

**CITY OF GRIFFIN BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
REGULAR SCHEDULED MEETING  
ONE GRIFFIN CENTER, W. ELMER GEORGE MUNICIPAL HALL  
TUESDAY, APRIL 14, 2015**

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Chairperson Doug Hollberg presided and Commissioners Rodney McCord, Dick Morrow, Cynthia Reid-Ward, Cora Lee Flowers, Ryan McLemore and Joanne Todd attended. Also present were City Manager Kenny L. Smith and City Attorney Andrew J. Whalen, III.

Pledge of Allegiance ..... Commissioner McLemore

Invocation..... Chairman Hollberg

Approval of Agenda

***Motion/second by Commissioners Morrow/Todd to approve carried 7-0.***

<b>PRESENTATIONS / DELEGATIONS</b>
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1. Consider Proclamation declaring April 14, 2015 to be "Cronic Chevrolet Buick GMC Day" in honor of forty years of service.

Chairman Hollberg noted that Cronic was a very valued corporate citizen and congratulated them.

***Motion/second by Commissioners Todd/McLemore to approve carried 7-0.***

2. Consider approval of Proclamation declaring April 2015 to be Confederate Heritage and History Month and April 26, 2015 to be Confederate Memorial Day.

Commissioner Morrow read the Proclamation and presented to Mr. Kelly Barrow.

***Motion/second by Commissioners Morrow/Todd to approve carried 6-1 with Commissioner McCord opposing.***

3. Consider Proclamation declaring April 19-25 to be Georgia Cities Week for the City of Griffin.

Proclamation was read by Commissioner Todd. Several planned activities are on the website.

***Motion/second by Commissioners Morrow/Todd to approve carried 7-0.***

4. Consider Proclamation declaring April 18, 2015 to be Griffin Lineman Appreciation Day.

Proclamation was read by Commissioner McCord; several representatives of Griffin Power were present. ***Motion/second by Commissioners Morrow/Reid-Ward to approve carried 7-0.***

5. Recognize Sgt. Joe Hudson, with the Uniform Patrol Division of the Police Department, as the March 2015 "Strongest Link" award recipient.

The nomination was read by Chief Heaton and a brief video, taken by Sgt. Hudson's body camera, was shown of the incident. Commissioners commended Sgt. Hudson for his heroic efforts to rescue a family, and specifically a young boy, from a building experiencing a fire call. Sgt. Joe Hudson thanked the Board but indicated he was simply doing his job and that others would have done the same.

6. Review Financials for February 2015.

CFO Markus Schwab was present to answer questions. Finances are tracking normally at this point in the fiscal year.

7. Recognize: 1) Award for Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting for Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR), and 2) Award for Outstanding Achievement in Popular Annual Financial Reporting for Popular Annual Financial Report (PAFR).

Commissioners gave accolades to the Finance Department for these awards. These are the eleventh consecutive CAFR and ninth consecutive PAFR awards for the City of Griffin.

<b>CITIZEN COMMENTS</b>
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There were none.

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**PUBLIC HEARINGS**

There were none.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

8. Consider approval of Minutes for the: 1) Special Called Meeting, 2) Workshop, and 3) Regular Scheduled Meeting of the Board of Commissioners for March 24, 2015.

***Motion/second by Commissioners Morrow/Reid-Ward to approve all minutes on Consent Agenda carried 6-0-1 with Commissioner McLemore abstaining, since he was absent.***

**REGULAR AGENDA**

9. Consider a memorandum of understanding between the City of Griffin, Spalding County, and Griffin-Spalding Developing Authority to conduct a feasibility study for a hotel & conference center in Griffin/Spalding County.

***Motion/second by Commissioners McCord/Morrow to approve carried 7-0.***

10. Consider approval to direct MEAG Power to place 100% of the City's 2014 MEAG Power Projects Year-End Settlement refund of \$999,776 into the City's MEAG Municipal Competitive Trust Flexible Operating Account - Short Term Portfolio.

***Motion/second by Commissioners McLemore/Reid-Ward to approve carried 7-0.***

11. Consider approval to direct MEAG Power to place 100% of the City's 2014 MEAG Telecommunications Year-End Settlement refund of \$2878 into the City's MEAG Municipal Competitive Trust Flexible Operating Account - Short Term Portfolio.

***Motion/second by Commissioners McCord/McLemore to approve carried 7-0.***

12. Consider revising the MEAG Election Form for Voluntary Deposits directing MEAG Power to add \$209,776 per month to the MEAG bill; depositing \$104,888 per month to the New Generation and Capacity Funding Account / Intermediate Extended Maturity Portfolio; and \$104,888 to the MEAG Competitive Trust, Short Term Portfolio beginning in June, 2015.

***Motion/second by Commissioners Reid-Ward/Morrow to approve carried 7-0.***

13. Consider approval to amend the City of Griffin's Electric Utility Fund Fiscal Year 2014-2015 Operating and Capital Budget in the amount of \$60,000.00 for additional funding for tree trimming costs and approve Budget Amendment for the cash transfer to Electric Operating account from Electric Capital Improvement (Scrap Metal Sales) cash account.

***Motion/second by Commissioners McCord/McLemore to approve carried 7-0.***

14. Consider approval of a Resolution determining the necessity for the acquisition of permanent sewer easements, having an even width of 20', in, over and across lands of PLUM CREEK TIMBERLANDS, L.P. and VAUGHN BLAKE POST 8480, INC., VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS OF THE UNITED STATES; determining a "public use" for said easements; establishing an initial offer of "just compensation"; authorizing the City Manager or his designee to negotiate acquisition; and for other purposes.

Mr. Whalen noted this was long overdue. For this development, a part of our agreement was for water/sewer lines to our specifications. We will require acquisition of off-site easements. We have discovered the contractor came in to run those lines across Plum Creek timberlands and the adjoining tract. This action tries to get this issue resolved; it carries over from 2008. The requested 20% flexibility for the City Manager might prove to be beneficial.

***Motion/second by Commissioners McCord/Morrow to approve carried 7-0.***

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15. Consider the approval to purchase Phocus 3 Kit Data Loggers from MATCHPOINT , Inc. in the amount of \$40,474.00 for the Water Distribution Division of the Public Works and Utilities Department.

***Motion/second by Commissioners Morrow/McCord to approve carried 7-0.***

16. Consider an Addendum to the Agreement between the City of Griffin and Spalding County for North Hill Street Corridor Transportation Projects, Intersection No. 2, defining the roles of right-of-way (ROW) acquisition and construction management for SPLOST 2008 Project Northside Drive - Tuskegee Avenue and North Hill Street.

This addendum will move the project ahead to Spalding County to get approval or rejection so it can move forward, noted Dr. Brant Keller, Public Works and Utilities Director. It will take 4-6 months to complete and will solidify right-of-way acquisitions.

***Motion/second by Commissioners Morrow/Reid-Ward to approve carried 7-0.***

17. Consider approval to amend Drinking Water State Loan package approved May 27, 2014 in the amount of 3.1 million dollars, to 6.275 million dollars for Project DWSRF 14-014 from the Georgia Environmental Finance Authority for the replacement of the 1929 Flint River Pump Station for the Water and Wastewater Department of the Public Works and Utilities Department.

***Motion/second by Commissioners Morrow/McCord to approve carried 7-0.***

18. Appoint two (2) members to the Executive Committee of the Griffin-Spalding County Archway Partnership.

After some discussion, it was felt these two appointees to the Archway Partnership, which are recommended by UGA to be the City Manager and the Commission Chair can be construed to be City Manager/or designee and Commission Chair/or designee.

***Motion/second by Commissioners Morrow/Todd to appoint Commission Chair Doug Hollberg and City Manager Kenny Smith carried 7-0.***

19. Consider approval of the 800 MHz Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA), with Spalding County, revised, to establish a basis for addressing the administrative, operational and maintenance costs of the 800 MHz radio system.

City Manager Kenny Smith said the County desired to remove any reference to 911 center operations. Since this adjustment does not affect materially the stipulations of the agreement, he recommends approval but would like to point out, and have the minutes reflect, the two are intrinsically related and should both be considered integral parts of the overall radio communications system.

***Motion/second by Commissioners Morrow/Flowers to approve carried 7-0.***

<b>CITY MANAGER'S REPORT</b>
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- Archway meeting will be tomorrow at 2 p.m. at The Welcome Center.
- The week of April 19-26 will be Georgia Cities Week and many activities are planned.
- Thursday night, April 16, at 6:30 p.m. will be the GMA District 4 listening session at 6:30 p.m. at Senoia.
- Monday, April 20, at 5:15 p.m. will be an informational meeting conducted by Human Resources on identity theft. There have been concerns since the Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Georgia breach and they are addressing related issues.
- Wednesday, April 22, is the Career Fair (not a job fair) at the Welcome Center. We will, of course, take applications but the main thrust is to inform participants of the different careers we offer and the paths necessary for those vocations.

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- Spalding County will have a public hearing at 7 p.m. tonight on collection centers and comments on possible SPLOST projects. The County has tentatively set the date of Monday, May 18, at 4 PM, to meet with cities to discuss a November SPLOST, and the County has scheduled a workshop on April 27 at 4 p.m. to discuss their proposed projects.
- Mr. Smith said he and the City is very proud of its employees, and many were honored here tonight, i.e. Sgt. Hudson, Griffin Power linemen, and the Finance Department, to name a few. City of Griffin employees are outstanding and are to be commended.

<b>CITY COMMISSIONER COMMENTS</b>
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Commissioner Morrow felt the career fair would be a positive event. He has been attending a Board of Health conference over the past two days.

Chairman Hollberg stated he had received a letter from a family in Milner related to City firemen at Station #2 on the North Expressway, providing life-saving emergency medical service for a 5-month old baby boy having difficulty breathing as the family was enroute to hospital. They knew they would not make it to the hospital and stopped at the fire station for assistance. The family is very grateful and, again, the City is very proud.

<b>ADJOURN</b>
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*Motion/second by Commissioners McCord/Reid-Ward to adjourn at 6:48 p.m. carried 7-0.*

Respectfully Submitted,

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Kenny L. Smith, City Manager/Secretary

Accepted:

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Douglas S. Hollberg, Chairperson