

CITY OF ELBERTON
REGULAR MEETING OF THE ELBERTON MAYOR AND COUNCIL

Monday, October 7, 2013 – 5:30 p.m.

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof the Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council convened at the above date and time 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. Council Member Paul led the assembly in prayer.

Mayor Guest welcomed the visitors to the meeting and thanked them for coming.

Council Member Butler motioned to approve the minutes of the September 9, 2013 Regular 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 August 2013 is enclosed for review.

General Fund	\$ 5.2 million
Combined Utilities Fund	\$ 26.6 million
Elberton Technology Services Fund	\$ 224,758
Solid Waste Fund	\$ 32,075
Unrestricted Investments-General Fund and Utility Fund	\$ 5.2 million
Restricted Investments (SPLOST & Utility Funds)	\$ 2.5 million

Mr. Mart Clamp was scheduled to speak with regard to the Georgia Guidestones, but was not present at meeting.

Reverend John Barnett spoke on behalf of the Granite City Cook-off Committee. He thanked the City for their support of the event and asked for their continued support for years to come. He also asked that the event be held the 2nd Saturday in September of each year.

Mr. Mac Geter requested to speak on behalf of the Westside Neighborhood Watch Program. Council Member Paul motioned to hear Mr. Geter, seconded by Council Member Butler and the motion passed unanimously (Butler, Hunt, Seymour, Paul, Colquitt). Mr. Geter stated that he wanted to know the progress of three properties (650 Pulliam Street, 520 Jones Street and 524 Jones Street) that were in dilapidated condition. City Attorney Phelps stated that he has been working on a family tree since the owners of the properties are deceased. He stated that a citation was to be issued later this month and the hearing is scheduled for November 20, 2013. Mr. Geter expressed his frustration in the time frame it is taking to take action on these properties.

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

1. Accepted the appointment of Mr. Greg Gunter to the Development Authority of Elbert County, Elberton and Bowman.
2. Approved the expenditures that exceed the City Manager’s purchasing authority, as follows:

Department: ElbertonNET Network Extension Project.	
Vendor:	Price:
Southeast Utilities of Georgia	\$141,535.62
Bigham Cable Construction, Inc.	\$242,281.30
Cable East	\$272,234.76
Recommendation based on low bid.	

3. Authorized the issuance of a public assembly permit and to close the various streets as requested by the Kiwanis Club for the Annual Christmas Parade on December 8, 2013 at 3:30 p.m.

City Manager Dunn presented the following reports:

- In the public works department, the project to trim back all the street rights-of-way was completed last week.
- After collecting information and data on the natural gas vehicles project, it does not make sense until the cost of the vehicle comes down and/or the price of diesel and gasoline rises much higher than it is today.
- The ElbertonNET expansion project will begin promptly.
- Monthly report on the activities of various departments.

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