

CITY OF ELBERTON
REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL

Monday, April 1, 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, April 1, 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 and led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance. City Attorney Jenkins let the assembly in prayer.

Council Member Butler motioned to approve the revised minutes of the March 4th meeting, seconded by Council Member Parham and the motion passed unanimously (Butler, Colquitt, Hunt, Prince, Parham).

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

1. Authorized the issuance of a temporary alcoholic beverage license for on-premises consumption of beer to the Downtown Development Authority (DDA) for the following events:
 - a. Clay Page Concert, May 11, 2019, Elberton Fair Grounds
 - b. Classic Car Show, July 20, 2019, Downtown
 - c. Granite City Cookoff, September 14, 2019, Downtown
2. Authorized the closing of a portion of Church Street, between S. McIntosh and S. Oliver Street to vehicle traffic for touch a truck event in conjunction with Georgia Cities Week on April 27, 2019.
3. Authorized the closing of McIntosh Street between Elbert Street and Church Street to vehicle traffic for the First Friday's On One Way Concerts on May 3, June 7, July 5, and August 2.
4. Granted a waiver for a special event for open container consumption of alcoholic beverages on portions of the public square for the First Friday's On the One Way.
5. Authorized the Mayor and/or City Manager to terminate the existing lease with the Concerned Men of Elbert County and replace it with a new lease for the Burke Street Gym Complex.

City Manager Dunn presented the following reports:

- Discussion of the demolition services for properties on Oliver Street, Willow Street and N. McIntosh Street as submitted last month. City Manager Dunn presented a report on the vacant buildings on N. McIntosh Street. See attachment "A". He discussed several options from full demolition to full restoration. *Option 1, do nothing; Option 2, full demolition; Option 3, partial demolition; Option 4, hand demolition to save the brick structure; Option*

5, *partial or full renovation of the structure*. Council provided feedback related to the options presented.

- Council Member Butler: Does not support option 1 or 3. Option 5 would be too costly. We need to secure the building from entry. Prefers option 2 or 4.
- Council Member Hunt: Does not see a need in saving the buildings. Recommends option 2 for full demolition if the City can purchase the last building on the block.
- Council Member Prince: Option 4 provides opportunity to save the buildings. Does not see a purpose for the buildings now, but there may be later.
- Council Member Colquitt: Recommends barricading the structures now until something is settled. Prefers option 2.
- Council Member Parham: Can we get a professional to give us options? If not, prefers option 2 for full demolition if the City can purchase the last building.
- Mayor Guest: asked that we treat these buildings we own as we would any citizen with a dilapidated structure.

City Manager Dunn stated that he would go ahead and proceed with barricading the entry points to the buildings as best as possible to help keep people out and then work on purchasing the last building on the block. Mayor Guest stated that a called meeting may be needed to discuss further.

- Financial Report ending February 28, 2019
- 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:

There being no further business to come before Council, upon proper motion and second the meeting was adjourned.