

CITY OF ELBERTON
REGULAR MEETING OF THE ELBERTON MAYOR AND COUNCIL
Thursday, July 9, 2009 – 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 Thursday, July 9, 2009, in the council chambers of the Municipal Building, 203 Elbert Street with Mayor Guest presiding. The meeting was rescheduled from July 13 as published in the local newspaper.

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

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

Mayor Pro tempore Paul motioned to approve the minutes of the June 1, June 4, and June 9 meetings as submitted, seconded by Council Member Seymour and the motion passed unanimously.

Reports. Controller Kevin Eavenson presented the Financial Report through May 2009 with the following net assets:

General Fund	\$ 4.1 million
Combined Utilities Fund	\$ 19.6 million
Elberton Technology Services Fund	\$ 2 million net loss
Solid Waste Fund	\$ 257,025
Unrestricted Investments-General Fund and Utility Fund	\$ 2.8 million
Restricted Investments (SPLOST & Utility Funds)	\$ 578,116

Speakers from the floor. Ms. Rose Walker spoke on behalf of the Elberton-Elbert County Hospital Authority. The Authority requested the following from the Elberton City Council:

- \$12,000 per month for physician recruitment and retention (economic development).
- \$200,000 for indigent care and charity, which is 5.6% of the projected charity and indigent care and bad debt (\$3.6 million) amount for year ending June 30, 2009.
- Consultation services and recommendations for energy conservation measures.
- Consultation services and recommendations for voice and data communications including internet and email services.

Mayor Guest thanked the Authority and stated that the Elberton City Council would consider the request.

Rev. John Barnett informed Council on the progress of the Granite City Cook-off scheduled for downtown on September 12.

Council Member Seymour placed Ordinance 2157 on First Reading as follows:

ORDINANCE 2157

AN ORDINANCE ANNEXING THE PROPERTIES LOCATED AT 1323 FAIRWAY DRIVE AND 1348 FAIRWAY DRIVE 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.

The Ordinance was read in its entirety.

Council Member Hunt motioned to approve the consent agenda as submitted, seconded by Mayor Pro tempore Paul and the motion passed unanimously.

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

Human Resources

Cindy Churney
Labor Law 101
Elberton, GA
August 5, 2009
Registration: \$50.00

Luke Mize
Firearms Instructor (80 hours course)
GPSTC Forsyth, GA
September 14-25, 2009
Registration: None
Lodging/Travel: \$790.00

Police

Brian Jones & Stephanie Hughes
Basic Gang Class
RCTA Meridian, MS
July 13-15, 2009
Registration: None

Utilities -Admin

David Hudson
2009 MEAG Power Annual Meeting
Amelia Island, FL
July 13-15, 2009
Registration: \$300.00
Travel/Lodging: \$651.88

Mark Welsh
Research Project Module 7
Command College @Columbus State
University
Columbus, GA
August 2-4, 2009
Registration Fee: None
Lodging/Travel: \$258.00

Water

Branon Young
Water Treatment System Operator
Class I State Test
Atlanta, GA
July 14, 2009
Registration: \$ 91.00

Jeff Hunt & Jimmy Jordan
Patrol Officers Response to Street
Drugs
RCTA Meridian, MS
August 3-7, 2009
Registration: None

Tyron Yeargin
GAWP 2009 Annual Conference
Certification
Savannah, GA
August 19-12-09
Registration: \$370.00
Travel/Lodging: \$697.32

Natural Gas

Charles Truitt
GMA Gas Section Annual Meeting
Tybee Island, GA
July 19-21, 2009

Registration: \$ 60.00
Travel/Lodging: \$ 493.76

2. Approved the expenditures that exceed the City Manager’s purchasing authority.

DOT Project No. CSSFT-0008-00(929) Project consists of the installation of roadway signs, roadway striping, and stop bars on various city streets, Bid Opening July 6

Bidder	Total Bid Price	
Parker Traffic Markings, Inc.	\$55,670.00	Recommended
Peek Pavement Markings, LLC	\$63,375.00	
Mid-State Striping, Inc.	\$60,761.55	
Mid State Construction & Stripeing, Inc.		
McGraw-Hill Construction Dodge		

(Recommendation based on low bidder)

Falling Creek Wastewater Treatment Plant Road **Paving Project**, Bid Opening July 6

Bidder	Total Bid Price	
Souder’s Asphalt, Inc.	\$72,190	
Georgia Highway Pavers	\$70,500	Recommended
Stratton & Son Contractors	\$76,393	
E R Snell Contractor, Inc.	\$93,859	

(Recommendation based on low bidder)

3. 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 2010.
4. For the record, the City of Elberton received pre-clearance notification from the U. S. Department of Justice for Ordinance 2155 in the annexation of the properties located on Fairway Drive, Chanticleer Drive, and Golf Course Road. The effective date of the Ordinance was June 30, 2009.
5. Accepted the minutes and decisions of the Elberton Historic Preservation

Commission meeting of June 2, 2009.

6. Authorized the issuance of an alcoholic beverage license to Rajesh G. Patel at 202-A Elbert Street.
7. Accepted the budget amendment for Fiscal Year 2009.

City Manager Dunn presented the following reports to Council:

- The Humane Society donated additional concrete at the Animal Shelter.
- ElbertonNET expansion down the Washington Highway has been completed.
- The electric conversion project on Forest Hills Road and Oak Drive has been completed.
- There is \$7 billion available for broadband stimulus projects.
- There are no funds available in our area for DOT Phase I projects through July. \$350 million is available for Phase II projects, \$94 million has been sent to the Governor for certification.
- Monthly reports and activities of the various departments.

Matters to be considered by Council. Council Member Hunt inquired about the Washington Highway internet project and whether there is any CDBG stimulus funds. City Manager Dunn stated that he had spoken to Burke Walker with the NE GA RDC and there were no projects that met the criteria. Mayor Pro tempore Paul inquired about the hospitals request. City Manager Dunn stated that he would work on the request and provide feedback at the work session scheduled for July 27. Mayor Guest stated that the Highway 17 Committee will be meeting with Lobbyist to set up a meeting with DOT Chair and Planning Director next month.

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

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk