

**CITY OF GRIFFIN BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR SCHEDULED MEETING
ONE GRIFFIN CENTER, W. ELMER GEORGE MUNICIPAL HALL
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2014**

Those present were Chairperson Ryan McLemore, Commissioners Cora Flowers, Doug Hollberg, Rodney McCord, Dick Morrow, Joanne Todd, Cynthia Reid Ward, City Manager Kenny Smith and City Attorney Drew Whalen.

Commissioner Cynthia Ward led the pledge to the flag.

Commissioner Doug Hollberg led the invocation.

On motion by Commissioner Todd, seconded by Commissioner Ward and unanimously passed, approval of the Agenda.

PRESENTATIONS/DELEGATIONS

Public Safety Director Frank Strickland recognized Lieutenant Sam Parks with 32 years of service, and Sergeant Larry Martin with 28 years of service, upon their retirement from the Griffin Police Department. He described Lt. Parks as methodical, always reacting well and very good at what he does. He has taken a position as a Magistrate Judge for Judge Cavanaugh. Sgt. Larry Martin is pretty much the same, very good at all the positions he held while in the Police Department. He immediately went to work as well, at the JAG Probation office.

Sgt. Martin said he was thankful to everyone who allowed him to fulfill his dream as a police officer in his hometown. Lt. Parks said he was thankful to God for 33 good years and was never seriously injured on the job.

Chairperson McLemore thanked the officers for their long, loyal commitment to the City.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

There were no citizen comments.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

City Manager Kenny Smith, presented for comments a Resolution to adopt the 2014 Tax Millage Rate of 8.4 mils, determined to be the consensus of the Board after discussion in the morning Workshop.

Commissioner Morrow noted it's a tribute to Mr. Smith and his team that we are able to implement a tax reduction.

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CONSENT AGENDA

On motion by Commissioner Morrow, seconded by Commissioner Todd and unanimously passed, approval of the Minutes of the Regular Scheduled Meeting on September 9, 2014.

REGULAR AGENDA

On motion by Commissioner Hollberg, seconded by Commissioner Morrow and unanimously passed, approval of a Resolution adopting the 2014 Property Tax Millage Rate of 8.4.

On motion by Commissioner Hollberg, seconded by Commissioner Morrow and unanimously passed, approval to remain and participate in the Pooled Method for Collateralization. Mr. Schwab reiterated this is a mandate from the State Treasury Department for a more simple, transparent and consistent system.

On motion by Commissioner McCord, seconded by Commissioner Todd and unanimously passed, approval of a Resolution and support for Paragon Consulting Group to apply for the Downtown Development Revolving Loan Fund (DDRLF) from the Department of Community Affairs (DCA) and Revolving Loan Fund from Georgia Cities Foundation (GCF).

On motion by Commissioner Morrow, seconded by Commissioner McCord and passed on vote of 6 – 0 – 1, approval to amend the City of Griffin's Fiscal Year 2015 Operating and Capital Budget in the amount of \$103,100 for the Downtown Development Authority (DDA) as per the September 4, 2014 request from the DDA, and approve the transfer of \$3,000 to First National Bank c/o DDA Façade Grant account and use towards the façade grant program. Commissioner Doug Hollberg abstained due to a conflict.

Director Kenwin Hayes said these funds would go toward the purchase, redevelopment and renovation of up to ten selected parcels in the downtown area. He advised appraisals and renovation estimates have already been obtained. Commissioner Morrow said this has been ongoing for several years and he was glad to see it moving forward.

On motion by Commissioner Morrow, seconded by Commissioner McCord and unanimously passed, approval of the purchase of four (4) Dodge Durangos in the amount of 27,602.91 each from Akins Ford Government Sales off state contract, and add emergency equipment from Transcom in the amount of \$3,985 each, with graphics for \$375.00 each; and the purchase of two (2) Dodge Chargers in the amount of 23,780.73 each from Akins Ford Government Sales off state contract, with emergency equipment from Transcom in the amount of \$3,190.00 and graphics from Fire House Graphics in the amount of \$375.00 each; and declare six (6) police department vehicles to be placed on GovDeals.

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On motion by Commissioner McCord, seconded by Commissioner Todd and unanimously passed, approval to purchase a 60-foot material handler bucket truck from the only responsive bidder, Altec Industries, in the amount of \$216,039.00, declare surplus unit #770 (VIN # 1FDPK84A6VA117119E), transfer \$16,039.00 from Electric Capital Improvement (Scrap Metal Sales) Cash Account to Electric Operating account, and amend the budget accordingly.

On motion by Commissioner Hollberg, seconded by Commissioner Ward and unanimously passed, approval to purchase five hundred (500) 65-gallon recycling carts from OTTO Environmental Systems at a per unit cost of \$49.95 each, plus \$975.00 freight, for a total cost of \$24,300.00, for use in the residential division of the Solid Waste Division.

On motion by Commissioner Morrow, seconded by Commissioner McCord and unanimously passed, approval to reassign an agreement currently with Crescent Systems, to GolfNow for the point of sale system used for financial transactions and booking tee times at the City municipal golf course.

On motion by Commissioner Hollberg, seconded by Commissioner Todd and unanimously passed, approval of a Change Order to Match Point Tennis in the amount of \$36,143.00 in order to modify the slope of the tennis courts to comply with the United States Tennis Association (USTA) standards, and amend the budget accordingly.

On motion by Commissioner Hollberg, seconded by Commissioner McCord and unanimously passed, approval for Commissioner Dick Morrow to attend the GMA Legislative Policy Council Meeting on October 8 & 9, 2014 at the Legacy Lodge and Conference Center at Lake Lanier in Buford, Georgia.

On motion by Commissioner Morrow, seconded by Commissioner Todd and passed on vote of 6 – 1, approval of a request from the University of Georgia College of Agricultural & Environmental Sciences for annual support of the Griffin Campus Office of Continuing Education in the amount of \$17,500.00. Commissioner Cora Flowers voted “no”.

CITY MANAGER COMMENTS

Mr. Smith said there is a Groundbreaking Ceremony on Friday for the new medical building at Spalding Regional Hospital.

He reminded the Commissioners of the Intergovernmental Retreat in Athens on October 9th and 10th.

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6COMMISSION COMMENTS

Commissioner Morrow said the Archivist will be presenting a program on Tuesday from 6 to 7 on tombstones. Historic cemeteries is part of her outreach program.

Commissioner Hollberg said he is looking forward to the Doc Holliday weekend and encouraged everyone to participate. He praised city staff and everyone involved in the Historical Society ramble, advising he heard nothing but positive comments regarding the event.

Commissioner Morrow said the remainder of the Doc Holliday markers have arrived.

Commissioner Todd said she is looking forward to the Doc Holliday festival.

On motion by Commissioner Ward, seconded by Commissioner Hollberg and unanimously passed, approval to adjourn the meeting at 6:25 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kenny L. Smith, City Manager/Secretary

ACCEPTED:

Ryan McLemore, Chairperson