

CITY OF ELBERTON
REGULAR MEETING OF THE ELBERTON MAYOR AND COUNCIL

Monday, May 6, 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, May 6, 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 Controller Kevin Eavenson. City Clerk Churney was absent from the meeting.

Mayor Guest called the meeting to order and led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance. Council Member Paul gave the prayer.

Council Member Butler motioned to approve the minutes of the April 1, 2013 meeting as submitted. Council Member Seymour seconded the motion and it passed unanimously (Butler, Hunt, Seymour, Paul, Colquitt).

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

General Fund	\$ 4.8 million
Combined Utilities Fund	\$ 26.8 million
Elberton Technology Services Fund	\$ 193,159 net loss
Solid Waste Fund	\$ 86,289
Unrestricted Investments-General Fund and Utility Fund	\$ 5 million
Restricted Investments (SPLOST & Utility Funds)	\$ 2.1 million

Mr. Jackson McConnell introduced Mrs. Beth Eavenson to Mayor and Council as the new Executive Director of the Development Authority of Elbert County, Elberton and Bowman.

Council Member Paul placed Ordinance 2181 on first reading with a heading as follows:

ORDINANCE 2181

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ELBERTON ADOPTING THE 2006 EDITION OF THE *INTERNATIONAL PROPERTY MAINTNENACE CODE*, REGULATING AND GOVERNING THE CONDITIONS AND MAINTENANCE OF ALL PROPERTY, BUILDINGS AND STRUCTURES; BY PROVIDING THE STANDARDS FOR SUPPLIED UTILITIES AND FACILITIES AND OTHER PHYSICAL THINGS AND CONDITIONS ESSENTIAL TO ENSURE THAT STRUCTURES ARE SAFE, SANITARY AND FIT FOR OCCUPATION AND USE; AND THE CONDEMNATION OF BUILDINGS AND STRUCTURES UNFIT FOR HUMAN OCCUPANCY AND USE, AND THE DEMOLITION OF SUCH EXISTING STRUCTURES IN THE CITY OF ELBERTON; PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE OF PERMITS AND COLLECTION OF FEES THEREFOR; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

City Manager Dunn read the Ordinance in its entirety.

Council Member Paul introduced the following Resolution:

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the City of Elberton that **Larry Guest** is hereby appointed to serve as this City’s voting delegate on the Municipal Gas Authority of Georgia’s Election Committee, with authority to cast all votes to which this City is entitled. **Lanier Dunn** is appointed as alternate voting delegate.

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

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

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

Police Department:

Cody Sanders and Cleve Williams
RADAR Certification 16 hours
Hartwell, GA
May 9 -10, 2013
Travel: \$60.00

Mark Welsh
GA Association of Chiefs of Police
Summer Conference
Savannah, GA
July 20- 24, 2013
Registration: \$375.00
Travel / Lodging: \$941.00

Mark Welsh and Michael Davis
Drug Court Training for Superior Courts
Atlanta, GA
May 19- 22, 2013
Travel / Lodging: \$1,158.00

Utilities – Wastewater

Roger Dove
Class 3 Wastewater Treatment
Carrollton, GA
June 3-7, 2013
Registration: \$480.00
Travel/lodging: \$799.12

Darin Rucker
Supervision Level One
Forsyth, GA
June 17- 21, 2013
Travel / Lodging: \$174.00

Utilities – Natural Gas

Charles Truitt
2013 Annual MGAG Meeting
St Simons Island, GA
May 15-17, 2013
Registration: \$205.00
Travel/lodging: \$360.00

- 2. Authorized the renewal of three-year contract with Elbert County for ESRI (GIS Software).

3. Accepted the Budget Calendar for Fiscal Year 2014.
4. Authorized the issuance of a retail of beer license for Corner Store located at 202 Elbert Street, owner Mr. Kevin Patel. Mr. Patel currently owns One Stop Food Mart as well.

City Manager Dunn presented the following reports:

- Natural gas bare steel line replacement project – Springdale Road – nearly complete.
- The Whites Chapel Road water project – line is in and taps are being made – some customers already should have water now. Had 12 to sign up so far.
- Budget to be delivered to Council in May.
- Monthly report on the activities of various departments.

Matters to be considered by Council. Council discussed the old Elberton Elementary school building. Mayor Guest asked Council Members what the next step would be concerning the dilapidated structure. City Attorney Phelps stated that council could file a petition. Mayor Guest also asked would the Board of Education be expected to remove the building the same as a residential citizen would be required on a dilapidated house. City Manager Dunn stated that the current Board of Education Members are now aware of the severity of the situation with the school building. City Manager Dunn informed council that City Marshal Algood has attended a Board of Education work session and presented photos of the building to the board. City Manager Dunn also stated that several of the Board of Education board Members have visited the building and Council Member Hunt had been in the building with Board of Education Member Mr. Keith Harper. The general consensus of Council at this time is to wait and give the Board of Education an opportunity to act on this matter since the issue with the deed on the property has now been resolved.

Council Member Butler asked about letters on dilapidated structures dated March 18, 2010 and the status on these. City Attorney Phelps stated he would look into the properties in more detail with City Marshal Algood. Council Member Butler also asked who would be enforcing Ordinance 2181? City Manager Dunn stated City Marshal Algood would have those duties and that an appeals board will have to be appointed in the future to hear appeals.

Council Member Hunt thanked City Manager Dunn for attending the neighborhood watch meeting and giving a presentation on utilities. City Manager Dunn stated the presentation given at this meeting was located on the Elberton Utilities website for all citizens to view. City Manager Dunn also stated he would be glad to attend other neighborhood watch meetings and give the same presentation.

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