

**CITY OF ELBERTON**  
**REGULAR MEETING OF THE ELBERTON MAYOR AND COUNCIL**

Monday, March 5, 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, March 5, 2012 in Council Chambers of the Municipal Building, 203 Elbert Street with Mayor Guest presiding.

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

Mayor Guest called the meeting to order. Mayor Pro tem Butler led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance and City Attorney Phelps led the assembly in prayer.

Mayor Pro tem Butler motioned to approve the minutes of the February 6, 2012 Regular Meeting as submitted, seconded by Council Member Paul and the motion passed unanimously (Butler, Colquitt, Hunt, Paul).

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

General Fund	\$ 5.1 million
Combined Utilities Fund	\$ 24.1 million
Elberton Technology Services Fund	\$ 1 million net loss
Solid Waste Fund	\$ 205,218
Unrestricted Investments-General Fund and Utility Fund	\$ 4.7 million
Restricted Investments (SPLOST & Utility Funds)	\$ 1.6 million

Mrs. Iris Anderson presented a report on behalf of the Save the Rock Gym Committee. The committee requested that the City of Elberton assist in installing the utility line to the building. Mayor Guest thanked the committee for their work on the project and stated that the Council would consider the request.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Hunt asked the Council to consider changing the zoning restrictions for the property they own at 338 N. Oliver Street. The current occupants wish to live and work in the home as well as place a sign and merchandize in the front yard area, which is not permitted by the current zoning ordinance. Mayor Guest stated that Council would consider the request.

Mayor Pro tem Butler placed Ordinance 2173 on First 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. City Manager Dunn stated that in order to ensure continued tax-favored treatment for GMEBS member plans, the IRS requires that all GMEBS member employers adopt the restated plan documents.

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

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

**Main Street:**

Sissie Herring  
Main Street Institute Conference  
Woodstock, GA  
March 21-23, 2012  
Registration: \$40.00  
Travel/lodging: \$ 664.00

Athens, GA  
March 13 -14, 2012  
Travel/lodging: \$50.00

Sissie Herring  
Ga Downtown Assoc. Meeting  
Atlanta, GA  
March 6, 2012  
Travel/lodging: \$ 126.20

Phil Hiott  
Radar Operators Basic Course  
Athens, GA  
March 15-16, 2012  
Travel/lodging: \$50.00

**Police**

Jimmy Justice and Joey David  
CSX Grade Crossing Collision  
Investigation Course

Macon Clark  
Marijuana Certified Examiners  
Course  
Forsyth, GA  
March 27-29, 2012  
Travel/lodging: \$162.00

Scott Marunich  
RCTA Interviews & Interrogations  
Chattanooga, TN  
April 16-20, 2012  
Travel/lodging: \$550.00

Atlanta, GA  
March 13, 2012  
Registration: \$100.00  
Travel/lodging: \$15.00

**Fire:**

Kevin T. Jordan and Robert  
Cordell  
Georgia Fire Inspectors  
Association: Continuing  
education: Class 8 Hours  
Forsyth, GA  
March 15, 2012  
Travel/lodging: \$80.00

John Creason  
Water Laboratory Analyst Exam  
Atlanta, GA  
March 13, 2012  
Registration: \$100.00  
Travel/lodging: \$15.00

**Utilities – Natural Gas:**

Charles Truitt and Michael  
Sheppard  
Pipeline Safety Seminar  
Macon, GA  
April 9-12, 2012  
Registration: \$200.00  
Travel/lodging: \$612.00

**Utilities - Water:**

Greg Franklin  
Water Treatment System  
Operator  
Class I Exam

2. Authorized the closing of a portion of the city streets to vehicular traffic on Saturday, April 28 for the Jim Ree African American Museum Spring JAAM 5K Walk/Run. The race will start at the Granite Bowl exit on Church Street; proceeding west on Church Street to Forest Avenue; turning left onto Forest Avenue; proceeding south on to Forest Hills Drive; turning left on Lake Forest Drive heading east on Lake Forest Drive; cross South Oliver Street toward the intersection of South McIntosh Street; turning left and proceeding north to the finish line located at South McIntosh Street and Church Street. There will be a festival in the Courthouse parking lot immediately following the race as authorized by Elbert County.

3. Accepted the appointment of Mrs. Nancy Theis to the City of Elberton Tree Board.

City Manager Dunn presented the following reports:

- The electric rehabilitation from McIntosh Street to Mill Street is almost complete.
- The bare steel replacement project on Heard Street is complete.
- The ElbertonNET project in RBR State Park is about 90% complete.
- The Forest Avenue culvert replacement started last week.

- Reminder that the planning meeting will be March 23 – March 24. An itinerary will be sent later.
- System wide water flush is scheduled for this weekend.

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