

CITY OF ELBERTON
REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL
Monday, May 2, 2016 – 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, May 2, 2016 in Council Chambers of the Municipal Building, 203 Elbert Street with Mayor Guest presiding.

Present were: Council Members Butler, Colquitt, Hunt, Prince, and Seymour; City Attorney Jenkins, 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 Jenkins gave the prayer.

Council Member Butler motioned to approve the minutes of the April 4th meeting, seconded by Council Member Hunt and the motion passed unanimously (Butler, Colquitt, Hunt, Prince, Seymour).

Controller Kevin Eavenson presented the Financial Report through March 2016 is enclosed for review.

General Fund	\$ 4.8 million
Combined Utilities Fund	\$ 31.9 million
Elberton Technology Services Fund	\$ 1.5 million
Solid Waste Fund	\$ 28,701 net loss
Unrestricted Investments-General Fund and Utility Fund	\$ 8.6 million
Restricted Investments (SPLOST & Utility Funds)	\$ 3.1 million

Council Member Seymour Ordinance 2192 on second reading with a heading as follows:

ORDINANCE 2192

AN ORDINANCE ANNEXING THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1510 FRESHFIELD DRIVE 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.

Council Member Seymour motioned to waive the reading, seconded by Council Member Prince and the motion to waive passed unanimously. City Manager Dunn read the Ordinance in its entirety at the April meeting. Council Member Seymour motioned to adopt the Ordinance, seconded by Council Member Colquitt and the motioned passed unanimously with a vote of 5-0 (Butler, Hunt, Colquitt, Prince and Seymour).

Council Member Hunt introduced the following Resolution:

**A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF CITY OF ELBERTON, GEORGIA,
APPROVING AN ADDITIONAL DEPOSIT OF \$25,000 TO ITS ON-BILL FINANCING PROGRAM,
WHICH WAS CREATED BY ORDINANCE 2171 ON NOVEMBER 11, 2011, TO EXPAND THE LIST
OF ELIGIBLE PROJECTS, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES**

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council previously created and established through Ordinance 2171 on November 11, 2011, the On-Bill Financing Program, a revolving loan funding program available for utility customers of the City for the purpose of providing a low-cost funding source to improve energy efficiency in the City of Elberton, and

WHEREAS, this revolving loan funding program provides for the purchase and installation of energy efficient equipment and home envelop energy efficiency improvements paid through an on-bill financing program, and

WHEREAS, the initial deposit of \$100,000 was increased by \$75,000 to a loan pool of \$175,000 by Resolution on August 4, 2014, and

WHEREAS, heretofore the On-Bill Financing Program has operated effectively for the citizens and customers of the City of Elberton, having had no uncollectible payments since its inception, and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council find that the On-Bill Financing Program is in the best interest of the City and its citizens and in furtherance of its public purpose, including conservation of energy and water resources, development of energy efficient facilities benefiting its utility systems and improving the health and environmental conditions in the City, and of its citizens, in accordance with the City's Charter and State law.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the City of Elberton that an additional deposit of \$25,000 is authorized and directed into the On-Bill Financing Program in accordance with Section 4 of Ordinance 2171 from the Elberton Combined Public Utility System Fund.

BE IT FURHTER RESOLVED that the list of eligible project is expanded to include the following wording:

"5. Installation of new weatherization upgrades such as windows, storm windows, doors, or storm doors provided that an inspection report by the Building Inspector of the City of Elberton accompanies the application for such services stipulating that the installation will meet applicable building codes.

6. Installation of roofing or the replacement of rotten or decayed structural wood provided that such installation weatherizes the structure to keep out the elements, and provided that an inspection report by the Building Inspector of the City of Elberton accompanies the application for such installations stipulating that the installation will meet applicable building codes."

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the existing terms, conditions, qualifications for contractors, and the fees and tariffs associated with the On-Bill Financing Program shall apply to this new deposit as if it were a part of the original funding deposit made in Ordinance 2171.

This 2nd day of May, 2016.

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

Council Member Butler introduced the following Resolution:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS: The City of Elberton does from time to time abandon public alleys that are no longer utilized by the city for basic services when adjacent property owners make such request; and

WHEREAS: A thirty foot wide alley exists in the downtown area to the north of 19 South McIntosh Street, which is owned by Jimmy and Susan Hill; and

WHEREAS: A plat dated March 25, 2016 shows the boundaries of one-half of the alley that adjoins 19 South McIntosh Street and that it measures 15 feet wide by 130 feet long; and

WHEREAS: A commercial metal building was partially constructed over this area many years ago; and

WHEREAS: The Mayor and Council of the City of Elberton have determined that said property serves no public interest to the citizens of Elberton.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that to the extent the City of Elberton has any interest in and to said alley shown as Tract 2 of Attachment "A," a survey prepared on March 25, 2016 by Savannah Lakes Land Surveying Co., the City of Elberton does hereby waive, abandon and relinquish such interest, if any.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and/or City Manager shall be authorized to sign any legal document necessary to effectuate the provisions of this Resolution, under such terms and to such grantees as the City Attorney may determine to be appropriate under the law.

ADOPTED at the Regular Meeting(s) of the Mayor and Council of the City of Elberton on Monday, May 2, 2016.

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

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

1. Approved the expenditures that exceed the city manager's purchasing authority.
2. Approved the employee assistance program policy.
3. Accepted the budget calendar for FY17.

City Manager Dunn presented the following reports:

- Monthly report on the activities of various departments

Mayor Guest informed Council that Mr. Tom Robinson submitted his resignation for the Development Authority of Elbert County, Elberton and Bowman board. Mayor Guest nominated Mr. Barney James, Jr. as recommended by the Authority Board to be appointed to fill the unexpired term of Mr. Robinson. Council Member Colquitt motioned to accept the nomination and recommendation, seconded by Council Member Seymour and the motion passed unanimously (Butler, Colquitt, Hunt, Prince, Seymour).

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