

CITY OF ELBERTON
REGULAR MEETING OF THE ELBERTON MAYOR AND COUNCIL

Monday, February 4, 2013 – 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, February 4, 2013 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 led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance and City Attorney Phelps led the assembly in prayer.

Council Member Seymour motioned to approve the minutes of the January 7, 2013 meeting as submitted, seconded by Mayor Pro tem Hunt and the motion passed unanimously (Butler, Hunt, Seymour, Paul, Colquitt).

Reports. Controller Kevin Eavenson presented the Financial Report through December 2012 is enclosed for review.

General Fund	\$ 4.8 million
Combined Utilities Fund	\$ 25.6 million
Elberton Technology Services Fund	\$ 237,702 net loss
Solid Waste Fund	\$ 83,073
Unrestricted Investments-General Fund and Utility Fund	\$ 4.9 million
Restricted Investments (SPLOST & Utility Funds)	\$ 2.5 million

Speakers from the floor. Mr. Greg Gunter, Chairman of the Elbert County Chamber of Commerce gave an updated on the activities of the Chamber. He thanked the Mayor and Council for their continued support through the hotel/motel tax contribution.

Mr. Jimmy White, spoke on behalf of the Jim-Ree Museum with regard to the upcoming Spring Festival downtown. Mr. White asked the City to sponsor the event by donating \$1,000. No action was taken at this time.

Council Member Seymour placed Ordinance 2180 on first reading as follows:

ORDINANCE 2180

AN ORDINANCE ANNEXING THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1708 CREEKVIEW ROAD PURSUANT TO THAT CERTAIN ACT (GEORGIA LAW. 1962, P. 119) AUTHORIZING SAME UPON WRITTEN AND SIGNED APPLICATION OF THE PROPERTY OWNERS OF SAID LAND; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

City Manager Dunn read the Ordinance in its entirety.

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

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

Police Department:

Michael Davis
Commercial & Passenger Vehicles
Contraband Indicators for Highway
Interdiction
Dawsonville, GA
February 7, 2013
Travel: \$15.00

Ricky Morris and Jonathan Burnette
Advanced Report Writing 16 hours
Toccoa, GA
March 21 – 22, 2013
Travel: \$60.00

Michael Davis
D.U.I. Detection and Standardized F.S.T.
24 hours
Forsyth, GA
March 6 – 8, 2013
Travel / Lodging: \$129.00

Michael Davis and Macon Clark
Criminal Apprehension for Patrol 40 hours
Forsyth, GA
March 25- 29, 2013
Travel / Lodging: \$380.00

Cody Sanders and Cleveland Williams
Verbal Judo 24 hours
Forsyth, GA
March 19-21, 2013
Travel / Lodging: \$258.00

Jimmy Jones and Mark Welsh
Animal Cruelty
Georgia Equine Rescue League
Oglethorpe, GA
February 21, 2013
No Charge

2. Authorized the closing of various city streets to vehicular traffic on Saturday, April 27 for the Elberton Lions Club 5K Run. The race will start at the Gym at the high school; proceeding east on Jones Street to Rhodes Drive; proceeding south on Rhodes Drive and through to Athens Tech Parkway; continuing to the middle school and turning right onto Johnson Drive; proceeding north to Oak Hill Road; turning right travelling east back to the high school Gym.

City Manager Dunn presented the following reports:

- ElbertonNET. The Fortsonia area construction was completed in January and is on.
- Work has begun at Hickory Drive including demolition of the small field at the rear of the park, and a section of fencing that was rusted out at the bottom has been removed so that staff can cut the large pine trees. Quotes have been received to reseal and repaint four of the six tennis courts once the tree work is completed.
- GMA June conference registration is next month.
- Friday staff will be conducting a vehicle physical inventory which has been recommended by the auditors.
- Dilapidated housing update. The owner of 409 Hillcrest Avenue has obtained a demo permit. The owner is in the process of doing an asbestos testing for demolition of 337 Willow Street. The city has prepared a bid request for an testing study for 135 Burke Street. The property at 506 Taggart Street has been donated to Elbert County and they are in the process of doing asbestos testing and abatement in order to demo it.
- The Economic Development position is open and posted on-line.
- Monthly report on the activities of various departments.

City Attorney Phelps informed Council that Representative Tom McCall has introduced our local legislation last Tuesday for approval with reference to the reapportionment of city wards. The school property is back in the Board of Education's possession.

Council Member Seymour reported on the National Guard parade set for February 15. Council Member Butler stated that stop signs at the railroad crossings are not consistent with some having to stop and some not.

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