

CITY OF ELBERTON
REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL

Monday, March 3, 2014 – 5:30 p.m.

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof the Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council convened at 5:30 p. m. on Monday, March 3, 2014 in Council Chambers of the Municipal Building, 203 Elbert Street with Mayor Guest presiding.

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

Mayor Guest called the meeting to order. Mayor Guest led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance and in prayer.

Council Member Butler motioned to approve the minutes of the February 3, 2014 meeting as submitted, seconded by Council Member Hunt and the motion passed unanimously (Butler, Hunt, Seymour, Prince, Colquitt).

City Manager Dunn recognized employees who attained 25 years' service to the city as follows: Jan Oglesby and Danny Hall. Mark LeFevre and Terry Anderson were absent.

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

General Fund	\$ 5.3 million
Combined Utilities Fund	\$ 28.3 million
Elberton Technology Services Fund	\$ 379,388
Solid Waste Fund	\$ 28,456 net loss
Unrestricted Investments-General Fund and Utility Fund	\$ 4.9 million
Restricted Investments (SPLOST & Utility Funds)	\$ 2.2 million

There were no scheduled speakers from the floor. However, Mr. Mike Rutherford asked to speak on behalf of the Elbert County Chamber of Commerce. Council Member Butler motioned to hear Mr. Rutherford, seconded by Council Member Hunt and the motion passed unanimously (Butler, Hunt, Seymour, Prince, Colquitt). Mr. Rutherford presented a report on the activities of the Elbert County Chamber of Commerce for September through February. He thanked the Mayor and Council for their continued support through the hotel/motel tax contribution.

Mr. John Clark asked to speak to council with regard to affordable housing in Elberton. Council Member Hunt motioned to hear Mr. Clark, seconded by Council Member Seymour and the motion passed unanimously (Butler, Hunt, Seymour, Prince, Colquitt). Mr. Clark stated that he had spoken to Council the last two months with regard to exploring a plan for affordable housing in the community. He asked if Council had considered working with the Housing Authority to develop a comprehensive plan for affordable housing on vacant properties. He also added that finances are limited and rehabilitation of property by property owners was difficult. Mayor Guest stated that he had spoken to the Housing Authority and they do not have funding for housing development. City Manager Dunn asked Mr. Clark to

provide him with a list of names, addresses and contact numbers for the residence owners that are in need or want assistance. Mr. Clark stated they would work on that, and it was a good place to start.

Council Member Hunt introduced the following Resolution for consideration:

RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT A DONATION OF 0.34 ACRE OF PROPERTY ON WHICH THE CITY CURRENTLY HAS RECREATIONAL FACILITIES, AND TO QUIT CLAIM A PORTION OF LAND ON WEST CHURCH STREET, LESS AND EXCEPT A STORM WATER EASEMENT, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

BE IT RESOLVED AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ELBERTON:

WHEREAS: The City of Elberton has received a request from a property owner at 41 West Church Street, Mr. Lynn Norton, to accept and receive a donation of land in the amount of 0.34 acre, on which the Granite City Trail is currently constructed, that portion of land being specified as Tract #3 on the attached plat prepared by Carroll Surveying, LLC dated March 13, 2007, being a portion of Elbert County Tax Parcel E12 001; and

WHEREAS: The City of Elberton has received a request from the above property owner to quit claim a parcel of land adjacent to West Church Street in the amount of 0.207 acre, that portion of land being specified as Tract #2 on the above referenced plat; and

WHEREAS: The City of Elberton reserves a 20-foot storm sewer easement from Tract #2 as depicted and specified on the attached plat for the purposes of maintaining a storm water drainage pipe, junction basin, and man hole; and

WHEREAS: The Mayor and Council have determined that said property in Tract #2 serves no public interest other than an interest to the private landowner at 41 West Church Street, shown as Tract #1 on the attached plat.

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 right-of-way known as Tract #2 on the attached plat, the City of Elberton does hereby waive, abandon and relinquish such interest, if any, less and except a 20-foot storm sewer easement as depicted on the attached plat.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City of Elberton does accept a donation of land from Mr. Lynn Norton in the amount of 0.34 acre on which the Granite City Trail is currently built, known as Tract #3 on the attached plat.

The Mayor, City Clerk, 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.

City Manager Dunn read the Resolution in its entirety and stated that the Resolution would require a second reading in April. During discussion, council expressed interest in amending the Resolution. Council Member Hunt motioned to table the Resolution, seconded by Council Member Seymour and the motion passed unanimously (Butler, Hunt, Seymour, Prince, Colquitt).

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

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

Expenditures for March 2014

Department: Public Works New Heating & Air (HVAC) Installation for Elberton Arts Center (SPLOST Project)	
Vendor:	Price:
Mike Carroll’s Heating & Air Recommended	\$50,616.00
Healthy Climate Heating & Cooling	\$54,000.00
McGee Heating & Air Conditioning	\$96,817.00

Recommendation based on low bidder.

Department: Water Variable frequency drives for raw water pumping station at Lake (SPLOST Project)	
Vendor:	Price:
Elberton Industrial Electric (Material & Installation) Recommended	\$30,000.00
Darby Electric (Material only; another contractor would have to bid installation)	\$45,310.00

Recommendation based on low bidder.

2. Authorized the closing of a portion of the public square to vehicular traffic on Saturday, April 26, 2014 for the FADFest event hosted by ECCHS and ECMS Fine Arts Department.

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.