

REGULAR MEETING OF THE ELBERTON MAYOR AND COUNCIL

Monday, July 7, 2008 - 5:30 p.m.

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof the Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the City of Elberton convened at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, July 7, 2008, in the council chambers of the Municipal Building, 203 Elbert Street with Mayor Guest presiding.

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

Mayor Guest called the meeting to order. Mayor Pro tempore Colquitt led in the Pledge of Allegiance and Council Member Paul led in the prayer.

Council Member Seymour motioned to approve the minutes of the June 2, June 5, and June 16, 2008 meetings as submitted, seconded by Council Member Butler and the motion passed unanimously.

Reports. Controller Kim Greenway presented the Financial Report through May 2008 with the following net assets:

General Fund	\$ 3.6 million
Utility Fund	\$ 23 million
Elberton Technology Services Fund	\$ 1.8 million net loss
Solid Waste Fund	\$ 290,135
Unrestricted Investments-General Fund and Utility Fund	\$ 3.03 million
Restricted Investments (SPLOST & Utility Funds)	\$ 1.10 million

Council Member Paul introduced the following Resolution for second reading:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS: The City of Elberton and the Downtown Development Authority have worked for many years to revitalize the historic public square and central business district; and

WHEREAS: The City of Elberton was awarded a Rural Business Enterprise Grant from the United States Department of Agriculture in the amount of \$25,000 to be used to construct an entrance from College Avenue to an existing city-owned parking lot in downtown Elberton; and

WHEREAS: This project will create/save jobs in this area and boost the economy in Elberton, Georgia ; and

WHEREAS: The adopted budget for Fiscal Year 2009 includes funding to acquire property on College Avenue to improve this parking lot and entryway;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of Elberton, Georgia hereby agrees to purchase the following parcel of land on College Avenue for this project:

Parcel 1

A parcel or land consisting of 0.36 acres, more or less, identified as Elbert County tax map number E11-094, owned by Brady Plumbing and Electric Service, located at 31 College Avenue, for the selling price of \$40,000.00; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor, City Manager, and City Clerk are authorized to execute the necessary documents to effect this purchase of land for the proposed parking lot improvement project.

ADOPTED at the Called Meeting of the Mayor and Council on June 16, 2008, and the Regular Meeting of July 7, 2008.

Council Member Paul motioned to waive the reading, seconded by Council Member Seymour and the motion passed unanimously. Mayor Pro tempore Colquitt motioned to adopt the Resolution as presented, seconded by Council Member Butler and the motion passed unanimously.

Council Member Paul introduced the following Resolution:

RESOLUTION

A Resolution to create a Revolving Loan Fund in the City of Elberton

WHEREAS: The primary objective of Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, is the development of viable communities through the improvement of living conditions and expansion of economic opportunities in cities and counties, principally for persons of low and moderate income; and

WHEREAS: It is the goal of the Redevelopment Fund Program (RFP), which is governed by Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, to create and or retain jobs for persons of low and moderate income and to eliminate slums or blight; and

WHEREAS: All program income received by the City of Elberton from a grant received through the Redevelopment Fund Program shall be placed in a Revolving Loan Fund (RLF) for the City of Elberton and administered in conformance with applicable federal and state rules and regulations; and

WHEREAS: A Local Loan Review Committee will be established to accept and review applications for the RLF and make recommendations to the City Council for funding. Local Policies and Procedures governing the Committee, along with membership, shall be determined by the City government and approved by DCA.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Elberton shall establish a Revolving Loan Fund with all revenues and collateral obtained from the CDBG grant #07RD-X-052-2-33370 and any subsequent CDBG grants, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this revolving loan fund shall be used for the express purpose of creating and/or retaining jobs primarily for low and moderate income persons, or for eliminating slums or blight by providing financial assistance to existing eligible businesses where the City's involvement is necessary and appropriate for the project's viability, and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the said revolving loan fund will act within the guidelines of the underwriting policy hereto attached.

Adopted this 7th day of July, 2008.

The Resolution was read in its entirety. Council Member Seymour motioned to adopt the Resolution as read, seconded by Council Member Hunt and the motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Guest asked if there were any items to be removed from the consent agenda to be discussed further. Council Member Seymour asked to remove item 1 from the consent agenda. Council Member Butler motioned to approve the consent agenda as amended, seconded by Council Member Paul and the motion passed unanimously.

1. The approval of the expenditures that exceed the City Manager's purchasing authority was removed by Council Member Seymour for further discussion.

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

Police Department

Mark Welsh
GA Assoc. of Chiefs of Police
Annual Summer Training Conference
Savannah, GA
July 12 - July 16 2008
Registration - \$315.00
Lodging - \$508.00

Chris Dyal & Luke Mize
Basic Radar 16-hour
Barrow County Sheriff's Office
July 21-22, 2008
Registration: None
Lodging: None

Brian Jones
Traffic Accident Reconstruction Level One
GPSTC Forsyth, GA
July 21-25, 2008 40-hour
Registration: None
Lodging: \$195.00

Scott Marunich
RCTA Meridian, MS

Basic Narcotics Investigations 80-hours
August 18-29, 2008
Registration: None
Lodging: None

Electric Department

Ron Ethridge, Donald Banks
Jerry Christian
MEAG Substation Training
Forsyth, GA
July 21-23, 2008
Registration: None
Lodging: \$615.00

Ed Brooks, Brad Alexander
MEAG Substation Training
Forsyth, GA
July 28-30, 2008
Registration: None
Travel/Lodging: \$632.80

Water Department

Branon Young
Filter Plant Certification Test Class II
Macon, GA

July 7-8, 2008
 Registration: None
 Travel/Lodging: \$221.60

Drinking Water Lab Analyst School
 Carrollton, GA
 July 14-17-08
 Registration: \$290.00
 Travel/Lodging: \$461.6

Tommy Oglesby

3. Authorized the closing of various streets to vehicle traffic on August 1-2, for the Georgia Cup Race (requested by the Elbert County Chamber of Commerce).
 - a. August 1 beginning at 11:00 p.m. through August 2 ending at 10:15 a.m. along South McIntosh Street from Church Street to Elbert Street (Ed Shive Tire to Richard's Restaurant); and
 - b. August 2 beginning at 7:15 a.m. until 9:30 a.m. along Heard Street from Chamber Office to Elbert Street (Golden Pantry); and
 - c. August 2, beginning at 1:00 p.m. until 11:00 p.m. along Heard Street from Chamber Office to Kimbrell's Furniture, Public Square, South McIntosh Street from Church Street to Elbert Street, Church Street from Elberton Federal to Thomas Street, Thomas Street to Heard Street; and
 - d. Request new James Street and Swift Parking Lots be designated 2-hour parking on Saturday, August 2nd.
4. Authorized the Mayor and/or City Manager to execute the necessary documents with the Elbert County Chamber of Commerce for Tourism Services for Fiscal Year 2009.
5. Authorized the closing of Tusten Street from Church Street to Heard Street for 2.5 hours in order to have a neighborhood watch block party, cookout and neighborhood watch meeting. (requested by Rod Daniel, member of Southside Neighborhood Watch).
6. Authorized the closing of William Street from just past the Railroad at the Heritage Building Supplies parking lot to Almond Street for Mt. Calvary Baptist Church's carnival, from 5:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. on Saturday, July 26.
7. Authorized the closing of Mayor and/or City Manager to execute an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Elbert County Board of Commissioners for inmate housing at the Elbert County Jail.

Council Member Seymour removed item 1 from the consent agenda. Council Member Seymour inquired as to the funding source for replacement of storm water drainage pipe under Mill Street at the corner of Second Street. City Manager Dunn stated that the infrastructure construction was a SPLOST project. Council Member Butler motioned to approve item 1 of the consent agenda as submitted, seconded by Council Member Seymour and the motion passed unanimously.

Natural Gas

PVC Line Replacement Project, Phase 2 – Melody Ln., Fairfax Cir., Fairway Dr., and Jaudon Rd.		
Harrison Gas Systems, LLP	Recommended	\$ 90,000.00
Utility Pipeline		\$ 90,200.00
C J Hodge Enterprises, Inc.		\$124,650.00

(recommendation based on low bid)

Electric

1,000 kva padmount transformer for the new Ingles project, 7200 277-480

Equity Utility Service, GE brand Recommended \$19,394.00

Gresco Reynolds, ERMCO brand \$19,815.00

HD Supply, ABB brand \$18,400.00

(recommendation based on lower core loss and lower operating cost over the long term, and on brand preference for quality)

Public Works – Infrastructure Construction

Replace storm water drainage pipe under Mill Street at the corner of Second Street, approx. 80 linear feet of 24” storm drain. Replace curb and sidewalk cuts.

Mullenix Construction, Inc. Recommended \$ 9,890.00

Cedar Farms & Construction, Inc. \$12,385.00

(recommendation based on low bid)

City Manager Dunn presented the following reports to Council:

- City Manager Dunn stated that the police department renovations were underway.
- City Manager Dunn stated that there will be a bid opening on Tuesday for the W. O. Jones project.
- City Manager Dunn discussed the dilapidated housing report in detail.
- City Manager Dunn discussed the Plan Vogtle project.
- Monthly reports and activities of the various departments.

Mayor pro tempore Colquitt motioned to adjourn into executive session to discuss personnel, seconded by Council Member Hunt and the motion passed unanimously. Council Member Hunt motioned to move out of executive session, with Mayor Pro tempore Colquitt seconding the motion. Mayor Guest reported that no action was taken at this time.

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

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk