

**CITY OF ELBERTON**  
**REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL**  
Monday, August 1, 2011 – 5:30 p.m.

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof the Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council convened at 5:30 p. m. on Monday, August 1, 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 led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance and in prayer.

Mayor Pro tem Hunt motioned to approve the minutes of the July 11 meeting as submitted, seconded by Council Member Butler and the motion passed unanimously.

Controller Kevin Eavenson presented the Financial Report through June 2011 with the following net assets:

General Fund	\$ 4.3 million
Combined Utilities Fund	\$ 24.5 million
Elberton Technology Services Fund	\$ 1.3 million net loss
Solid Waste Fund	\$ 150,736
Unrestricted Investments-General Fund and Utility Fund	\$ 4.7 million
Restricted Investments (SPLOST & Utility Funds)	\$ 1.5 million

Ms. Lottie Trena Brown asked to address Council regarding her utilities at 1107 Huntington Drive. Council Member Seymour motioned to hear Ms. Brown, seconded by Mayor Pro tem Hunt and the motion passed unanimously. Ms. Brown stated that her electricity was \$500 - \$600 per month for 1,200 square feet mobile home. She added that it was higher than her mortgage payment and that she wanted someone to physically read the meter each month “feet on the ground”. After discussion, Mayor Guest recommended Ms. Brown to contact the City Manager to go over her usage and do a rate comparison as well as to discuss energy saving options available.

There were no Ordinances or Resolutions to consider at this time.

Council Member Seymour motioned to approve the consent agenda, seconded by Council Member Butler and the motion passed unanimously.

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

**Elberton Utilities – Electric Department**

Primary wire for the Elbert Street to end of Lexington Highway line rehabilitation project and for the Substation to Mill Street Tie Line Project (#1 to #2 Phase 2)

96,815 feet of 336 MCM aluminum ACSR primary	\$62,348.86
33,440 feet of #4/0 aluminum ACSR primary	14,914.24
36,570 feet of #1/0 aluminum ACSR primary	8,337.96
Total	<u>\$85,601.06</u>

Vendor: Power Supply Company

Electric Cities Join Purchasing bid number 11-006

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

**Police Department:**

Tamekia Downer and Allen Lee  
GA Police Accreditation Coalition Meeting  
Forsyth, GA August 19, 2011  
No Cost

**Utilities Department:**

**Water**

Tommy Oglesby  
Water Utility Calculations/ Math  
Georgia Rural Water Online Course approved in Georgia  
Registration: \$ 225.00

Tommy Oglesby  
Advanced Water I Georgia Rural Water  
Certification Points (12)  
Atlanta, GA September 13-15, 2011  
Registration: \$255.00  
Travel/lodging: \$486.60

3. Authorized the issuance of an alcoholic beverage license for wine to Vibrations Lounge located at 17 N. Oliver Street. Mr. Tony Lee currently holds a beer/malt license and requests to add wine to his on-premises consumption license.

4. Authorized the closing of a portion of the square to vehicular traffic in front of the fountain for the 2011 Season Kick-off Pep Rally. No stage will be needed. Event sponsored by the Elbert County Varsity Football Cheerleaders and approved by Main Street Elberton Promotions Committee.
5. Approved the FY 2011 year-end close Budget Amendment.

City Manager Dunn presented the following reports:

- Report on Expenditures reportable under Sec. 2-173 and Sec. 2-177.
- The Old City Quarry sewer rehab project is 70% complete.
- The water project is 30% complete.
- The electric department is working on the tie line project that begins at the substation on McIntosh Street over to Mill Street to interconnect with the new line constructed there last year.
- The electric department has completed installation of the new poles on Country Club Road to Lexington Highway.
- The State Park project with the USDA and One Georgia Authority will be ready for bidding later this month.
- Engineers are working on the design of the natural gas bare line replacement project.
- Monthly reports on the activities of various Departments

City Attorney Phelps informed Council that he would report on the peddler's license guidelines next month. He also stated that last month Council had asked him to research "speed bumps". He stated that they are proper to install when it is due to a public safety issue if you take proper steps, such as signage, you are exempt from liability for wrecks, damage, etc. He recommended establishing a policy to study the locations prior to implementing speed bumps/breakers.

Council discussed the following matters:

- Council Member Paul asked if there were any programs to help residence to insulate their homes such as window replacement. City Manager Dunn stated that the USDA works with individuals.
- Council Member Colquitt asked if the City could waive penalties. City Manager Dunn stated that services charges can be.
- Council Member Paul stated that he had received two additional requests for speed bumps from his neighborhood.
- Council Member Colquitt recommended completing a study on how many injuries there have been in the past five years relating to traffic.

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Mayor

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City Clerk