2014 budget; and
- WHEREAS:** The Mayor and Council does hereby find that it is in the public interest of the citizens of Elberton to acquire this parcel of property for recreational or green space.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of Elberton, Georgia hereby resolves to purchase the following parcel of land on Tate and Carey Streets for the selling price of \$ 45,000.00 :

Description

A parcel of land consisting of 1.94 acres, more or less; identified as Elbert County tax map number E09-052, owned by the Elbert County Board of Commissioners, located between Tate Street and Carey Street at the address known as 230 Tate Street, dimensions of the land being approximately 500' (northwest) x 205' (northeast) x 545' (southeast) x 212' (southwest).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor, City Manager, and City Clerk are authorized to execute the necessary documents to effect this purchase of land.

Council Member Colquitt motioned to adopt the Resolution, seconded by Council Member Prince and the motion passed unanimously (Butler, Hunt, Seymour, Prince, Colquitt).

Mayor Guest stated that the Resolution to authorize an amendment to the Plant Vogtle Expansion contract with MEAG Power and its Participants has been removed from consideration.

Council Member Butler removed item G1 from the consent agenda. Council Member Butler motioned to approve the consent agenda as amended, seconded by Council Member Seymour and the motion passed unanimously (Butler, Hunt, Seymour, Prince, Colquitt).

1. Approval of the expenditures that exceed the city manager's purchasing authority was removed for further discussion.
2. Accepted the Budget Calendar for Fiscal Year 2015.
3. Authorized the closing of the square to vehicle traffic on September 13, 2014 for the 7th Annual Granite City Cook-off by the Elberton Ministerial Alliance and Coalition for Progress.

Council Member Butler inquired as to the purpose of recommending a Dodge over a Ford since most of the police cruisers are Ford model. City Manager Dunn stated that police staff was not satisfied with the interior size of the Ford Interceptors and wanted to try the Dodge. Council Member Butler motioned to approve item G1, seconded by Council Member Prince and the motion passed unanimously (Butler, Hunt, Seymour, Prince, Colquitt).

Expenditures for May 2014

Department: Police Two new full size four door sedan fully equipped turn-key police pursuit vehicles.		
Vendor:	Description:	Price:
Wade Ford	2014 Ford Interceptor	\$68,134.00
Akins Ford #1 Recommended	2014 Dodge Charger	\$68,202.00
Akins Ford #2	2015 Ford Interceptor	\$68,374.00
Don Jackson	2014 Dodge Charger	\$68,540.34
Allen Vigil	2015 Ford Interceptor	\$69,569.00
Hardy Fleet Group #1	2015 Ford Interceptor	\$70,115.38
Hardy Fleet Group #2	2014 Chev Caprice	\$70,359.10
Bobby Jones	2015 Ford Interceptor	\$71,877.60
Brannen Motor	2015 Ford Interceptor	\$77,232.00
John Megel Chevrolet	2014 Chev Caprice	\$82,643.90

Recommendation based on low bidder, gas mileage and experience with the Ford Interceptor. *Ford gas mileage is 18/25; Dodge gas mileage is 18/27; Chevrolet gas mileage is 14/21*

Department: Utilities Roof Replacement on Utilities Building (old section) with TPO Membrane Roof under 20 year warranty.	
Vendor:	Price:
Premier Roofing Recommended	\$13,500.00
Guy Roofing	\$20,870.00
American Renovations	\$13,995.00
Knock On Wood Building & Roofing	\$13,103.50

Recommendation based on low bidder and work history with the City.

Department: Public Works New storefronts, 19 windows and 4 doors for the Elberton Arts Center (SPLOST Project). Thermal, tempered glass (1").	
Vendor:	Price:
Toccoa Glass Company, Inc., Toccoa, GA Recommended	\$41,350.00
Quality Glass, Athens, GA	\$46,080.00
S & S Glass, Elberton, GA	\$52,300.00

Recommendation based on low bidder

City Manager Dunn presented the following reports:

- Monthly report on the activities of various departments.

City Attorney Phelps stated that hearings have been scheduled the following dilapidated housing cases:

- June 2: 128 S. McIntosh Street and 196 S. Oliver Street;
- June 11: 337 Williams street; and
- June 12: 273 Campbell Street

Council Member Colquitt thanked the City Manager and Mayor for their hard work on the Stephens School property.

There being no further business to come before Council, upon proper motion and second the meeting was adjourned.