

CITY OF ELBERTON
REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL

Monday, August 3, 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, August 3, 2015 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 prayer.

Council Member Butler motioned to approve the minutes of the July 6 meeting, seconded by Council Member Seymour and the motion passed unanimously (Butler, Hunt, Prince, Colquitt, Seymour).

Mayor Guest recognized the representatives from Mure-cho, Japan to the meeting. Sister City Chairman Tom Evans introduced the Chaperone Miyo Kurokawa. She then introduced the students: Yuto Kondo, Momoko Ando, Mina Uchiyama, Karin Yamada, Kanako Inoue, Masaki Kimura and Reina Takata.

Controller Kevin Eavenson presented the Financial Report through June 2015 is enclosed for review.

General Fund	\$ 5 million
Combined Utilities Fund	\$ 29.9 million
Elberton Technology Services Fund	\$ 946,955
Solid Waste Fund	\$ 15,922 net loss
Unrestricted Investments-General Fund and Utility Fund	\$ 7.5 million
Restricted Investments (SPLOST & Utility Funds)	\$ 3.2 million

Mr. Daniel Graves was present to speak to Council on behalf of the Elbert Memorial Hospital Authority. He thanked the Mayor and Council for their continued support. He also stated that the authority maintained an open line of communication and to please contact them if they had any questions.

Mr. John M. Clark requested to speak to Council. Council Member Hunt motioned to hear Mr. Clark, seconded by Council Member Seymour and the motion passed unanimously (Butler, Hunt, Prince, Colquitt, Seymour). Mr. Clark asked the Mayor and Council to consider investing in the Burke Street, Blackwell School and Cultural Center communities. He stated that the residence needed something to keep the children focused and out of trouble. He asked the Mayor and Council to consider coming up with a plan.

Council Member Seymour placed Ordinance 2189 on second reading with a heading as follows:

ORDINANCE 2189

AN ORDINANCE ANNEXING THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1705 CREEKVIEW 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 Colquitt and the motion to waive passed unanimously. City Manager Dunn read the Ordinance in its entirety at the July 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).

By privilege of the Chair, Mayor Guest moved the Resolutions to be considered to later in the meeting.

City Attorney Jenkins recommending going into executive session in accordance with O.C.G.A. 50-14-4(b). Council Member Butler motioned to move into executive session, seconded by Council Member Hunt and the motion passed unanimously (Butler, Hunt, Prince, Colquitt, Seymour).

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

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

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

Department: Police		
One new full size 4-door sedan with police package.		
Vendor:	Model:	Bid Amount:
Akins Dodge #1 Recommended	Dodge Charger	\$34,135.00
Akins Dodge #2	Ford Interceptor	\$34,433.00
Allan Vigil Ford	Ford Interceptor	\$34,374.62
Don Jackson Chrysler & Dodge	Dodge Charger	\$37,818.49

Recommendation based on low bidder.

Department: City Marshal		
One new full size 4x4 pickup crew cab with police package.		
Vendor:	Model:	Bid Amount:
Akins Dodge #1 Recommended	Ford F150	\$31,658.00
Akins Dodge #2	Ford F150	\$31,658.00
Allan Vigil Ford	Ford F150	\$32,334.27

Don Jackson Chrysler & Dodge	Dodge Ram 1500	\$33,186.50
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Recommendation based on low bidder

2. Approved the issuance of a public assembly permit to close portions of the square to vehicular traffic for Main Street Elberton for Michel Jons on the downtown square, August 15, 2015.
3. Approved the FY15 year-end close budget amendment.

Council Member Butler introduced the following Resolution:

RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF ELBERTON AWARDING A CONTRACT FOR THE ELBERT HOTEL RENOVATION PROJECT (THE “PROJECT”) IN RESPONSE TO A REQUEST FOR BIDS DATED APRIL 29, 2015 AND OPENED JUNE 2, 2015, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, the City of Elberton acquired property on the southern side of the Public Square known as the Samuel Elbert Hotel property in April 2012; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the City of Elberton have previously engaged the architectural firm of Rutledge Alcock Architects to study the building, examine its condition, and to development a feasibility analysis for renovation back to a commercial use in downtown Elberton; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council have thoughtfully reviewed architectural renderings and a proposed feasibility plan with estimated cost projections and building layouts of a 27-room hotel and restaurant; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council recognize the economic development need in downtown Elberton for a project of this scope, along with a need to retain an important historic treasure on the downtown square; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council have previously adopted a Resolution at its meeting on March 16, 2015 that determined and found that it is in its best interest of the citizens of Elberton to undertake this renovation project to enhance the quality of life of Elberton, and to stimulate long-term economic growth and opportunity.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Mayor and Council of the City of Elberton in an open meeting duly assembled, and it is hereby resolved by the authority thereof, as follows:

Section 1: The low cost bidder from the bid opening of June 2, 2015, the CloverLeaf Group LLC from Athens, Georgia, is hereby awarded a contract for construction and renovation of the Elbert Hotel and the associated site improvements to the property including the rear parking lot and streetscape areas in the amount of \$4,007,174 (Four million Seven thousand One hundred

Seventy-four Dollars). The bid documents and requirements and construction specifications are incorporated into this Resolution by reference.

Section 2: The contract amount is based on the acceptance of the Base Bid of \$3,974,223; plus Bid Alternate #2 for the Elevator refurbishment in the amount of \$237,401; less savings identified by the contractor and architect from the Base Bid in the amount of \$204,450.

Section 3: The City Manager and City Clerk are authorized and directed to execute contract documents with the CloverLeaf Group LLC to effect the award of the contract authorized by this Resolution.

Section 4: All resolutions or parts of resolutions in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

City Manager Dunn read the Resolution in its entirety. Council Member Butler motioned to adopt the Resolution, seconded by Council Member Seymour. During discussion Council Member Colquitt motioned to table the Resolution until the September meeting, seconded by Council Member Hunt.

Council Member Colquitt introduced the following Resolution:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS: The City of Elberton owns the property at 4 South Public Square known as the Samuel Elbert Hotel; and

WHEREAS: A parcel of property adjacent to the Hotel Property has become available for purchase; 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 its potential future uses in conjunction with the renovation of the Elbert Hotel and the revitalization of downtown Elberton.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of Elberton, Georgia hereby resolves to purchase the following parcel of land at 6 South Public Square for the selling price of \$ 40,000.00 :

Description

A parcel of land consisting of 0.03 acre, more or less, including a building of about 650 square feet, more or less, identified as Elbert County tax map number E12-118, owned by Robert A. and Rina S. Thomas, located between Ward's Pharmacy and the Samuel Elbert Hotel, and being bounded by the property of the City of Elberton on the west and south known as the Samuel Elbert Hotel, on the east by property of Ward Properties LLC known as Ward's Pharmacy, and on the north by the road known as South Public Square.

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.

City Manager Dunn read the Resolution in its entirety. Council Member Colquitt motioned to adopt the Resolution, seconded by Council Member Seymour. During discussion Council Member Prince motioned to table the Resolution until the September meeting, seconded by Council Member Butler.

City Manager Dunn presented the following reports:

- Monthly report on the activities of various departments.

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