

CITY OF ELBERTON
REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL

Monday, February 2, 2015 – 5:30 p.m.

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof the meeting of the Mayor and Council convened at 5:30 p. m. on Monday, February 2, 2015 in Council Chambers of the Municipal Building, 203 Elbert Street with Mayor Guest presiding.

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

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 January 5, 2015 meeting as submitted, seconded by Council Member Hunt and the motion passed unanimously (Butler, Hunt, Prince, Colquitt).

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

General Fund	\$ 4.5 million
Combined Utilities Fund	\$ 29.2 million
Elberton Technology Services Fund	\$ 1 million
Solid Waste Fund	\$ 8,267
Unrestricted Investments-General Fund and Utility Fund	\$ 6.7 million
Restricted Investments (SPLOST & Utility Funds)	\$ 3.3 million

There were no scheduled speakers from the floor.

Council Member Colquitt placed Ordinance 2185 on second reading with a heading as follows.

ORDINANCE 2185

AN ORDINANCE ANNEXING THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1039 POPLAR SPRINGS ROAD PURSUANT TO THAT CERTAIN ACT (GEORGIA LAW. 1962, P. 119) AUTHORIZING SAME UPON WRITTEN AND SIGNED APPLICATION OF THE PROPERTY OWNERS OF SAID LAND; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

City Manager Dunn read the Ordinance in its entirety at the January meeting. Council Member Colquitt motioned to waive the formal reading, seconded by Council Member Prince and the motion passed unanimously (Butler, Hunt, Prince, Colquitt). Council Member Colquitt motioned to adopt the Ordinance, seconded by Council Member Prince and the motion passed unanimously (Butler, Hunt, Prince, Colquitt).

Council Member Butler placed Ordinance 2186 on second reading with a heading as follows.

ORDINANCE 2186

An Ordinance to amend and restate the Retirement Plan for the Employees of the City of Elberton, Georgia in accordance with and subject to the terms and conditions set forth in the attached Adoption Agreement, any Addendum to the Adoption Agreement, the Georgia Municipal Employees Benefit System (GMEBS) Master Plan Document, and the GMEBS Trust Agreement. When accepted by the authorized officers of the City and GMEBS, the foregoing shall constitute a Contract between the City and GMEBS, all as authorized and provided by O. C. G. A. 47-5-1 et seq.

City Manager Dunn read the Ordinance in its entirety.

Council Member Colquitt introduced the following Resolution:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS: There will be a Municipal General Election held on November 3, 2015 to elect a Council Member each from Ward Two and Three; and

WHEREAS: The Official Code of Georgia, annotated, requires the Mayor and Council to set a qualifying fee that shall be three percent (3%) of the total compensation received by the officials in the preceding calendar year, which is \$266.64; and

WHEREAS: The Georgia State Election Board, Sections 21-2-380.1, instructs the governing authority of each municipality to appoint and certify the appointment of an Election Superintendent/Absentee Ballot Clerk to the Secretary of State's office; and

WHEREAS: The governing authority shall designate the City Clerk as Election Superintendent/Absentee Ballot Clerk; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, and it is hereby resolved that the Mayor and Council of the City of Elberton do hereby issue a call for a Municipal General Election to be held on November 3, 2015, which will be conducted under the Georgia Code as amended.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the City of Elberton do hereby adopt the qualifying fee and the appointment of the Elections Superintendent/Absentee Ballot Clerk as stated above as required by the Georgia State Election Board.

City Manager Dunn read the Resolution in its entirety. Council Member Colquitt motioned to adopt the Resolution, seconded by Council Member Hunt and the motion passed unanimously (Butler, Hunt, Prince, Colquitt).

Council Member Butler motioned to approve the consent agenda, seconded by Council Member Prince and the motion passed unanimously (Butler, Hunt, Prince, Colquitt).

1. Consideration of expenditures that exceed the city manager’s purchasing authority.

Department: Public Works New Chipper for Parks and Rights-of-way division		
Vendor:	Brand:	Price:
Vermeer Recommended	Vermeer	\$29,890.00
Mason Tractor Co.	Brush Bandit	\$30,383.00
Consolidated Disposal	Duratech	\$31,600.00
Mason Tractor Co.	Brush Bandit	\$32,728.00

Recommendation based on low bidder.

City Manager Dunn presented the following reports:

- Monthly report on the activities of various departments.

City Attorney Phelps asked Council to go into executive session for the purpose of discussing hiring, compensation, evaluation or disciplinary action for a specific public officer or employee as permitted by O.C.G.A. 50-14-3(b)(1). Council Member Hunt motioned to close the meeting and move into executive session, seconded by Council Member Prince and the motion passed unanimously (Butler, Hunt, Prince, Colquitt).

Council Member Hunt motioned to move out of executive session and reconvene regular meeting, seconded by Council Member Butler and the motion passed unanimously (Butler, Hunt, Prince, Colquitt). Mayor Guest announced no decisions were made in the Executive Session.

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