

CITY OF ELBERTON
REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL

Monday, July 6, 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, July 6, 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 Seymour motioned to approve the minutes of the May 28, June 1 and June 11 meetings, seconded by Council Member Butler and the motion passed unanimously (Butler, Hunt, Prince, Colquitt, Seymour).

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

General Fund	\$ 4.7 million
Combined Utilities Fund	\$ 31.3 million
Elberton Technology Services Fund	\$ 1.2 million
Solid Waste Fund	\$ 4,956
Unrestricted Investments-General Fund and Utility Fund	\$ 7.4 million
Restricted Investments (SPLOST & Utility Funds)	\$ 3.1 million

Rev. John Barnett invited the Mayor and Council to participate in the Granite City Cook-off scheduled for September 12. He also invited them to visit the website www.granitecitycookoff.com as well.

Council Member Butler placed Ordinance 2188 on second reading with a heading as follows:

ORDINANCE 2188

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.

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

Council Member Seymour placed Ordinance 2189 on first 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.

City Manager Dunn read the Ordinance in its entirety.

Council Member Seymour introduced the following Resolution:

RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF ELBERTON AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF DOCUMENTS TO RECEIVE LOAN FINANCING TO FUND CERTAIN SEWER TREATMENT PLANT IMPROVEMENTS FROM THE GEORGIA ENVIRONMENTAL FINANCE AUTHORITY, INCLUDING GRANTED PRINCIPAL FORGIVENESS, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, the City of Elberton heretofore has operated a sewer treatment system by and through its public utilities department as authorized in its Charter under Section 16; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the City of Elberton desire to improve, upgrade, maintain, refurbish, and extend its sewer treatment facilities for the public benefit; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council have previously adopted a Resolution at its regular meeting on December 1, 2014 authorizing an application to the Georgia Environmental Facilities Authority for funding to complete potential projects, that same Resolution also adopting a Study and Engineering Report dated April 30, 2014 as a long term plan for the sewer treatment plants of the City; and

WHEREAS, the loan application to the Georgia Environmental Facilities Authority for \$1.4 million, which includes 20% principal forgiveness in the amount of \$280,000, was approved and authorized at its regular board meeting in May, 2015; and

WHEREAS, the City has also determined and does hereby find that it is in its best interest to make improvements and upgrades and to maintain and refurbish its sewer treatment facilities in order to provide for public health benefits and for long-term economic growth and opportunity, and to meet legal and regulatory requirements.

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 Mayor, City Manager, and City Clerk are authorized to execute the necessary documents to accept loan financing from the Georgia Environmental Facilities Authority under the terms and conditions that are summarized in Attachment “A” hereto.

Section 2: All resolutions or parts of resolutions in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

RESOLVED this the 6th day of July, 2015.

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

Council Member Seymour introduced the following Resolution:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS: The City of Elberton owns and operates its department of Public Works located at 105 Gordon Street; and

WHEREAS: A parcel of property adjacent to Elberton Public Works 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.

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 Gordon Street for the selling price of \$ 26,000.00 :

Description

A parcel of land consisting of 0.48 acre, more or less; identified as Elbert County tax map number E18-152, owned by Larry G. Evans, located adjacent to Elberton Public Works at 105 Gordon Street, and being bounded by the property of the City of Elberton, Roger C. Guest and Joseph Wilhite, dimensions of the land being approximately 105’ (north) x 237’ (east) x 96’ (south) x 244’ (west).

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 July 6, 2015.

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

Council Member Colquitt motioned to approve the consent agenda, seconded by Council Member Butler and the motion passed unanimously with a vote of 5-0 (Butler, Hunt, Prince, Colquitt, Seymour).

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

Department: Utilities - Electric Tree trimming services for four electric distribution circuits out of two substations.	
Vendor:	Bid Amount:
Caldwell Landscaping Recommended	\$81,483.00
Asplundh Tree Expert Co.	\$124,931.80
W. A. Kendall & Co.	\$148,750.00
Townsend Corp.	\$230,450.00

Recommendation based on low bidder.

2. Authorized the Mayor and/or City Manager to execute the necessary documents with the Elbert County Chamber of Commerce for Tourism Services for Fiscal Year 2016.
3. Authorized the issuance of a beer and wine retail license to Mr. Gopu Mitra for Elberton Shell Hop In located at 118 N. Oliver Street for the remainder of 2015.

City Manager Dunn asked Council to consider approving the expenditure for sewage treatment plant renovations:

Department: Utilities - Sewer 2015 Sewerage System Improvements	
Vendor:	Bid Amount:
Allsouth Constructors Recommended	\$1,457,000.00
Lanier Contracting	\$1,546,635.00
P F Moon	\$1,699,000.00
Rehab Construction	\$1,650,000.00

Council Member Butler motioned to approve the expenditure above, seconded by Council Member Hunt and the motion passed unanimously with a vote of 5-0 (Butler, Hunt, Prince, Colquitt, Seymour).

City Manager Dunn presented the following reports:

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- 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.