

CITY OF ELBERTON
REGULAR MEETING OF THE ELBERTON MAYOR AND COUNCIL
Monday, August 5, 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, August 5, 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 Manager Dunn, City Attorney Phelps, and City Clerk Churney.

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

Council Member Paul motioned to approve the minutes of the July 8, 2013 Regular Meeting as submitted. Council Member Butler seconded the motion and it passed unanimously (Butler, Hunt, Seymour, Paul, Colquitt).

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

General Fund	\$ 5.2 million
Combined Utilities Fund	\$ 28.3 million
Elberton Technology Services Fund	\$ 130,094
Solid Waste Fund	\$ 246 net loss
Unrestricted Investments-General Fund and Utility Fund	\$ 5.1 million
Restricted Investments (SPLOST & Utility Funds)	\$ 2.4 million

Mayor Guest stated that Ms. Peggy Rucker was scheduled to speak to Council on behalf of the White's Chapel Community; however, she was not present at the meeting.

Mr. Emmett Harris was present to speak on behalf of Keep Elberton Beautiful organization. He asked for City Council support by one member serving on the board. He also asked for in-kind contributions when needed. Mayor Guest thanked Mr. Harris.

Mr. Roy Hartley was present to speak with regard to leaf/limb and recycling pickup. He stated that the new pickup schedule was confusing to the residence and asked Council to reconsider the changes. Mayor Guest thanked Mr. Hartley for his concerns and stated that he would appoint a committee to look into the changes.

Mayor Guest recognized Ms. Peggy Rucker as she entered the meeting. Ms. Rucker apologized for being late, but she had just gotten off of work. She stated that she wanted to thank Council and staff on behalf of White's Chapel community and church for the water line expansion project. Mayor Guest

Council Member Colquitt asked to remove item 3 from the consent agenda for further discussion. Council Member Paul motioned to approve the consent agenda as amended, seconded by Council Member Seymour and the motion passed unanimously (Butler, Hunt, Seymour, Paul, Colquitt).

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

Police Department :

Macon Clark
First Responder Course (Intermediate)
Atlanta, GA
August 19-23, 2013
Travel: \$75.00

Darin Rucker and Macon Clark
 Supervision Level 1
 Athens, GA
 August 26- 30, 2013
 Travel: \$150.00

Stephanie Blakely and Scott Marunich
 Professional Management Program – Personnel
 Conyers, GA
 September 9 -13, 2013
 Travel / Lodging: \$900.00

Cody Sanders and/ Cleve Williams
 Breath Alcohol Intoximeter Certification
 Forsyth, GA
 September 23 – 24, 2013
 Travel / Lodging: \$ 162.00

Tabitha Rambert and Tamekia Downer
 TAC Symposium
 Savannah, GA
 August 12 - 15
 Registration: \$125.00 each
 Lodging: \$468.00 each

2. Approved the expenditures that exceed the city manager’s purchasing authority.

Department: Electric Tree trimming service for power lines.	
Vendor:	Price:
Asplundh Recommended	\$ 98,514.47
ABC Professional Tree Service	\$107,500.00
Townsend Tree Service	\$128,583.00

Recommendation based on low bidder.

3. Approved the FY 2013 year-end close Budget Amendment.
4. Accepted the minutes of the Elberton Planning Commission Public Hearing of July 15, 2013 to approve a request for a conditional use permit for 5 Seaboard Street for a community religious institution by Jonathan Crider.
5. Authorized the issuance a public assembly permit and to close various streets as requested by Main Street Elberton for the following events:
 - a. Thursday, August 29, 2013, 7 pm – ECCHS Football Cheerleaders has submitted a request to close the area in front of fountain to vehicular traffic in order to hold the 2013 Season Kick-off Pep Rally. A flatbed trailer will be set up in front of the fountain.
 - b. Thursday, September 12, 2013, 6 pm – ECCHS has submitted a request to close various streets for the Homecoming Parade and Pep Rally. The parade will begin at the Granite Bowl and proceed up Church Street to Tusten Street down; turn left on Tusten Street then left on Heard Street to the square. A flatbed trailer will be set up in front of the fountain.

Ms. Jacqueline D. Bosby asked to speak to Council on behalf of the JPN Leadership program. Council Member Hunt motioned to hear Ms. Bosby speak, seconded by Council Member Seymour and the motion passed unanimously (Butler, Hunt, Seymour, Paul, Colquitt

City Manager Dunn presented the following reports:

- The public works department has started trimming back streets rights-of-way to remove overgrown limbs from the roadway.
- Bulk item clean-up was held last week.
- There will be a public hearing September 9 at 5:00 pm for the GEFA grant.
- The GDOT designated N. Oliver Street a no parking zone on both sides between the fairgrounds and Elmhurst. Signage has been installed, however, they will not allow painting the curb yellow.
- We are closely examining a pilot project that would include a filling station, 2 garbage trucks and 2 pickup trucks to natural gas.
- Next month, we will be releasing an RFQ for a business plan and architectural cost estimates that would be used to attract grants and loans and hopefully an operator for the Samuel Elbert Hotel.
- We will be doing a customer appreciation day at the Granite City Cook-off on September 14.
- Monthly report on the activities of various departments.

Council Member Butler recognized Police Chief Mark Welsh for receiving the Chief of Police award.

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