

CITY OF ELBERTON
WORK SESSION MEETING OF THE ELBERTON MAYOR AND COUNCIL

Monday, July 27, 2009 – 5:30 p.m.

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof the Work Session Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the City of Elberton convened at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, July 27, 2009, in the staff development room of the Municipal Building, 203 Elbert Street with Mayor Guest presiding.

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

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

City Manager Dunn presented the following items for discussion relating the agenda for the regular meeting of August 3, 2009:

1. Ordinance 2158 for first reading to amend the zoning ordinance to eliminate personal care homes from the single-family residential zoning district as a condition use.
2. A Resolution declaring surplus property along Tribble Street (adjacent to the Recycling Center) for a distance of 25 feet along the property line. The purchaser would be required to pay all legal and survey costs to effectuate the sale.
3. A Resolution to amend the official traffic map to prohibit parking on the south side of Presbyterian Lane. Council asked City Manager Dunn to look at prohibiting parking on both side of the street, designating the street a one-way or prohibiting parking on Sunday's rather than just prohibiting parking on the south side, and to also determine the actual width of the street.
4. Minutes and decisions of the Elberton Historic Preservation Commission meeting of July 21, 2009.
5. Speaker from the floor – Sandra Brown (Chairperson of the Chamber of Commerce).

City Manager Dunn presented the following items for discussion:

1. Status of Electric Distribution System Projects. Dunn presented an updated strategic plan for the distribution system and updated council on projects that will be done in-house and also projects that will be put to bid in September.

2. Request from Development Authority to pay for expenses relating to GRAD certification of the Industrial Park site. Economic Developer Anna Grant Jones asked for the City assistance in paying a portion of the \$12,550 to apply for the GRAD certification. Mayor Guest stated that he recommended discussing the item with Elbert County and Bowman to determine what their interests were in contributing. Mayor Guest added that he was meeting with the Executive Committee of the Development Authority along with Elbert County and Bowman officials on Friday to discuss the bylaws.
3. Historic Preservation Guidelines. The Historic Preservation Commission approved revisions to the 1996 design guidelines. Council will review the revisions and discuss the item at the next work session and consider them for adoption at the September regular meeting.
4. Request made by Elbert Memorial Hospital. City Manager Dunn stated that he will be meeting with the hospital management staff to discuss the consultation services as requested by the hospital. He also stated that Tom Brown asked the City to hold off on the request for funding for physician recruitment. The authority is considering refocusing their efforts due to recent hospital census information.

The following matters were discussed by Council:

1. Council Member Colquitt asked that the City Attorney review all contracts and agreements that involved other governmental agencies to check for HB489 requirements.
2. Council Member Paul asked that the electric department consider the value of trees in the historic district and other areas of town in the rights-of-way maintenance program.
3. Council Member Paul asked if the County had considered purchasing water from the City for the County-Wide water system. City Manager Dunn stated that he had spoken with them informally about water rates, but that a final rate would be based on volume which has yet to be determined by the County. Dunn also encouraged the County to consider using the same meter type and spec book as the City for the County water system.
4. Council Member Paul stated that Council Member Seymour asked wanted him to pass along a request for establishing a calendar of appointments and conferences that could be accessed easily by members of council electronically.
5. Dunn stated that Mr. Seymour asked that the Police Department consider the implications of designating the intersection at Thomas Street and Heard Street a 4-way stop with a flashing red light rather than a traffic signal.

City Attorney Phelps recommended Council entering into Executive Session to discuss a possible acquisition of property. Council Member Hunt motioned to enter into executive session, seconded by Council Member Colquitt and the motion passed unanimously. Council Member Hunt motioned to come out of executive session, seconded by Council Member Colquitt and the motion passed unanimously. There was no action taken.

There being no further discussion, the work session was adjourned.

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk