

**CITY OF ELBERTON**  
**REGULAR MEETING OF THE ELBERTON MAYOR AND COUNCIL**

Monday, March 4, 2013 – 5:30 p.m.

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof the Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council convened at 5:30 p. m. on Monday, March 4, 2013 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 meeting to order and led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance and prayer.

Council Member Butler motioned to approve the minutes of the February 4, 2013 meeting as submitted, seconded by Council Member Seymour and the motion passed unanimously (Butler, Hunt, Seymour, Paul, Colquitt).

Reports. Controller Kevin Eavenson presented the Financial Report through January 2013 is enclosed for review.

General Fund	\$ 4.7 million
Combined Utilities Fund	\$ 26.2 million
Elberton Technology Services Fund	\$ 264,309 net loss
Solid Waste Fund	\$ 75,107
Unrestricted Investments-General Fund and Utility Fund	\$ 4.9 million
Restricted Investments (SPLOST & Utility Funds)	\$ 1.8 million

There were no speakers from the floor.

Council Member Seymour placed Ordinance 2180 on second reading as follows:

**ORDINANCE 2180**

**AN ORDINANCE ANNEXING THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1708 CREEKVIEW ROAD 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.**

City Manager Dunn read the Ordinance in its entirety at the February meeting. Council Member Seymour motioned to waive the formal reading of the Ordinance, seconded by Council Member Paul and the motion to waive passed unanimously (Butler, Hunt, Seymour, Paul, Colquitt). Council Member Seymour motioned to adopt the Ordinance as submitted, seconded by Council Member Paul and the motion passed unanimously (Butler, Hunt, Seymour, Paul, Colquitt).

Council Member Paul introduced the following Resolution:

**RESOLUTION  
OF THE CITY OF ELBERTON**

- WHEREAS:** There currently exists a vacancy on the Elberton Downtown Development Authority (DDA) board of directors due the resignation of Mr. Jim Jenkins; and
- WHEREAS:** O.C.G.A. Section 36-42-6 allows the governing body of the municipal corporation to appoint directors of the DDA by resolution; and
- WHEREAS:** The Mayor and five Council Members of the City of Elberton constitute the governing body pursuant to that state law O.C.G.A. Section 36-42-3; and
- WHEREAS:** The Mayor respectfully submits to the Council the name of Mr. John Jenkins to be considered for appointment as a director of the DDA; and
- WHEREAS:** Mr. John Jenkins meets the qualifications of being a director of the Elberton DDA in that certain state law O.C.G.A. Section 36-42-7, being that the above stated qualifies as a (a) person who has an economic interest in the redevelopment and revitalization of the downtown development area.
- NOW, THEREFORE,** the Mayor and Council of the City of Elberton hereby appoint Mr. John Jenkins as a director of the Elberton DDA, term to end June 30, 2015.

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

Council Member Hunt introduced the following Resolution:

**RESOLUTION**

- WHEREAS:** Representatives with the Elberton 12 County Fair have requested that the City of Elberton address safety concerns in front on their property located on North Oliver Street with on-street parking on a state highway; and
- WHEREAS:** Staff and elected officials of the City of Elberton have studied the request and agree that it is in the best interest of the citizens of Elberton to designate this area a “No Parking Zone” with yellow curbing; and
- WHEREAS:** The Georgia Department of Transportation must effectuate this designation of a “No Parking Zone” because North Oliver Street is a state highway known as Georgia Highway 77; and
- WHEREAS:** The Chief of Police and the adjacent property owners agree and recommend that both sides of North Oliver Street from Poplar Springs Road to Clairmont Avenue on the west, and from Elmhurst Drive to Clairmont Avenue on the east should be designated a “No Parking Zone” as described in Attachment A.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED** that

the Mayor and Council formally request that the Georgia Department of Transportation designate North Oliver Street / Georgia Highway 77 a “No Parking Zone” as described above and as designated on the map in Attachment A.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Mayor and Council direct the City Manager to forward a copy of the Resolution to the Georgia Department of Transportation for consideration, upon its adoption.

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

Council Member Butler introduced the following Resolution:

### **RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS:** There are currently three CSX railroad crossings that are located within the corporate limits of Elberton that are equipped with automated arms and flashing lights but also have stop signs posted at the intersection; and

**WHEREAS:** After studying the railroad crossings staff recommends removing the stop signs at the CSX railroad crossings at Williams, Willow, and Locklin Streets because they are unnecessary due to the existence of automated arms and flashing lights that alert and stop traffic in the event of a train approaching; and

**WHEREAS:** Council concurs with this recommendation to remove the stop signs as described above, and to amend the Official Traffic Map of the City of Elberton in accordance with Section 36-6, traffic schedules; and

**WHEREAS:** This Resolution shall become part of the Official Traffic Map which may be found on file in the City Clerks Office.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED** that the Mayor and Council authorize the removal of the stop signs at the CSX Railroad Crossings at Williams, Willow and Locklin Streets as stated above.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Mayor and Council direct the City Manager to effectuate this Resolution upon its adoption.

City Manager Dunn read the Resolution in its entirety. Council Member Butler motioned to adopt the Resolution as read, seconded by Council Member Hunt and the motion passed with four voting for the adoption (Butler, Hunt, Paul, Colquitt) and one voting against the adoption (Seymour).

Council Member Butler motioned to approve the consent agenda as submitted, seconded by Mayor Pro tem Colquitt and the motion passed unanimously (Butler, Hunt, Seymour, Paul, Colquitt).

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

**Police Department:**

Michael Davis  
D.U.I. Detection and Standardized F.S.T.  
24 hours  
Forsyth, GA  
March 6 – 8, 2013  
Travel / Lodging: \$129.00

Michael Davis / Ricky Morris  
Criminal Apprehension for Patrol 40 hours  
Forsyth, GA  
March 25- 29, 2013  
Travel / Lodging: \$380.00

Cody Sanders / Cleveland Williams  
Verbal Judo 24 hours (Intermediate  
Certification)  
Forsyth, GA  
March 19-21, 2013  
Travel / Lodging: \$258.00

Joe McGuffin and Allen Lee  
PMP Course Internal Affairs  
Conyers, GA  
April 1 -5, 2013  
Travel / Lodging: \$ 900.00

Ricky Morris / Jonathan Burnette  
Advanced Report Writing 16 hours  
(Advanced Certification)  
Toccoa, GA  
March 21 – 22, 2013  
Travel: \$60.00

**Utilities – Water**

Wayne Smith  
GRWA Conference  
Jekyll Island, GA  
May 19-21, 2013  
Registration: \$330.00  
Travel/lodging: \$851.68

City Manager Dunn presented the following reports:

- The Plantation Road/Hartwell Hwy are became active last Wednesday, and a few customers have already been installed with more to be done this week. The project is complete.
- Work continued at Hickory Drive in February.
- The next natural gas bare steel line replacement project is currently put to bid to be opened in mid-March.
- The White’s Chapel Road water project is a go. We have 10 customers signed up and have paid their down payment.
- Reminder that the planning session is March 23.
- Monthly report on the activities of various departments.

Matters to be considered by Council. Council Member Colquitt recommended meeting with existing industries now that the local economic development director has resigned. Council Member Hunt recommended staff visiting Pilgrim’s Pride.

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