

CITY OF ELBERTON
REGULAR MEETING OF THE ELBERTON MAYOR AND COUNCIL
Monday, May 7, 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, May 7, 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.

Mayor Pro tem Butler motioned to approve the minutes of the April 2, 2012 Regular Meeting as corrected, seconded by Council Member Paul and the motion passed unanimously (Butler, Colquitt, Hunt, Paul, Seymour).

Reports. City Manager Dunn presented the Financial Report through March 2012 is enclosed for review.

General Fund	\$ 4.6 million
Combined Utilities Fund	\$ 25.2 million
Elberton Technology Services Fund	\$ 946,922 net loss
Solid Waste Fund	\$ 217,155
Unrestricted Investments-General Fund and Utility Fund	\$ 4.3 million
Restricted Investments (SPLOST & Utility Funds)	\$ 1.8 million

Mrs. Anne Grace, Director of the Elbert County Library requested an additional \$3,000 from each of its two local funding sources for the upcoming fiscal year. The additional funding would bring each group's funding to \$63,000.

Mrs. Iris Anderson, Chairman of the Old Rock Gym Project Steering Committee requesting a vote with regard to the committee's request at the March meeting for the City to furnish the labor and materials for running the water and sewer lines to the building at approximately \$5,000. She stated that due to unexpected expenses such as construction of a \$15,000 wheelchair ramp to the stage, funds had been depleted. Mayor Guest stated that Council would consider her request later in the meeting.

Council Member Paul placed Ordinance 2174 on first reading with a heading as follows:

ORDINANCE 2174

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE COMPREHENSIVE ZONING MAP
OF THE CITY OF ELBERTON; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

City Manager Dunn read the Ordinance in its entirety.

Council Member Paul placed Ordinance 2175 on first reading with a heading as follows:

ORDINANCE 2175

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF ORDINANCES FOR THE CITY OF
ELBERTON, CHAPTER 6, ANIMALS, ARTICLE I. IN GENERAL AND ARTICLE II,
DUTIES, POWERS AND PROHIBITIONS RELATING TO CONTROL OF ANIMALS;
AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

City Manager Dunn read the Ordinance in its entirety.

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

1. Approved the expenditures that exceed the city manager's purchasing authority.

Construction of 4 granite walls to complete the Forest Avenue Culvert Project.		
Mike George Fortson	Recommended	\$17,784.00
Freddie Baker		\$32,680.00
Precision Masonry Construction, Inc.		\$15,565.00

Recommendation based on prior work experience and references obtained on low bidder.

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

Police Department:

Mike Seymour, Scott Marunich & Allen Lee
U.S. Attorney's Office Seminar, Athens, GA
May 11, 2012

Travel: \$45.00

Macon Clark
Child Safety Seat Certification Course, Winder, GA
May 22 - 25, 2012

Registration: \$75.00 Travel/lodging: \$ 160.00

Luke Mize and Joey David
Supervision Level 1, Forsyth, GA
June 4 – 8, 2012
Travel / Lodging: \$570.00

Nancy Littleton
Municipal Court Clerks Training, Tifton, GA
June 1, 2012
Registration: \$150.00 Lodging: \$72.00

City Marshal:

Jeff Algood
GA Fire Investigators 2012 Southeastern Conference, Savannah, GA
July 30-Aug 3
Registration: \$200.00 Travel/Lodging \$656.00

Utilities - Water:

Tyrone Yeargin
GAWP 2012 Annual Conference, Savannah, GA
July 15-18, 2012
Registration: \$430.00 Travel/lodging: \$747.04

Utilities – Natural Gas:

Charles Truitt
Municipal Gas Authority of Georgia, St. Simons Island, GA
May 16-18, 2012
Registration: \$205.00 Travel/lodging: \$360.00

3. Accepted the Budget Calendar for Fiscal Year 2013.

Monday, June 4, 2012: First Public Hearing at 5:30 p.m. before Regular Meeting for the purpose of obtaining written and oral comments pertaining to the proposed budget. First budget work session immediately following the Regular Meeting.

Tuesday, June 5, 2012: Second budget work session at 5:30 p.m.

Thursday, June 14, 2012: Second Public Hearing and adoption of FY2013 Budget at 5:30 p.m.

4. Accepted the appointment of Mr. Tom Denny to the Development Authority of Elbert County, Elberton and Bowman.
5. Authorized the Elbert County Board of Education to close a portion of Church Street beginning at the stop sign at Forest Avenue stopping at the traffic light at N. Oliver Street closed to vehicular traffic on May 18, 2012 at 8 p.m. until 9:30 p.m. for the graduation ceremony.

6. Authorized the execution of documents with the Georgia Department of Transportation to effectuate the speed detection devices for the City of Elberton.

City Manager Dunn presented the following reports:

- Monthly reports on activities of various Departments.

Mayor Guest asked City Manager Dunn for a recommendation on the request made by Mrs. Iris Anderson, Chairman of the Old Rock Gym Project Steering Committee. City Manager Dunn stated that the Bond Ordinance specifically prohibits this request for free taps. City Manager Dunn further stated that based on the contractor's request the lines including water, sewer, and underground electric service was priced at approximately \$9,150. Mrs. Anderson requested to address Council. Council Member Paul motioned to hear Mrs. Anderson, seconded by Mayor Pro tem Butler and the motion passed unanimously (Butler, Colquitt, Hunt, Paul, Seymour). Mrs. Anderson stated that she was not sure about the electric service. Council Member Paul motioned to provide \$9,150 to assist with the construction costs of the wheelchair ramp to the stage, seconded by Council member Seymour. During discussion, Council Member Colquitt inquired as to who owns the property. City Attorney Phelps stated that the Elbert County Board of Education currently holds the title on the property, but he anticipated it being transferred to the Elbert County Board of Commissioners. Council Member Paul motioned to amend his original motion to provide \$5,000 to assist with construction costs of the wheelchair ramp to the stage, seconded by Mayor Pro tem Butler. Council Member Seymour accepted the modification of the motion as stated by Council Member Paul. The motion passed with a vote of 3-2 (Butler, Paul, Seymour voting for the motion and Colquitt and Hunt voting against the motion).

City Attorney Phelps stated that the Samuel Elbert Hotel purchased had been completed. He also stated that he would be getting with City Marshal Algood and Building Inspector Jordan within the week to discuss dilapidated housing status.

Member Seymour stated that he was disappointed in the progress made on the dilapidated housing list. He inquired if there was any Ordinance that Council could adopt to update the procedures that would give Council more leeway on each case. Council Member Hunt inquired about the property located at 390 Mill Street. City Manager Dunn stated that it was on the dilapidated list.

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

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk