

CITY OF ELBERTON
REGULAR MEETING OF THE ELBERTON MAYOR AND COUNCIL

Monday, April 2, 2012 – 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, April 2, 2012 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 meeting to order. Mayor Pro tem Butler led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance and Council Member Paul led the assembly in prayer.

Council Member Hunt motioned to approve the minutes of the March 5, 2012 Regular Meeting as submitted, seconded by Council Member Paul and the motion passed unanimously (Butler, Colquitt, Hunt, Paul, Seymour).

Reports. Controller Kevin Eavenson presented the Financial Report through February 2012 is enclosed for review.

General Fund	\$ 4.6 million
Combined Utilities Fund	\$ 25.1 million
Elberton Technology Services Fund	\$ 1 million net loss
Solid Waste Fund	\$ 203,236
Unrestricted Investments-General Fund and Utility Fund	\$ 4.3 million
Restricted Investments (SPLOST & Utility Funds)	\$ 1.7 million

There were no scheduled speakers from the floor.

Mayor Pro tem Butler placed Ordinance 2173 on Second Reading with a heading as follows:

ORDINANCE 2173

An Ordinance to restate the Retirement Plan for the Employees of the City of Elberton, Georgia in accordance with and subject to the terms and conditions set forth in the attached Adoption Agreement, any Addendum to the Adoption Agreement, the Georgia Municipal Employees Benefit System (GMEBS) Master Plan Document, and the GMEBS Trust Agreement. When accepted by the authorized officers of the City and GMEBS, all as authorized and provided by O. C. G. A. 47-5-1 et seq.

The Ordinance was read in its entirety at the March meeting. Council Member Paul motioned to adopt the Ordinance as submitted, seconded by Council Member Seymour and the motion passed unanimously (Butler, Colquitt, Hunt, Paul, Seymour).

Council Member Paul introduced the following Resolution:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS: Several residents along the Granite City Trail area have asked the Mayor and Council to consider addressing a potential safety problem at the intersection of Brookwood Circle, Forest Hills Road and Forest Avenue; and

WHEREAS: The Mayor and Council previously approved the addition of a "stop for pedestrian" sign at the Granite City Trail crosswalk at Brookwood Circle and Forest Hills Road which is currently a two-way stop; and

WHEREAS: There exists a need for two addition stop signs at the bottom of the hill on Forest Avenue at its intersection of Forest Hills Road and Brookwood Circle making this intersection a four-way stop to further enhance safety; and

WHEREAS: Council concurs with this recommendation to add two stop signs as described on Attachment A incorporated herein, and to amend the Official Traffic Map of the City of Elberton in accordance with Section 36-6, traffic schedules.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council authorize the addition of two stop signs on Forest Avenue making the intersection with Brookwood Circle and Forest Hills Road a four-way stop, and direct the City Manager to have this intersection marked by signs in accordance with this Resolution.

RESOLVED at the Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council on April 2, 2012.

The Resolution was read in its entirety. City Manager Dunn explained that the bridge construction at the intersection would be complete within the next several weeks. Council Member Paul motioned to adopt the Resolution as submitted, seconded by Council Member Seymour and the motion passed unanimously (Butler, Colquitt, Hunt, Paul, Seymour).

Mayor Pro tem Butler introduced the following Resolution:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS: A parcel of land known as the Samuel Elbert Hotel and parking lot located at 4 South Public Square has become available for purchase; and

WHEREAS: The voters of Elbert County approved in a Special Purpose Sales Tax referendum funding in the amount of \$300,000 for downtown revitalization projects; and

WHEREAS: This purchase will be made with the expenditure of 2011 SPLOST Funds for downtown revitalization projects; and

WHEREAS: The renovation and restoration of the Samuel Elbert Hotel into a mixed use facility will greatly enhance the downtown square and will provide an economic boost to Elberton and especially the central business district, and this purchase will further that goal; and

WHEREAS: The City is currently developing an Urban Redevelopment Plan under Georgia law, and the planning committee has identified the Samuel Elbert Hotel as an anchor facility for the future of downtown; and

WHEREAS: The off-street parking lot is of great value to the property and to downtown Elberton; and

WHEREAS: The Mayor and Council do hereby find that it is in the public interest of the citizens of Elberton to acquire these parcels of property for their potential future uses.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of Elberton, Georgia hereby resolves to purchase the following parcels of land on South Public Square for the selling price of \$ 200,000.00 :

Description of Parcel 1

A parcel of land consisting of 0.31 acres, more or less, identified as Elbert County tax map number E12-117, owned by B. Frank Coggins, Jr., located at 4 South Public Square, and being bounded by South Oliver Street on the

northwest, South Public Square on the northeast, a public alleyway on the southwest, and property of Robert and Rina Thomas and Ward Properties LLC on the southeast, dimensions of the land being approximately 127' (northwest) x 82' (northeast) x 124' (southeast) x 99' (southwest), and containing a four story building known as the Samuel Elbert Hotel.

Description of Property 2

A parcel of land consisting of 0.29 acres, more or less, identified as Elbert County tax map number E12-116, owned by B. Frank Coggins, Jr., located at the northeast corner of the intersection of South Oliver Street and Church Street, and being bounded by South Oliver Street on the northwest, a public alleyway on the northeast, property owned by Patricia Cagle on the southeast, and Church Street on the southwest, dimensions of the land being approximately 152' (northeast) x 83' (southeast) x 152' (southwest) x 77'(northwest), and containing an asphalt-paved parking lot.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor, City Manager, and City Clerk are authorized to execute the necessary documents to effect this purchase of real estate.

RESOLVED at the Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council on April 2, 2012.

The Resolution was read in its entirety. Mayor Pro tem Butler motioned to adopt the Resolution as submitted, seconded by Council Member Hunt and the motion passed 4-0 (Butler, Colquitt, Hunt, and Paul voting for the motion and Council Member Seymour abstaining from voting.)

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

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

Utilities - Water:

Wayne Smith

GRWA Annual Meeting, Jekyll Island, GA

May 19-22, 2012

Registration: \$275.00 Travel/lodging: \$655.28

2. Accepted the minutes, decisions and recommendations of the Elberton Planning Commission Public Hearing of March 26, 2012.

3. Authorized the Mayor and/or City Manager to execute the necessary documents with Rushton & Company for FY2012 audit services. The fee is the same as the prior year, \$36,900.
4. Authorized the issuance of an on-premises consumption of distilled spirits to Vibrations Lounge, located at 17 N. Oliver Street, owner Tony Lee.

City Manager Dunn presented the following reports:

- Report on Expenditures reportable under Sect. 2-173 and Sect. 2-177.
- Monthly reports on activities of various Departments.

Council Member Seymour inquired if the city had any course of action to take when a property did not meet the dilapidated housing status, but was in poor condition and affected the surrounding properties.

There being no further business to come before Council, upon proper motion and second the meeting was adjourned (Butler, Colquitt, Hunt, Paul, Seymour).