

Council Meeting
March 16, 2015

Members Present: Mayor Richard C. Barr, members Jody Greene, Chandler Hill, Buddy Duke, Greg Paige and Butch Fausett.

Others Present: John Flythe, Rhonda Rowe, Tim Tanner, Chad Castleberry, Rene' Cowart, Denny Roberts, Tommy Rice and members of the public and press.

Invocation was given by Councilman Fausett.

Approval of Minutes: Councilman Hill made a motion to approve the minutes of March 2, 2015 as presented. Councilman Fausett seconded with all in favor.

Res #15-04: This resolution, authorizing the execution of the lease purchase agreement under the GMA direct leasing program for 3 police vehicles, was presented to the council. Councilman Fausett made a motion to approve the resolution. Councilman Hill seconded. All were in favor.

Electronic Metering Bid Award: City Manager John Flythe stated that after review of the bids, we are recommending purchase of the mesh system from Landis & Gyr. The remaining proposals were antennae based systems. He stated the negotiated price with installing all 2-S residential disconnect meters (could be disconnected remotely from city hall) is \$1,380,360. In response to a question as to whether a customer could look at their readings at any time, the representative from Landis & Gyr replied the system would have that capability for an added price of 4 cents per meter per year. In response to the system providing notices of power interruptions, he responded that the system could send a message out to supervisors and any other parties you wanted notified. Mr. Flythe further added that JM Manufacturing Company had called in regards to their support of the council's acceptance of the bid proposed by HD Sensus. During discussion, it was noted that a project manager will be assigned to us for a period of 6 months for the initial training phase and then we would roll over to the standard 24/7 help line. A person could be here within 24 hours if needed. For an additional monthly charge, a single line of contact can be assigned. A representative from Landis & Gyr stated that when installation begins, they will conduct an initial acceptance test based on a sample of meters to be sure everything is working properly before beginning full deployment of the system. Mayor Barr asked the council if there were any other questions by the council to the other vendors. Paul Lucas, representing HD Sensus, asked "was Sensus not the low bidder by three or four hundred thousand, what was the justification for not going with the low bidder"? City Manager John Flythe responded that we looked at the systems, not just price and added the 2-S Meters. We also wanted a system whereby the meters would communicate with each other. Electric Superintendent Rene' Cowart also commented that when you added back in the price for the warranties of HD Sensus, which were included with Landis & Gyr, the Landis & Gyr discounted price was lower. Mr. Lucas questioned if there was a 10 day period to protest the bid acceptance. Councilman Hill stated that due to the information provided and the

recommendation by the city manager, he made a motion to accept the bid of Landis & Gyr. Councilman Fausett seconded with all in favor.

Electric Cities of Georgia Contract Amendment: Councilman Duke made a motion authorizing the city manager to execute this amendment that would change the method of billing to a rolling average based on historical costs rather than a flat rate. Councilman Hill seconded. The decision was unanimous.

Budget Adjustment: City Manager John Flythe advised the council of a budget adjustment request to increase the retirement expense as well as a transfer in on the revenue side of \$65,117.46 to reflect the recreation department's portion of the unfunded liability that was paid earlier in the year on our retirement account. Councilman Paige made a motion to approve the budget amendment. Councilman Fausett seconded. The decision was unanimous.

Tent Revival: The council was advised of a request from Evangelist Essie Johnson of Barwick, Georgia to hold a tent revival at 215 S. Elm Street. Ms. Johnson had stated it could last up to two weeks. Councilman Hill made a motion to table any action until further information could be obtained. Councilman Paige seconded. The council did not want the revival to last more than a week if approved, wanted to know if they are a 501-C organization, and what would be the beginning and ending times each night of the revival. All members were in favor.

There was no further business and the meeting was adjourned.

Rhonda P. Rowe, City Clerk

Richard C. Barr, Mayor
