

CITY OF ELBERTON
PUBLIC HEARING & REGULAR MEETING OF THE ELBERTON MAYOR & COUNCIL
Monday, June 6, 2011 – 5:30 p.m.

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof the Public Hearing and Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council convened at 5:30 p. m. on Monday, June 6, 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. Also present were: Mr. Mark Berryman with the Elberton Star and Mr. Mark Gaffney with Elberton Radio.

Mayor Guest called the Public Hearing to order. A Notice of Hearing was issued in accordance with law for the purpose of obtaining comments on the FY 2012 proposed budget. Mayor Guest asked if there were any comments on the proposed budget. There were no oral or written comments. Mayor Guest adjourned the public hearing and called the Regular Meeting to order. Council Member Seymour led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance and Council Member Paul led in prayer.

Council Member Seymour motioned to approve the minutes of the May 2, 2011 Regular Meeting as submitted with corrections, seconded by Council Member Colquitt and the motion passed unanimously.

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

General Fund	\$ 4.4 million
Combined Utilities Fund	\$ 24.8 million
Elberton Technology Services Fund	\$ 1.4 million net loss
Solid Waste Fund	\$ 217,121
Unrestricted Investments-General Fund and Utility Fund	\$ 4.8 million
Restricted Investments (SPLOST & Utility Funds)	\$ 1.2 million

There were no scheduled speakers from the floor.

Council Member Butler introduced the following Resolution:

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the City of Elberton that Lanier Dunn is hereby appointed to serve as this City's voting delegate on the Municipal Electric Authority of Georgia's Election Committee, with authority to cast all votes to which this City is entitled. John McCullough is appointed as alternate voting delegate.

City Manager Dunn read the Resolution in its entirety. Council Member Butler motioned to adopt the Resolution as read, seconded by Council Member Paul and the motion passed unanimously.

At the May meeting, Council Member Butler motioned to table discussion until the June meeting to amend the Official Traffic Map of the City on Burke Street, which was seconded by Council Member Seymour and the motion passed unanimously. Council Member Butler began discussion to amend the Official Traffic Map on Burke Street. He stated that he had received a petition from the residence to install speed bumps to help alleviate the continuous traffic and speeding on the street. The police department submitted a recommendation to install two synthetic speed bumps on Burke Street. Council Member Seymour recommended placement of a stop sign to the street. Council Member Butler made a motion to install two speed bumps on Burke Street, seconded by Council Member Paul. After discussion, Council Member Hunt abstained from voting, Council Members Seymour and Colquitt voted against the motion and Council Members Paul and Butler voted for the motion. The motion fell due to a 2-2 vote.

Council discussed a plan to demolish structures at Heard Drive Park. City Manager Dunn recommended demolishing the property (main building and announcers building plus lights and poles) and to develop a higher and better recreational use for the property. Council Member Paul motioned to accept the recommendation, seconded by Council Member Butler and the motion passed unanimously.

Council discussed the peddlers and solicitors license requirements. City Manager Dunn recommended updating the ordinance to cover costs (possibly \$30/month) for managing the license. He also stated that staff was looking into establishing an application that would require additional information prior to issuing the license. City Attorney Phelps was instructed to research the issue and get back to Council in July.

Mayor Pro tem Hunt removed items 6 and 7 from the consent agenda for further discussion. Council Member Paul motioned to approve the consent agenda as amended, seconded by Council Member Colquitt and the motion passed unanimously.

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

Elberton Utilities – Sewer Division OLD CITY QUARRY GRAVITY SEWER REPLACEMENT PROJECT Campbell Street to MLK		
Number	Vendor	Bid Amount
1	Cedar Farms & Construction, Inc.	\$129,534.07 Recommended
2	Shockley Plumbing, Inc.	\$137,240.00
3	E-Z Bore Construction	\$327,304.80
4	Eagle Utility Contracting, Inc.	\$158,295.00

Precision Planning bid opening held April 5, 2011. Recommendation based on low bidder.

Public Works – Cemetery Division CEMETERY LAWN CARE MAINTENANCE CONTRACT July 2011–June 2012 Elmhurst and Lincoln Heights		
Number	Vendor	Bid Amount
1	North Georgia Landscaping	\$16,800.00 Recommended
2	B & F Full Service Lawn Maintenance	\$27,500.00
3	Southern Lawn & Landscape	\$29,832.00

Bid opening held May 16, 2011. Recommendation based on low bidder.

ElbertonNET 2011 Bucket Truck, insulated with 42-foot reach		
Number	Vendor	Bid Amount
1	Altec	\$81,800.00 Recommended
2	Versalift	\$87,712.00

Recommendation based on low bidder.

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

City Clerk:

Cindy Churney
Records Management (8 hours)
Athens, GA June 20-22, 2011
Registration: 195.00
Travel/Lodging: None

Scott Marunich & James Justice
Standardized Field Sobriety (24 hours)
Winder, GA June 22-24, 2011
Registration: None
Travel/Lodging: \$150.00

Public Works/Cemetery Division:

James Adams & Ronald Mooney
Beyond the Grave Conference & Orientation
Savannah, GA June 21-23, 2011
Registration: \$115.00/each
Travel/Lodging: \$291.00/each

Chief Mark Welsh
Ga Assoc. of Chiefs of Police Conference.
Savannah, GA July 23 - 27, 2011
Registration: \$350.00
Travel/Lodging: \$852.00

Police Department:

Utilities Administration:

Allen Hulme
Building Geodatabases (24 hours)

ESRI Learning Center
Broomfield, CO December 7 – 9, 2011
Travel/Lodging: \$1,160

Registration: \$ 410.00
Travel/lodging: \$ 793.81

Utilities – Water Department:

Tyron Yeargin
2011 Annual Conference & Expo
Certification Points
Savannah, GA July 10-13, 2011

Utilities – Gas Department:

Charles Truitt
GMA Gas Section Annual Meeting
St. Simons Island, GA July 24-26, 2011
Registration: \$ 60.00
Travel/lodging: \$350.00

3. Authorized the Mayor and/or City Manager to execute the necessary documents with Rushton & Company for FY2011 audit services. The fee is the same as the prior year, \$36,900.
4. Authorized the execution of the necessary documents to participate in the Piedmont/Northern MANS multi-agency narcotics squad for FY2012.
5. Authorized the closing of the square in front of the fountain to vehicular traffic on Saturday, September 10, 2011 from 2:00 p.m. until 10:00 p.m. for the American Cancer Society's Festival of Life. Event approved by Main Street Elberton Promotions Committee.
6. Authorization to issue an alcoholic beverage license to Fusion Xpress located at 10 N. McIntosh Street. The request from Mr. Matt Dunbrack for on-premises consumption of beer/malt beverage was removed from the consent agenda for further discussion.
7. Authorization to issue an alcoholic beverage license to Keshav Group, LLC located at 971 Elbert Street. The request from Mr. Jagdishbhai R. Patel who has purchased the former Kenny's Korner for retail beer/malt beverage was removed from the consent agenda for further discussion.

Mayor Pro tem Hunt inquired if items 6 and 7 have been approved by the Elberton Police department. City Manager Dunn stated that all of the requirements have been met. Council Member Paul motioned to authorize the issuance of an alcoholic beverage license as submitted in items 6 and 7 above, seconded by Council Member Butler and the motion passed unanimously.

City Manager Dunn presented the following reports:

- Electric department worked about a week on repairs and the leaf/limb crew is still working to clean up after the May 25, 2011 storm. The total cost for cleanup has been \$16,310.68.
- In June ElbertonNET Business Bundle package was launched. This package will allow business customers to have phone service with us.

- The Jones Street sidewalk project began in May. A small section has already been poured.
- The HVAC has been installed at City Hall. The lighting bids will go out in June.
- Several letters have gone out in May from the City Marshal with regard to uncut grass and overgrown lawns.
- Monthly reports on the activities of various Departments

City Attorney Phelps stated that several of the dilapidated properties on the City Marshal's report is scheduled to be heard by the Court in July.

Mayor Pro tem Hunt inquired as to whether there was a redevelopment program for dilapidated properties. Mayor Guest stated that the City of Covington is in the early stages of establishing a similar program. He stated that he would like for city officials to discuss the program with Covington as it progresses.

Council Member Colquitt motioned to adjourn the regular meeting and convene the Called Meeting and Work Session to discuss the FY2012 Budget, seconded by Council Member Seymour and the motion passed unanimously. Mayor Guest asked for a ten minute break to move to the Staff Development Room.

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk