

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

Monday, November 1, 2010 – 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, November 1, 2010 in Council Chambers of the Municipal Building, 203 Elbert Street with Mayor Guest presiding.

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

Mayor Guest called the Regular Meeting to order and 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 October 4, 2010, Regular Meeting as submitted, seconded by Council Member Hunt seconded the motion passed unanimously.

Controller Kevin Eavenson presented the Financial Report as follows through August 31, 2010:

General Fund	\$ 4.3 million
Combined Utilities Fund	\$ 22.8 million
Elberton Technology Services Fund	\$ 1.4 million net loss
Solid Waste Fund	\$ 219,680
Unrestricted Investments-General Fund and Utility Fund	\$ 4.6 million
Restricted Investments (SPLOST & Utility Funds)	\$ 1.0 million

Ms. Lenora Mattox requested to speak to council with regard to her utility bill. Council Member Hunt made a motion to hear Ms. Mattox, seconded by Mayor Pro tem Seymour and the motion passed unanimously. She stated that her electricity had gotten out of control. She asked if she could move her membership to Hart EMC or Georgia Power. Mayor Guest asked her if she had discussed her utility bill with the City Manager. She stated that she had spoken to customer service but not the City Manager. Mayor Guest recommended that she meet with the City Manager to discuss cost comparison. He also stated that customers were not permitted to switch carriers due to territorial laws.

Council Member Paul placed Ordinance 2165 on first reading with a heading as follows:

**ORDINANCE 2165**

**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.

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

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

**Electric:**

Utility Poles for Lexington Hwy rehabilitation job – 7 35', 34 45', 4 50', and 3 60'  
Cox Industries                      **Recommended**                      \$10,879.35  
*Electric Cities Joint Purchasing Bid*

**ElbertonNET:**

50 HDTV Set-top boxes and 100 remotes  
NCTC                                      **Recommended**                                      \$19,645.00  
*NCTC Joint Purchasing Bid*

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

**Utilities -Water**

John Creason  
Georgia Water & Wastewater Institute  
Class III Water Treatment for Certification Points  
Carrollton, GA  
November 29-12-3, 2010  
Registration:                      \$ 435.00  
Travel/lodging                      \$ 766.44

**Utilities -Electric**

Kevin Campos  
Power line Workers Apprenticeship  
Adel, GA  
Dec. 6-10, 2010  
Registration:                      \$ 1800.00  
Travel/lodging                      \$ 808.36

**Utilities -Gas**

Leon Miller and Robert Moore  
Georgia Utility Training Academy  
Monroe, GA  
Dec. 7-8, 2010  
Registration:                      \$ 380.00  
Travel/lodging                      \$ 80.00

3. Adopted the calendar of holidays for 2011.

Martin Luther King Day	Monday, January 17
Good Friday	Friday, April 22
Memorial Day	Monday, May 30
Independence Day	Monday, July 4
Labor Day	Monday, September 5
Columbus Day	Monday, October 10
Thanksgiving	Thursday, November 24 Friday, November 25
Christmas	Friday, December 23
New Year's Day	Monday, January 2, 2012

4. Adopted the calendar of regular council meeting dates for 2011.

February 7	March 7
April 4	May 2
June 6	July 11
August 1	September 12
October 3	November 7
December 5	January 9 (2012)

5. Adopted interconnection standards for solar power generation.

6. Authorized the renewal of the 1996 Intergovernmental Agreement regarding building inspector and fire safety services.
7. Authorized the closing of the square to vehicular parking in front of the fountain on November 23, 2010 at 4:00 p.m. for Candlelight Shop Night sponsored by Main Street Elberton.
8. Authorized the closing of the square (leaving McIntosh Street open) to vehicular traffic at 3:00 p.m. on October 31, 2010 for Touch a Truck event sponsored by Main Street Elberton.

City Manager Dunn presented the following reports:

- The walking trail extension was paved in October along with the new parking spaces.
- The electric department is beginning a pole inspection program.
- There were several bid events in October – the Beverly Hillbillies completed its 2-week run at the Elbert Theatre with showing over 1,100 people. The Touch a Truck event was well received.
- The Candlelight Shopping Night will be downtown on November 23.
- The June, 2010 audit is nearly complete.
- The City-wide Christmas lunch is scheduled for December 3, at the fire department.
- ElbertonNET – There are 29 HD channels. Internet cable TV's are expected to be big this Christmas.
- Monthly reports on the activities of various Departments

Mayor Guest stated that Council needed to consider accepting the minutes and decisions of the Elberton Historic Preservation Commission meeting of October 12, 2010. He stated that the item is normally considered in the consent agenda; however, the minutes pertain to a request from Council Member Paul. Council Member Butler motioned to accept the minutes and decisions of the Elberton Historic Preservation meeting as submitted, seconded by Council Member Hunt and the motion passed unanimously.

Council Member Colquitt commended the JROTC on their recent accomplishments as well as Elbert County being returned the Mayors Trophy from Hartwell. Mayor Guest concurred.

Mayor Pro tem Seymour stated that he had attended the Georgia Municipal Association District 5 meeting on behalf of the City. He stated that attendees discussed Senate Bill 17 that changed the state ethics filing requirements for elected officials.

Mayor Guest stated that Elbert County had wanted to meet with the City of Elberton to discuss a county-wide water system. Mayor Guest stated that he had requested City Manager Dunn to meet with County Administrator Bob Thomas to discuss prior to the elected officials meeting.

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