

CITY OF ELBERTON
REGULAR MEETING OF THE ELBERTON MAYOR AND COUNCIL

Monday, November 3, 2008 - 5:30 p.m.

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof the Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the City of Elberton convened at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, November 3, 2008, in the council chambers of the Municipal Building, 203 Elbert Street with Mayor Guest presiding.

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

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

Council Member Seymour motioned to approve the minutes of the October 6, 2008 meeting as submitted, seconded by Council Member Hunt and the motion passed unanimously.

Reports. Controller Kevin Eavenson presented the Financial Report through September 2008 with the following net assets:

General Fund	\$ 3.7 million
Utility Fund	\$ 19 million
Elberton Technology Services Fund	\$ 1.9 million net loss
Solid Waste Fund	\$ 284,745
Unrestricted Investments-General Fund and Utility Fund	\$ 2.65 million
Restricted Investments (SPLOST & Utility Funds)	\$ 1.11 million

There were no scheduled Speakers from the floor.

Council Member Seymour placed Ordinance 2153 on First Reading:

ORDINANCE 2153

AN ORDINANCE ANNEXING THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1050 PETERSBURG ROAD, 1048 PETERSBURG ROAD, 1150 PETERSBURG ROAD AND 1054 COUNTRY MANOR LANE 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.

The Ordinance was read in its entirety.

Mayor Guest asked if there were any items to be removed from the consent agenda to be discussed further. Council Member Seymour asked to remove item 3 and Mayor Pro tempore Colquitt asked to remove item 6 from the consent agenda. Council Member Paul motioned to approve the consent agenda as amended, seconded by Council Member Butler and the motion passed unanimously.

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

Council

Joel W. Seymour
GMA/Regional Approach to
City/County Cooperation
Macon, GA
November 14
Registration: \$125.00
Lodging: \$70.00

Scott Marunich
Intro to Drug Enforcement
GPSTC Forsyth, GA
December 1 – 12, 2008
80 hours
Registration: None
Lodging: \$390.00

Police

Scott Marunich, Joseph Evans,
Joey David and Allen Lee
Radar Recertification 4-hrs
November 5, 2008
Jackson Co Sheriff's Office, GA
Registration Fee: None

Nancy Waltman
Clerk's Training (*expenses to be
reimbursed by the state*).
Tifton, GA
November 12 -14
Registration: None
Lodging: \$210.00

2. Adopted of the Legal Holidays for the City of Elberton for Calendar Year 2009 as follows:

Martin Luther King Day	Monday, January 19
Good Friday	Friday, April 10
Memorial Day	Monday, May 25
Independence Day	Friday, July 3
Labor Day	Monday, September 7
Thanksgiving	Thursday, November 26
	Friday, November 27
Christmas Eve	Thursday, December 24
Christmas Day	Friday, December 25
New Year's Day	Friday, Jan. 1 (2010)

3. The Adoption of notification of the Regular Scheduled City Council Meeting dates for Calendar Year 2009 was removed by Council Member Seymour for further discussion.

4. Approved the closing of a portion of the street for the Martin Luther King Parade on Sunday, January 18, 2009 at 4:00 p.m. beginning at the Blackwell Cultural Center on Mill Street; moving south on Mill Street to Elbert Street; traveling west on Elbert Street to Oliver Street, then south on Oliver Street to the Downtown Square where it will turn left onto the northern most roadway of the Downtown Square and travel east to Heard Street and continue on Heard Street to Kimbrell's Furniture Store where it will disband. (*sponsored by the Martin Luther King Parade Committee*).

5. Accepted the minutes and decisions of the Regular Meeting of the Elberton Historic Preservation Commission of October 21, 2008.

6. The acceptance of a bid to sell the timber on the property jointly owned by the City of Elberton and Elbert County located on the southern side of Middleton Road between Jenkins Road and Martin Grove Drive and authorize and direct the Mayor, City Manager, and/or City Clerk to execute all documents to effectuate the sale was removed by Mayor Pro tempore Colquitt for further discussion.

Item #3. Council Member Seymour motioned to amend the proposed city council for July from the 6th to the 13th, Council Member Butler seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. Council Member Seymour also motioned to adopt the Regular Scheduled City Council Meeting dates for Calendar Year 2009 as amended, seconded by Council Member Paul and the motion passed unanimously.

Item #6. Mayor Pro tempore inquired as to the requirements of the bidder leaving 40 trees per acre on the property. City Manager Dunn stated that the bid announcement and agreement specify *“to include cutting and selling of marketable Timber, pine only, with a residual stand of a minimum of 40 trees per acre to be left with a dbh (diameter breast height) of 10 inches or greater on an even spacing. Best management practices will be strictly adhered to.”* Mayor Pro tempore motioned to accept the bid from Canal Wood, LLC in the amount of \$27,201.00 for timber on the property jointly owned by the City of Elberton and Elbert County located on the southern side of Middleton Road between Jenkins Road and Martin Grove Drive and authorize and direct the Mayor, City Manager, and/or City Clerk to execute all documents to effectuate the sale, seconded by Council Member Hunt and the motion passed unanimously.

City Manager Dunn presented the following reports to Council:

- City Manager Dunn reported that the Granite City Fall Festival was the largest event yet, and the weather was perfect. He thanked Main Street and the Chamber of Commerce for putting on a great event. He also thanked city staff for helping with the event.
- City Manager Dunn reported that the police department building should be finished in December.
- City Manager Dunn reported that sewer line replacement project on College Avenue to Jones Street over to Brookwood Circle has begun with right-of-way clearing.
- City Manager Dunn reported that on-site SCADA project has not started yet, but the contract has received a notice to proceed. This will interconnect the water tanks, pumping station, utilities office and the filter plant.
- City Manager Dunn reported that the electric conversion project along Gordon Street should be completed by the end of November. This project is being done in-house. All of the side streets have been re-connected, and once Gordon Street is re-done, the conversion will begin on all service locations from the 4kv circuit to a 7.5kv circuit.
- City Manager Dunn reported that the Melody Lane natural gas pvc line replacement has been completed and the contractor has moved to Jaudon Road to work with the main line and the service lines there.

- City Manager Dunn reported that last Friday we mailed an application to the OneGeorgia Authority BRIDGE grant program applying for funds to run fiber optic service to Russell State Park. The grant program is competitive and we may not receive funding, but some sort of connectivity that will provide better communications and internet is needed in the park if it is to attract private investment for a lodge facility.
- Monthly reports and activities of the various departments.

Matters to be presented by the City Attorney. The information for the City's participation in MEAG's Plant Vogtle project has been submitted for approval from the Superior Court, which should be completed by November 18.

Any other matters to be considered by Council. Council Member Butler asked if the City Manager had heard from Mrs. Roseanne Davis of HEP with regard to the status of the nine lots located on Oglesby Boulevard. City Manager Dunn stated that he had sent her a letter and telephoned her, but no response to-date. Council requested that she update them at the December meeting. Mayor Pro tempore Colquitt inquired as to the status of the water restrictions and creation of a water board. Mayor Guest stated that the water board was to be established in November by Governor. Council Member Paul inquired as to the annexation request from Petersburg Towers. He stated that this would not benefit the city and there would be a loss to consider. Mayor Guest stated that Council would need to consider the request and discuss the matter at the December meeting. Council Member Paul also stated that the black glass on the side of the theatre has been damaged. He asked if there was any plan to repair the damage. City Manager Dunn asked for guidance from Council. Council Member Paul stated that there was a possibility of using black granite to replace the glass. City Manager Dunn stated that he would try to find a long-term solution to repair the area.

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

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk