

CITY OF ELBERTON
REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL
Monday, May 6, 2019 – 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 6, 2019 in Council Chambers of the Municipal Building, 203 Elbert Street with Mayor Guest presiding.

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

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

Council Member Hunt motioned to approve the minutes of the April 1 meeting, seconded by Council Member Butler and the motion passed unanimously (Butler, Colquitt, Hunt, Prince, Parham).

Mayor Guest recognized the Gas Department for receiving the Marketing Excellence Award during the Annual Meeting of the Municipal Gas Authority of Georgia. Mayor Larry Guest presented the award to Grant Jones, director of operations for the Gas Department.

Council Member Colquitt placed Ordinance 2205 on first reading to amend the alcoholic beverage ordinance:

ORDINANCE 2205

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 4, ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES, AND TO REPEAL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

City Manager Dunn read the ordinance in its entirety.

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

1. Accepted the Budget Calendar for FY2020.
2. Authorized the closing of a portion of Church Street at the Granite Bowl for graduation ceremony on Saturday, May 25 from 8:00 am – 10:30 am.
3. Authorized the issuance of an alcoholic beverage license for on-premises consumption of beer and distilled spirits to Juliet Alegria of Imperial located at 245 College Avenue.
4. Authorized the issuance of an alcoholic beverage license for on-premises consumption of beer and wine to Jennifer Jenkins of Home Sweet Home Elbert, LLC located at 175 McIntosh Street.
5. Authorized the issuance of an alcoholic beverage license for on-premises consumption of beer to Lottie Boazman of Pinetown Grill located at 531 Almond Street.
6. Authorized the issuance of an alcoholic beverage license for retail of beer and wine to Thomas Puthenpura of Bills Food Mart, Inc located at 243 College Avenue.

City Manager Dunn presented the following reports:

- Financial Report ending March 31, 2019
- Discussion of the Paving Plan for the T-SPLOST. The list included Woodland Road, Thompson Street, Willow Street, McKinley Street, Cole Street, Bartlett Street, W. Tate Street, Progress Boulevard, and Park Street. The project is estimated to cost \$518,612. Council directed City Manager Dunn to proceed with the bid process.
- Monthly report on the activities of various departments

Matters to be presented by the City Attorney:

- Dilapidated housing report.

Matters to be presented by the Council:

- Mayor Guest asked for a motion to move into executive session for the purpose of discussing the acquisition of real estate as permitted by O.C.G.A. 50-14-1. Council Member Parham motioned to close the meeting and move into executive session, seconded by Council Member Prince and the motion passed unanimously (Butler, Colquitt, Hunt, Prince, Parham).

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

Mayor Guest stated that no action was taken during the discussion of the acquisition of real estate.

There being no further business to come before Council, upon proper motion and second the meeting was adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

CITY OF ELBERTON
PUBLIC HEARING & CALLED MEETING OF THE ELBERTON MAYOR AND
COUNCIL

Tuesday, May 28, 2019 - 5:30 p.m.

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof the Public Hearing and Called Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the City of Elberton convened at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, May 28, 2019, in the Municipal Building, 203 Elbert Street with Mayor Guest presiding.

Present were: Council Members Butler, Colquitt, Hunt, Prince, and Parham; City Manager Dunn and Controller Eavenson. Also present was: Ms. Carolyn Bolton.

Mayor Guest called the Public Hearing to order. A notice of the meeting was issued in accordance with law for the purpose of discussing the FY20 proposed budget and any other matters that may properly come before Council. Mayor Guest called the meeting to order and gave the invocation.

Mayor Guest called the Public Hearing to order. Mayor Guest asked if anyone wished to speak on the FY20 proposed budget. There was no comment. Mayor Guest asked City Manager Dunn if he had received any written or oral comments, and the answer was no. Council Member Butler motioned to close the public hearing, seconded by Council Member Parham. The motion was adopted by 4-0 vote (Butler, Hunt, Colquitt, Parham) as Mr. Prince had not yet entered the meeting.

Mayor Guest called to order the Called Meeting. Mayor Guest led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance and offered the invocation.

Mayor Guest asked City Manager Dunn to give the Fiscal Year 2020 budget presentation.

Upon conclusion of the presentation, Mayor Guest announced that the Council would consider other business after a brief recess. After the recess, Council Member Hunt motioned to move into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing the acquisition of real estate, seconded by Mr. Colquitt, and the Council voted in favor of the motion 5-0 (Butler, Hunt, Colquitt, Prince, and Parham).

Council Member Hunt made a motion to return from executive session to regular session, which was seconded by Mr. Colquitt, and the Council voted in favor of the motion 5-0 (Butler, Hunt, Colquitt, Prince, and Parham).

Council member Colquitt introduced the following Resolution which was read by the City Manager:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS: A parcel of unimproved timber land known as Parcel 032 033A bordered on the east by Limo Road, and being adjacent to the present Elberton Industrial Park and the corporate limits of Elberton, has become available for purchase; and

WHEREAS: The City owns, operates, and maintains the Elberton Industrial Park and has made significant investments in utility infrastructure at the Park and along Mineral Springs Road; and

WHEREAS: Because of the size, topography, location to roads and the Athens Highway, and the existence of utility infrastructure being characteristics of this land, and with it being suitable for industrial or commercial development now and in the future; and

WHEREAS: The Mayor and Council do hereby find that it is in the public interest of the citizens of Elberton to acquire a portion of this parcel of property for its potential future uses as a large tract for development.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and City Council of the City of Elberton, Georgia hereby resolves to purchase the following parcels of land on Limo Road for the selling price of \$ 2,700.00 per acre, the tract being 167.77 acres more or less, a calculated purchase price of \$452,979, more or less :

Description of Parcel

A parcel of land consisting of 167.77 acres, more or less, identified as Elbert County tax map number 032-033A, present platted amount being 217.77 acres more or less and with 50 acres on the south side of the parcel being withheld by seller, located in Elbert County between Limo Road and the Elberton Industrial Park.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor, City Manager, and City Clerk are authorized to execute the necessary documents to effect this purchase of real estate including the execution of a purchase contract and disbursement of funds as directed and advised by the City Attorney.

RESOLVED at the Called Meeting of the Mayor and Council on May 28, 2019.

Mr. Colquitt motioned to adopt the resolution, seconded by Mr. Parham. The council adopted the resolution by a vote of 5-0 (Butler, Hunt, Colquitt, Prince, and Parham).

Mayor Guest discussed the charter and organization of the Development Authority of Elbert County, Elberton, and Bowman now that the Authority board has resigned. City Manager Dunn handed out the existing organizing resolution from 1982 and a proposed new resolution to re-organize the Authority. No further action was taken.

Mayor Guest brought up the proposed contract with Georgia Department of Transportation and CSX Railroad to change the railroad crossing surface at North Oliver Street (Ga. Hwy. 77) to a concrete surface instead of wooden timbers and asphalt. Council Member Butler stated he would like to see the crossing improved because of its frequent use as a state highway. Council Member Butler motioned to approve the contract with the City of Elberton's contribution being \$15,190 paid to CSX Railroad. Mayor Guest asked for a second to the motion. The motion died for lack of a second.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned with a motion duly made and seconded.