

CITY OF ELBERTON
REGULAR MEETING OF THE ELBERTON MAYOR AND COUNCIL

Monday, February 6, 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, February 6, 2012 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 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 Hunt led the assembly in prayer.

Mayor Pro tem Butler motioned to approve the minutes of the January 9, 2012 Regular Meeting as submitted, seconded by Council Member Hunt and the motion passed unanimously.

Reports. Controller Kevin Eavenson presented the Financial Report through December 2011 is enclosed for review.

General Fund	\$ 4.5 million
Combined Utilities Fund	\$ 24.9 million
Elberton Technology Services Fund	\$ 1 million net loss
Solid Waste Fund	\$ 202,281
Unrestricted Investments-General Fund and Utility Fund	\$ 4.7 million
Restricted Investments (SPLOST & Utility Funds)	\$ 1.6 million

Mr. Daniel Graves presented a report on the activities of the Elbert County Chamber of Commerce for October through January. He thanked the Mayor and Council for their continued support through the hotel/motel tax contribution.

There were no Ordinances or Resolutions to be considered.

Mayor Guest removed item 1 from the Consent Agenda. Council Member Paul motioned to approve the consent agenda as amended, seconded by Council Member Seymour and the motion passed unanimously.

1. The approval of the expenditures that exceed the City Manager's purchasing authority was removed for further discussion by Mayor Guest.
2. Approved the dues, travel and training for all city departments.

Fire:

Robert Perry

Trench Module Recertification (8hrs) Gainesville, GA

February 21, 2012

Registration: None

Travel/lodging: \$75.00

Police:

Luke Mize

IALEFI Master Firearms Training Instructor Course Clayton, GA

March 13-15, 2012

Registration: \$225.00

Travel/lodging: \$360.00

Mark Welsh & Luke Mize

TASER Recertification Training Duluth, GA

March 20, 2012

Registration: \$350.00

Travel/lodging: \$80.00

Joe McGuffin & Allen Lee

Professional Management Program Conyers, GA

March 19-23, 2012

Travel/lodging: \$1,000.00

Main Street:

Sissie Herring

Regional Managers Meeting /DDA Suwanee, GA

February 16, 2012

Travel/lodging: \$ 80.86

Electric:

Donald Banks

MEAG Power Substation Training Forsyth, GA

February 7-9, 2012

Travel/lodging: \$ 465.80

3. Authorized the closing of portions of the downtown square to vehicular traffic as recommended by the Main Street Elberton Promotions Committee as follows:

- a. Saturday, July 14 – Elberton Annual Cruise-In. The event will take place on the square from 6:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. The square will need to be closed to traffic by 3:00 p.m. The stage will be set up in front of the fountain. Main Street Elberton event.
- b. Saturday, November 3 – Granite City Fall Festival. The event will take place on the square from 9:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. The square will need to be closed to traffic by 6:00 a.m. The stage will be set up in front of the fountain on Friday. Elbert County Chamber of Commerce and Main Street Elberton event.

Mayor Guest asked City Manager Dunn to discuss the expenditures that exceed the city manager’s purchasing authority as submitted in item 1 of the consent agenda. Council Member Hunt motioned to accept the City Manager’s recommendation to purchase the replacement system from Associated Systems, Inc. Council Member Seymour seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Replacement of Customer Information System, Utility Billing, and Financial Package Software and Hardware		
Associated Systems, Inc.	Recommended	\$139,100.00
CSI Technology Outfitters		\$120,601.50

Demonstrations Fall, 2011, and Proposals received December, 2011.
 Recommendation based on comparison of proposals and primarily that Associated Systems utilizes the IBM AS/400 platform which the city has used since 1990.

Comparisons of Proposals:	Associated Systems	CSI
Software License	\$77,000.00	\$68,205.00
Includes General Ledger, Accounts Payable, Payroll, Utility Billing and Purchasing		
Conversion of Existing Data	\$18,172.00 <i>estimated</i>	\$20,411.50 <i>estimated</i>
Installation	\$11,928.00	\$6,125.00
Hardware and software		
Hardware	\$32,000.00 <i>estimated</i>	\$25,860.00 <i>estimated</i>
Server and components		
Total Cost Estimate	----- \$139,100.00	----- \$120,601.50
Operating Platform	IBM AS/400 mainframe	Windows server and SQL
Interface Method	Menu driven/ Function keys	Point-and-click graphical interface

City Manager Dunn presented the following reports:

- Discussed Senate Bill 313, Broadband Investment Equity Act, which was introduced in the Georgia Senate by Chip Rogers from Woodstock. The bill would create barriers for communities in Georgia that may want to build and operate their own broadband or high speed internet networks. Existing community-owned networks such as ElbertonNET, which was created by the City of Elberton in 2001, would be put under such horrific state regulations that it would most likely have to stop any future plans to serve customers outside the city limits of Elberton.
- 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.