

**CITY OF GRIFFIN BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR SCHEDULED MEETING
ONE GRIFFIN CENTER, W. ELMER GEORGE MUNICIPAL HALL
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 2015**

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Vice-Chairperson Dick Morrow presided, calling the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m. Commissioners attending were Cynthia Reid-Ward, Ryan McLemore, and Cora Flowers. Absent were Chairman Doug Hollberg and Commissioners Joanne Todd and Rodney McCord.

Also present were City Manager Kenny L. Smith, City Attorney Andrew Whalen, III, and Teresa Watson to record minutes.

Pledge of Allegiance Commissioner Reid-Ward
Invocation Vice-Chair Morrow
Approval of Agenda
Motion/second by Commissioners McLemore/Reid-Ward to approve carried by a vote of 4-0.

PRESENTATIONS / DELEGATIONS

None.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

At this time, the Chairperson opens the floor to comments from the audience. Comments should relate to a specific agenda item, not listed on the agenda for a Public Hearing, or to a concern within the jurisdiction of the City. Commission meetings serve the purpose of conducting city business and are not a forum for the unlimited expression of opinion. The Chairperson reserves the right to limit comments to matters germane to city business and may refer speakers to the City Manager or other staff for resolution.

Ms. Jenai Tudson, 211 North 15th Street, said she would like to see the City Code changed to allow for backyard chicken flocks in the City. Other cities have done this (about 25 in her research) and she provided an ordinance that was changed in one of these cities to reflect allowing chickens within the city limits in designations other than Agricultural. She provided research materials to Vice-Chair Morrow, who advised the Board would pass this along to the proper staff. Many people cannot afford to conform to the current requirements. She stated having chickens would benefit many, such as providing healthy meat for consumption, eggs as a food source, providing manure, eradicating backyard insects, till the grounds, and keeping weeds down. Chickens do not even have the problems that were inherent with customary pets like dogs and cats. The 100-foot buffer requirement or the 3.5 acres for having livestock in the City is prohibitive for many. There is an auction in Barnesville every week where chickens could be sold if residents no longer desired to keep them.

Vice-Chair Morrow said historically cities have been very restrictive in this regard, but in today's world some of these things are changing and becoming more palatable. She thanked the Board for consideration. Mr. Morrow said the Board would consider it perhaps at a future workshop.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Public Hearings are conducted to allow public comment on specific advertised issues such as rezoning, ordinances, policy development, operating budgets and other legislative actions to be considered by the City Commission.

None.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Consider approval of the Minutes of the November 10, 2015 City Commission Regular Schedule Meeting.

Motion/second by Commissioners McLemore/Reid-Ward to approve carried by a vote of 4-0.

REGULAR AGENDA

2. Consider a revised Resolution appointing Bill Bosch as primary and Sabrina Milner as secondary voting delegates to Electric Cities of Georgia. *Electric Director Bill Bosch will address.*

Motion/second by Commissioners Flowers/McLemore to approve carried by a vote of 4-0.

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3. Consider approval of the 2015 Electric Cities of Georgia Year End Settlement of \$26,004.73 to be placed into Electric revenue and ECG training in the following percentages: 77% (or \$20,000) into Electric revenue as budgeted, and 23% (or \$6,004.73) to be left in additional training, education and development fund within ECG. *Electric Director Bill Bosch will address.*

Motion/second by Commissioners McLemore/Reid-Ward to approve carried by a vote of 4-0.

4. Consider approval of low bidder John Neel & Son Enterprises, Inc. in the amount of \$39,624 for 1700 feet of directional bore to install new three-phase primary cable along a section of South 6th Street. *Electric Director Bill Bosch will address.*

Motion/second by Commissioners Reid-Ward/Flowers to approve carried by a vote of 4-0.

5. Consider a Reserve Capacity sale to the City of Buford of 941 KW at \$2.00 per KW - \$1,882 dollars total to be credited within the MEAG bill for calendar year 2016. *Electric Utility Director Bill Bosch will address.*

Motion/second by Commissioners Reid-Ward/McLemore to approve carried by a vote of 4-0.

6. Consider a Reserve Capacity sale to the City of Fairburn of 1,395 KW at \$2.00 per KW = \$2,790 dollars total to be credited within the MEAG bill for calendar year 2016. *Electric Utility Director Bill Bosch will address.*

Motion/second by Commissioners Reid-Ward/McLemore to approve carried by a vote of 4-0.

7. Consider approval to purchase and install a 25kw generator from lowest bidder, Triple "B" Inc. for lift station #10 in the amount of \$20,800.00 for the Water and Wastewater Department of the Public Works and Utilities Department. *Director of Public Works and Utilities Brant D. Keller will address.*

Motion/second by Commissioners Reid-Ward/McLemore to approve carried by a vote of 4-0.

8. Consider approval to purchase a Doosan C185 Diesel Portable Air Compressor from lowest bidder, Air Compressor Sales Inc. in the amount of \$17,999.00 for the Public Works Department of the Public Works and Utilities Department. *Director of Public Works and Utilities Department Brant D. Keller will address.*

Motion/second by Commissioners Reid-Ward/McLemore to approve carried by a vote of 4-0.

9. Consider approval of a consolidated (bulk) buy for the purchase of seventy (70) PC's from the Dell Georgia State Contract under the City's life cycle management program in the amount of \$34,930.00 *Chief Technology Officer Jack Poland will address.*

Motion/second by Commissioners Reid-Ward/McLemore to approve carried by a vote of 4-0.

10. Consider approval of a Resolution authorizing execution of a quitclaim deed to Spalding Regional Medical Center, Inc. for a 50' x 50' lot in the northwest intersection of S. Eighth Street and Addavale Street, which was formerly the site of a City Electric sub-station. *City Attorney Drew Whalen will address.*

Mr. Whalen noted this property had not been used by the City in quite a number of years, and the City will never again need a substation at this location.

Motion/second by Commissioners Reid-Ward/McLemore to approve carried by a vote of 4-0.

11. Consider a Resolution declaring the results of the General Municipal Election held November 3, 2015 for Commission Districts 2, 4 and At-Large, with terms of 4 years commencing January 1, 2016. *City Attorney Drew Whalen will address.*

Mr. Whalen congratulated all and said there would be a date set soon for the swearing in of Commissioner-Elect David Brock. He replied to Commissioner Flowers that he did not feel she would be required to be sworn in again as the incumbent, but she could schedule that if desired.

Motion/second by Commissioners Reid-Ward/McLemore to approve carried by a vote of 4-0.

12. Consider a Resolution declaring the results of the November 3, 2015 special election (referendum) imposing a new SPLOST for Spalding County and approval by a majority of the qualified electors within the City to issue General Obligation debt (SPLOST bonds) in an amount not to exceed \$10,570,000, and authorizing the Chairperson or, in his absence the Vice-Chairman, to notify the District Attorney, who will file a Bond Validation petition on behalf of the State of Georgia. *City Attorney Drew Whalen will address.*

Motion/second by Commissioners Reid-Ward/McLemore to approve carried by a vote of 4-0.

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13. Consider on first reading an Ordinance amending the Code of Griffin, Georgia, at Chapter 86, TELECOMMUNICATIONS, Art. III, TELECOMMUNICATION ANTENNAS AND TOWER STANDARDS, by deleting the present article and adopting in lieu thereof a new article in conformance with the Spectrum Act of 2012, modifying the Telecommunications Act of 1996. *City Attorney Drew Whalen will address.*

Motion/second by Commissioners Reid-Ward/McLemore to approve carried by a vote of 4-0.

14. Consider payment of \$146,581.27 to the Griffin Housing Authority and accept quit claim deed for the acquisition of 1301, 1303, 1305, 1307, 1311, 1313, 1315, 1317, 1319, 1321, 1323 & 1325 Lincoln Road; approve the transfer of cash in the amount of \$112,054.39 (balance in Land Sale cash account) to general fund operating cash; the remainder (\$34,526.88) to come from Commission Contingency; and amend the budget accordingly. *City Manager Kenny Smith will address.*

Motion/second by Commissioners Reid-Ward/McLemore to approve carried by a vote of 4-0.

15. Consider approval to award full-time City employees a one-time compensation in the amount of \$1000 and permanent part-time employees in the amount of \$500, for their efforts to maintain high service levels and standards despite staffing challenges this year, and to amend the FY 15-16 budget accordingly. *City Manager Kenny Smith will address.*

Mr. Smith noted that during this year's budget preparation, employees did not receive any salary increases. It was discussed at that time that if there was some way in which to reward them after a few months, we would explore that possibility. We now realize there are a tremendous number of open positions, and existing staff have performed admirably and stepped up to the plate to make sure work is performed in the same quality manner. This is an opportunity to thank them for their diligence and hard work.

Motion/second by Commissioners Flowers/Reid-Ward to approve carried by a vote of 4-0.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

The City Manager will update the Commission on pending items, upcoming workshops, meetings, conferences and other pertinent issues.

- *A new Workshop has been scheduled for December 8. This will enable us to hear the items that were originally scheduled for the November 24 Workshop which was cancelled.*
- *Mayors Day registration information should be given to Ms. Watson as soon as possible.*

CITY COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Commissioners will provide updates regarding issues of interest from their respective districts and/or committee reports.

Morrow – Happy Thanksgiving to all.

Todd - Absent

Flowers – No comment

Reid-Ward – No comment

Hollberg - Absent

McLemore – He wished a happy and safe Thanksgiving to everyone.

McCord - Absent

ADJOURN

Motion/second by Commissioners Reid-Ward/McLemore to adjourn at 6:18 p.m. carried 4-0.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kenny L. Smith, City Manager/Secretary

Accepted:

Dick Morrow, Vice-Chairperson