

**CITY OF ELBERTON**  
**REGULAR MEETING OF THE ELBERTON MAYOR & COUNCIL**

Monday, April 4, 2011 – 5:30 p.m.

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof the Organizational and Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council convened at 5:30 p. m. on Monday, April 4, 2011 in Council Chambers of the Municipal Building, 203 Elbert Street with Mayor Guest presiding.

Present were: Council Members Butler, Colquitt, Hunt, Seymour and Paul; City Attorney Phelps, City Manager Dunn and City Clerk Churney. .

Mayor Guest called the meeting to order and Mayor Pro tem Hunt led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance. City Attorney Phelps led the assembly in prayer.

Council Member Butler motioned to approve the minutes of the March 7, 2011 meeting as submitted, seconded by Mayor Pro tem Hunt and the motion passed unanimously.

Controller Eavenson presented the Financial Report through February 2011.

General Fund	\$ 4.4 million
Combined Utilities Fund	\$ 24.5 million
Elberton Technology Services Fund	\$ 1.4 million net loss
Solid Waste Fund	\$ 207,403

Unrestricted Investments-General Fund and Utility Fund	\$ 4.7 million
--	----------------

Restricted Investments (SPLOST & Utility Funds)	\$ 964,319
---	------------

Mr. John Hubbard spoke on behalf of the Granite City Cook Off Board. He asked for Council's continued support for the event to be held downtown on the square September 17, 2011. He also stated that the funds raised would help fund an education scholarship for students needing assistance to further their education.

Council Member Paul introduced a Resolution recognizing and commending the Elbert County High School JROTC Raider Team, as follows:

**WHEREAS:** Members of the Elbert County High School JROTC Raider Team have a reputation in the community and throughout this state for strength, determination, and dedication; and

**WHEREAS:** The Raider Team conquered first place in five of their six competitions this year, which included bringing home the Georgia State championship title to Elbert County High School for the first time; and

**WHEREAS:** On November 5, 2010, the Raider Team placed third at the National Raider competition; and

**WHEREAS:** The team won first place and set new records in the rope bridge category at both the state and national competitions, finishing the state event in one minute and 12 seconds and the national event, which required crossing a river, in two minutes and 22 seconds; and

**WHEREAS:** These magnificent cadets performed with precision during their events and serve as exceptional role models for all students in the State of Georgia.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Mayor and Council of the City of Elberton commends the Elbert County High School JROTC Raider Team for its outstanding achievements and extends their sincerest best wishes for continued success in the future.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that this Resolution be spread upon the permanent records of the City of Elberton and copies of this Resolution be presented to the Elbert County JROTC Raider Team.

Mayor Guest presented the Resolution to the JROTC Raider Team Commander Bradford. Mayor Guest also presented each team member with a City of Elberton lapel pin. The JROTC Raider Team consists of Allen Bradford, Zach Graham, Trey Lester, Jamarcus Burton, Brad Leming, Jace Rheims, Kyle McCurley, A. J. Graham, Stephen Jenkins, Reid Fuller, Mattox Bradford, Matt Mason, Grayson Harris, Dalton McIntosh and Kente Clark. The group is led by Major Lovin and Sgt Homer. Council Member Paul motioned to adopt the Resolution as read, seconded by Mayor Pro tem Hunt and the motion passed unanimously.

Council Member Colquitt introduced a Resolution accepting the Northeast Georgia Regional Solid Waste Management Plan 2009 Short Term Work Program (STWP) Update, as follows:

**WHEREAS,** the Georgia General Assembly enacted the Georgia Comprehensive Solid Waste Management Act which requires county and municipal governments to prepare a local solid waste management plan and periodic update in accordance with the Minimum Planning Standards and Procedures for Solid Waste Management promulgated by the Georgia Department of Community Affairs; and

**WHEREAS,** the 2009 Short Term Work Program (STWP) update of the Northeast Georgia Regional Solid Waste Management Plan has been prepared on behalf of and includes the solid waste management plans of Elberton, Georgia; and

**WHEREAS,** The 2009 Short Term Work Program (STWP) update of the Northeast Georgia Regional Solid Waste Management Plan has been prepared in compliance with the Georgia Comprehensive Solid Waste Management Act and the Rules of the Georgia Department of Community Affairs, and that the minimum public participation and other procedural requirements, as identified in the Minimum Planning Standards and Procedures for Solid Waste Management (Chapter 110-4-3), have been met or exceeded.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by Elberton, Georgia that the document entitled the Northeast Georgia Regional Solid Waste Management Plan 2009 Short Term Work Program

(STWP) Update as approved by the Georgia Department of Community Affairs is hereby adopted; and

**BE IT FRUTHER RESOLVED** by Elberton, Georgia that the sentence in work item 5.1.3.7 that references the proposed waste to energy facility is expressly deleted because that project is defunct; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Northeast Georgia Regional Commission shall be notified of said adoption in writing within seven (7) days of the adoption of this resolution.

City Manager Dunn read the Resolution in its entirety. Council Member Colquitt motioned to adopt the Resolution as read, seconded by Council Member Seymour and the motion passed unanimously.

Council Member Paul introduced a Resolution to amend the Official Traffic Map of the City, as follows:

**WHEREAS:** The Mayor and Council have determined that it is in the best interest of the citizens of Elberton to amend the Official Traffic Map of the City of Elberton by amending the map in accordance with Section 36-6, traffic schedules; and

**WHEREAS:** It is by recommendation of staff to designate both sides of Jones Street a “No Parking” Zone, beginning at its intersection with College Avenue and ending at its intersection with Lake Forest Drive; and

**WHEREAS:** This Resolution shall become part of the Official Traffic Map, which may be found on file in the City Clerk’s Office.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED** that the Mayor and Council designate both sides of Jones Street a “No Parking” Zone as described above and as designated in the attached map.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Mayor and Council direct the City Manager to have this street marked with yellow curbing upon adoption of this Resolution.

City Manager Dunn read the Resolution in its entirety. He stated that the Resolution was necessary in order to proceed with constructing a sidewalk on Jones Street. Council Member Paul motioned to adopt the Resolution as read, seconded by Council Member Seymour and the motion passed unanimously.

Council Member Paul motioned to table the Resolution to amend the Official Traffic Map of the City with regard to installing a speed table on Oak Street, seconded by Council Member Seymour and the motion passed unanimously. Mayor Guest stated that the Resolution will be added to the May agenda for consideration by Council.

Council Member Seymour asked to remove item G3 from the consent agenda for further discussion. Council Member Butler motioned to approve the consent agenda as amended, seconded by Council Member Paul and the motion passed unanimously.

1. Approved the expenditures that exceed the city manager's purchasing authority.

Water Treatment Plan Improvements Project Includes: Chlorine System Replacement, Chemical Filling Station and Valve Replacement.		
Number	Vendor	Bid Amount
1	Lanier Contracting Co.	\$104,171.00 Recommended
2	Allsouth Construction	\$109,750.00
3	Southern Champion, Inc.	\$104,722.00

Precision Planning, Inc. bid opening held March 24, 2011.  
Recommendation based on low bidder.

2. Approved the dues, travel and training for all city departments.

**City Clerk:**

Cindy Churney  
Fostering Employee Retention  
Elberton, GA  
April 20, 2011  
Registration: \$25.00  
Travel/lodging: None

Cindy Cabrera & Philip Hiott  
GPSTC Breath Alcohol Training –  
Basic Certification 16 hours  
Forsyth, GA  
May 16-17, 2011  
Registration: None  
Travel/lodging: \$242.00

**Fire:**

Robert Perry  
GSAR Training  
Gainesville, GA  
April 25-May 2, 2011  
Registration: \$320.00

Scott Marunish, Mike Seymour &  
Allen Lee  
Metals Theft Incidents &  
Investigations  
Hartwell, GA 4 hours  
May 25, 2011

Registration: None  
Travel/lodgings: \$45.00

**Police:**

Tamekia Downer Allen Lee  
GA Police Accreditation Coalition  
Meeting Forsyth, GA  
April 14, 2011  
Registration: \$75.00  
Travel/lodging: \$50.00

Darin Rucker 16 hours  
GPSTC High Risk Assessment  
Interviewing  
Forsyth, GA  
May 24-25, 2011

Registration: None  
Travel/lodging: \$ 174.00

Mike Seymour  
GPSTC Financial Investigation  
Fundamentals 24 hours  
Forsyth, GA  
May 4-6, 2011  
Registration: None  
Travel/lodging: \$174.00

**Utilities - Water Division**

Wayne Smith  
Georgia Rural Water Conference  
Jekyll Island, GA  
May-14-17, 2011  
Registration: \$ 295.00  
Travel/lodging \$ 642.44

Ed Brooks & Brad Alexander  
Sub-Station School  
Forsyth, GA  
April 25-28, 2011  
Registration: None  
Travel/lodging \$600.38

**Electric Division**

Cory Anderson & Mark Blackmon  
Sub-Station School  
Forsyth, GA  
April 18-21, 2011  
Registration: None  
Travel/lodging \$820.38

Cory Anderson  
Advanced Line Worker Training  
Newnan, GA  
April 25-26, 23011  
Registration: None  
Travel/lodging \$370.87

3. Authorization to issue of an alcoholic beverage license to Da Vibration Lounge located at 17 N. Oliver Street. Mr. Tony Lee and Ricky Eberhardt have submitted an application for on-premises consumption of beer/malt beverage was removed from the consent agenda for further discussion.
4. Authorized the closing of portions of the downtown square and city streets to vehicular traffic as recommended by the Main Street Elberton Promotions Committee as follows:
  - a. Sunday, June 5 – Biker Sunday Service & Bike Show. The biker will move from the church to the square immediately following the church service at 11:45 a.m. The square will need to be closed to traffic from 11:45 a.m. until 3:30 p.m. Main Street Elberton and First Baptist Church event.
  - b. Saturday, June 4 – Jim Ree African American Museum 5K Walk/Run. The two lap, 5K walk/run will proceed west on Church Street to Forest Avenue turning left onto Forest and proceed south to Forest Hills Drive where they will turn left and proceed to Lake Forest Drive. Turning left and going east on Lake Forest Drive, crossing S. Oliver Street toward the intersection of S. McIntosh Street turning left and proceeding north to the finish line at S. McIntosh Street and Church Street. Jim Ree Museum event.

Council Member Seymour asked if fingerprinting and background check has been completed. City Manager Dunn stated that the applicant meets all requirements of the application. Mayor Pro tem Hun motioned to authorize the issuance of an alcoholic beverage license to Vibration Lounge located at 17 N. Oliver Street. Mr. Tony Lee and Ricky Eberhardt for on-premises consumption of beer/malt beverage, seconded by Council Member Seymour and the motion passed unanimously. City Manager Dunn stated that the applicant has inquired as to the guidelines for meeting the requirements of a restaurant, but no information has been submitted to date.

City Manager Dunn presented the following reports:

- Report on Expenditures reportable under Sect. 2-173 and Sect. 2-177.
- Monthly reports on the activities of various Departments.

City Attorney Phelps informed Council that the 2010 Census figures trigger reapportionment of local government districts. Municipal districts must comply with the Voting Rights Act, which requires one person, one vote. He stated that he would begin reviewing the 2010 Census data to determine if redistricting is needed.

Council inquired as to the properties listed on the City Marshal's Dilapidated Housing report. Assistant City Attorney Graves stated that he would meet with City Marshal Algood and determine which cases needed to be removed or updated. Council asked for an update on some of the older cases prior to the next meeting.

Mayor Guest stated that City Manager Dunn and Economic Development Director Anna Grant Jones were presenters at the Electric Cities of Georgia (ECG) Economic Development Forum last week. He stated that they talked about Economic Development efforts in Elberton. He added that the presentation will be featured on Channel 9 later this week.

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

---

Mayor

ATTEST:

---

City Clerk