

**CITY OF ELBERTON**  
**PUBLIC HEARING AND REGULAR MEETING OF THE ELBERTON MAYOR & COUNCIL**  
Monday, June 7, 2010 – 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 7, 2010 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 Public Hearing to order. A Notice of Hearing was issued in accordance with law for the purpose of obtaining comments on the FY 2011 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. Mayor Pro tem Seymour led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance and Council Member Paul led in prayer.

Council Member Butler motioned to approve the minutes of the April 26, 2010 Work Session and the May 3, 2010 Regular Meeting as submitted, seconded by Mayor Pro tem Seymour and the motion passed unanimously.

Controller Kevin Eavenson presented the Financial Report through April 2010 with the following net assets:

General Fund	\$ 4.4 million
Combined Utilities Fund	\$ 21.4 million
Elberton Technology Services Fund	\$ 1.8 million net loss
Solid Waste Fund	\$ 250,637
Unrestricted Investments-General Fund and Utility Fund	\$ 4.1 million
Restricted Investments (SPLOST & Utility Funds)	\$ 601,966

There were no scheduled speakers from the floor.

Mayor Pro tem Seymour placed Ordinance 2159 on second reading with a heading as follows:

**ORDINANCE 2159**

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND UPDATE CHAPTER 22, LAND USE OF ARTICLE VI, SOIL EROSION AND SEDIMENTATION CONTROL; TO REPEAL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES**

Mayor Pro tem Seymour motioned to waive the reading of the Ordinance, seconded by Council Member Paul and the motion to waive passed unanimously. City Manager Dunn read the heading of the Ordinance. Mayor Pro tem Seymour motioned to adopt the Ordinance as presented, seconded by Council Member Hunt and the motion to adopt passed unanimously.

Council Member Paul placed Ordinance 2160 on second reading with a heading as follows:

**ORDINANCE 2160**

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF THE CITY OF ELBERTON BY DELETING SECTION 3, "RATE SCHEDULES COMPLIANCE" OF CHAPTER 38, UTILITIES ARTICLE I AND ADDING A NEW SECTION 3, "APPLICABILITY AND TERMS OF PAYMENT" TO CHAPTER 38, ARTICLE I; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

Council Member Paul motioned to waive the reading of the Ordinance, seconded by Council Member Butler and the motion to waive passed unanimously. City Manager Dunn read the heading of the Ordinance. Council Member Paul motioned to adopt the Ordinance as presented, seconded by Council Member Colquitt and the motion to adopt passed unanimously.

Mayor Pro tem Seymour placed Ordinance 2161 on first reading with a heading as follows:

**ORDINANCE 2161**

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE COMPREHENSIVE ZONING MAP OF THE CITY OF ELBERTON; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

City Manager Dunn read the Ordinance in its entirety.

City Manager Dunn stated that a Resolution of Support for Elbert Memorial Hospital has been prepared if Council desired to adopt. Council Member Paul introduced the following Resolution:

**Resolution of Support**

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND DULY ELECTED COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ELBERTON, GEORGIA, AS FOLLOWS:**

**WHEREAS:** Elbert Memorial Hospital has been providing healthcare in our community for 60 years; and

**WHEREAS:** Elbert Memorial Hospital is struggling financially due to the rise in unemployment, an increase in the number of people who are unable to afford healthcare insurance, and the reduction in Federal and State funds; and

**WHEREAS:** Elbert Memorial Hospital has reduced costs in the last two years by renegotiating and canceling contracts, reducing employee benefits, and reducing hours in some department; and

**WHEREAS:** Elbert Memorial Hospital provides 24 hour care, healthcare to everyone including those who cannot pay, local access to health care services especially important emergencies, employs 170 people, and provides an economic impact of \$30 million annually to our community; and

**WHEREAS:** Elbert Memorial Hospital is asking for a two-year commitment from Elbert County taxpayers for one mil of property tax; one mill will provide approximately \$500,000 so Elbert Memorial Hospital can maintain operations; and

**WHEREAS:** If this referendum fails, our community will lose access to local healthcare.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Mayor and Council of the City of Elberton do hereby offer support for Elbert Memorial Hospital; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that the Mayor and Council urge all registered voters to vote **“YES”** to **Save Our Hospital.**

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

Council Member Butler removed item 4 from the consent agenda for further discussion. Mayor Pro tem Seymour motioned to approve the consent agenda as amended, seconded by Council Member Butler and the motion passed unanimously.

1. Approved dues, travel and training for all city departments as follows:

**Police Department**

Mark Welsh  
TASER Re-Certification Training  
Duluth Police Dept  
Duluth, GA  
June 8, 2010  
Registration: \$195.00  
Meals: \$40.00

Mark Welsh  
Georgia Association of Chiefs of Police  
Summer Training Conference  
Savannah GA  
July 24-28, 2010  
Registration: \$335.00  
Lodging/Meals: \$780.00

**Public Works**

James Adams  
APWA Georgia Chapter 58th Annual  
Meeting  
St. Simons Island, GA  
July 13 -15, 2010  
Registration: \$395.00  
Lodging/Meals: \$417.00

**Water**

Tyron Yeargin  
2010 Annual Conference  
Certification points  
Savannah GA  
July 18-21, 2010  
Registration: \$390.00  
Lodging/Meals: \$748.37

2. Accepted the minutes, decisions and recommendations of the May 17 meeting of the Elberton Planning Commission.

3. Authorized the closing of a portion of the downtown square to vehicular traffic on July 10, 2010 at 3:00 p.m. to set up for the 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Elberton Cruise-In sponsored by Main Street Elberton.
4. Authorization to issue an alcohol license to Mrs. Frances Wade-Singh of West Elbert Package located at 255 College Avenue was removed from the consent agenda for further discussion.

Council Member Butler asked if staff recommended approving the alcohol license for Mrs. Frances Wade- Singh. City Manager Dunn stated that upon investigating several burglaries to the store, it was brought to staff's attention that the existing license was in Mrs. Wade's husband's name who does not meet the citizenship requirements of the license. Mrs. Wade has completed the background and fingerprinting and staff recommends approving the license. City Manager Dunn added that staff did not feel that the license holder purposely miss represented himself on the license. Police Chief Welsh stated that proof of citizenship will be required for future license renewals. Council Member Butler motioned to issue an alcohol license to Mrs. Frances Wade-Singh of West Elbert Package located at 255 College Avenue, seconded by Mayor Pro tem Seymour and the motion passed unanimously.

City Manager Dunn presented the following reports:

- Crestview water main replacement – almost complete.
- Electric conversion project – the Church to Heard Street area is complete.
- ElbertonNET expansion project – the sixth and final node in the northeast section was activated yesterday.
- The play at the Elbert Theatre "Murder Most Fowled Up" is in its final performance June 11-13.
- Three of the dilapidated properties will go to court on June 10.
- Monthly reports on the activities of various Departments

Matters to be considered by Council. Mayor Guest stated that there have been lots of activities for citizens to do in the community this summer. He added that he was disappointed in the vandalism by "thugs" to the Granite City Walking Trail and Park areas. Council Member Colquitt motioned to offer a reward for the arrest and conviction of persons involved in the vandalism, seconded by Council Member Paul. During discussion, Council Member Colquitt withdrew his motion and instructed the City Attorney to draw up something by Tuesday night's meeting pertaining to the City offering a reward, seconded by Council Member Paul and the motion to withdraw passed unanimously.

Mayor Pro tem Seymour inquired as to when the legal deed closing for the Martin Luther King property would be finalized. City Attorney Phelps stated June 18.

Mayor Guest also stated that he wanted to thank publicly the Public Works staff for their hard work cleaning up the square on Sunday morning after the Swingin Medallions concert downtown on Saturday night.

Council Member Paul motioned to close the meeting and move into executive session, as allowed by O.C.G.A. Section 50-14-2 for the purpose of discussion acquisition of real estate.

Mayor Pro tem Seymour seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. Council Member Hunt motioned to move out of executive session, with Mayor Pro tem Seymour seconding the motion. Mayor Guest stated that no action was to be taken at this time.

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

**CITY OF ELBERTON**  
**CALLED MEETING AND WORK SESSION OF THE ELBERTON MAYOR AND COUNCIL**  
Tuesday, June 7, 2010 - 6:30 p.m.

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof the Called Meeting/Work Session of the Mayor and Council of the City of Elberton convened at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, June 1, 2010, in the staff development room of the Municipal Building, 203 Elbert Street with Mayor Guest presiding.

Present were: Council Members Butler, Colquitt, Hunt, Paul and Seymour; City Manager Dunn, and Finance Director Saxon. Also present were: Mr. Shane Scoggins with the Elberton Star.

A notice of the called meeting was issued in accordance with law for the purpose of discussing the FY2011 proposed budget. Mayor Guest called the meeting to order.

Council began discussing the budget for the Combined Utilities Fund and the ElbertonNET Technology Services Fund, and the associated Rates and Fees schedules for those funds.

Council Member Hunt made a motion to add \$10,000 to the budget line item for the Economic Developer and delete \$10,000 from the Natural Gas contingency line item, seconded by Council Member Paul. After discussion, the motion passed unanimously.

No further changes were made to the proposed budget.

There being no further business allowed by the call, the meeting adjourned with a motion duly made and seconded.