

CITY OF ELBERTON
REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL
Monday, April 4, 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, April 4, 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. He led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance and in prayer.

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

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

General Fund	\$ 4.8 million
Combined Utilities Fund	\$ 31.3 million
Elberton Technology Services Fund	\$ 1.4 million
Solid Waste Fund	\$ 29,434 net loss
Unrestricted Investments-General Fund and Utility Fund	\$ 7.9 million
Restricted Investments (SPLOST & Utility Funds)	\$ 3 million

Council Member Seymour introduced the following Resolution:

A RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED by *City of Elberton* (“Participant”) that Larry L. Guest is hereby appointed to serve as this Participant's primary voting delegate for the Electric Cities of Georgia, Inc. Board of Director Elections, with authority to cast all votes to which this Participant is entitled. Lanier Dunn is appointed as alternate voting delegate.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all resolutions and ordinances, in actual conflict herewith be and the same shall thereupon stand superseded, repealed and terminated, respectively.

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

Council Member Seymour placed Ordinance 2192 on first reading:

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

1. Approved the expenditures that exceed the city manager's purchasing authority.
2. Authorized the issuance of on-premises consumption of beer/malt to Maria Samuel of Bay 6 located at 4 N. McIntosh Street.
3. Authorized the issuance of on-premises consumption of beer/malt temporary license to Jason Ray for June 25, 2016 on behalf of the Downtown Development Authority.

City Manager Dunn presented the following reports:

- Monthly report on the activities of various departments

Mayor Guest asked for a motion to move into executive session for the purpose of consulting and meeting to discuss the future acquisition of real estate O.C.G.A. 50-14-3(b). Council Member Hunt motioned to close the meeting and move into executive session, seconded by Council Member Prince and the motion passed unanimously (Butler, Colquitt, Hunt, Prince, Seymour).

Council Member Colquitt motioned to move out of executive session and reconvene the regular meeting, seconded by Council Member Seymour and the motion passed unanimously (Butler, Colquitt, Hunt, Prince, Seymour).

Council Member Seymour introduced the following Resolution:

RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF ELBERTON, GEORGIA, AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT TO PURCHASE PROPERTY TO FACILITATE THE SAMUEL ELBERT HOTEL RENOVATION PROJECT ON THE PUBLIC SQUARE IN DOWNTOWN ELBERTON

WHEREAS, The City of Elberton owns the property at 4 South Public Square known as the Samuel Elbert Hotel which is being renovated as a hotel, restaurant, and meeting center for the public benefit of the citizens and businesses of Elberton; and

WHEREAS, A parcel of property adjacent to the Hotel property contains an office building that is physically attached to the Hotel, known as 6 South Public Square; 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 public use in conjunction with the renovation of the Samuel Elbert Hotel and the revitalization of downtown Elberton.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ELBERTON, GEORGIA, THAT:

Section 1. All of the above premises are hereby found to be true and correct legislative and factual findings of the City Council of the City of Elberton, Georgia.

Section 2. The City Council hereby finds and determines that a public use and necessity exists for the City of Elberton to acquire the property rights in 6 South Public Square.

Section 3. The property located at 6 South Public Square has the following description: A parcel of land consisting of 543 square feet, more or less, including a building of approximately the same size, identified as Elbert County tax map number E12-118, owned by Robert A. and Rina S. Thomas, being more specifically identified by metes and bounds by plat made September 21, 1955 by A. P. Stevens, Surveyor, which is on file in Plat Book 4, Page 56 in the office of the Clerk of Superior Court.

Section 4. The parcel known as E12-118 has a fair market value of \$27,095 as determined by the tax assessors of the Elbert County government. The Mayor is authorized to make a cash offer of \$42,000 to the current property owners to effect a prompt sale provided, however, that the offer has an expiration of 10:00 a.m. on Monday, April 11, 2016. A condition of closing within 10 days of acceptance shall accompany the offer.

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.

RESOLVED at the Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council on April 4, 2016.

City Manager Dunn read the Resolution in its entirety. Council Member Colquitt motioned to adopt the Resolution as read, seconded by Council Member Butler 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.