

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

Monday, September 12, 2011 – 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, September 12, 2011 in Council Chambers of the Municipal Building, 203 Elbert Street with Mayor Pro tem Hunt presiding.

Present were: Council Members Butler, Colquitt, Seymour, and Paul; City Attorney Phelps, City Manager Dunn and City Clerk Churney. Mayor Guest was absent during the meeting due to attending a meeting out of town.

Council Member Seymour led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance and Council Member Paul led the assembly in prayer.

Council Member Seymour motioned to approve the minutes of the August 1, 2011 meeting as submitted, seconded by Council Member Butler and the motion passed unanimously.

Controller Kevin Eavenson presented the Financial Report through July 2011 with the following net assets:

General Fund	\$ 4.5 million
Combined Utilities Fund	\$ 24.6 million
Elberton Technology Services Fund	\$ 1.2 million net loss
Solid Waste Fund	\$ 168,313
Unrestricted Investments-General Fund and Utility Fund	\$ 4.7 million
Restricted Investments (SPLOST & Utility Funds)	\$ 1.5 million

There were no Speakers from the floor scheduled.

Council Member Butler placed Ordinance 2168 on first reading with a heading as follows:

**ORDINANCE 2168**

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 22, LAND USE, BY ADDING ARTICLE 10, WETLANDS PROTECTION ORDINANCE; TO REPEAL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

The Ordinance was read in its entirety by City Manager Dunn.

Council Member Seymour introduced the following Resolution:

**RESOLUTION  
OF THE CITY OF ELBERTON**

- WHEREAS:** There currently exists a vacancy on the Elberton Downtown Development Authority (DDA) board of directors; and
- WHEREAS:** O.C.G.A. Section 36-42-6 allows the governing body of the municipal corporation to appoint directors of the DDA by resolution; and
- WHEREAS:** The Mayor and five Council Members of the City of Elberton constitute the governing body pursuant to that state law O.C.G.A. Section 36-42-3; and
- WHEREAS:** The Mayor respectfully submits to the Council the name of Mrs. Valerie Evans to be considered for appointment as a director of the DDA; and
- WHEREAS:** Mrs. Valerie Evans meets the qualifications of being a director of the Elberton DDA in that certain state law O.C.G.A. Section 36-42-7, being that the above stated qualifies as a (a) person who has an economic interest in the redevelopment and revitalization of the downtown development area, and a (b) is a resident of the City of Elberton.

**NOW, THEREFORE,** the Mayor and Council of the City of Elberton hereby appoint Mrs. Valerie Evans as a director of the Elberton DDA, term to end June 30, 2015.

The Resolution was read in its entirety by City Manager Dunn. Council Member Paul motioned to adopt the Resolution as read, seconded by Council Member Seymour and the motion passed unanimously.

Council Member Paul motioned to approve the consent agenda, seconded by Council Member Butler and the motion passed unanimously.

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

**Main Street:**

Sissie Herring  
Juggling Main Street / Mastering the skills of Downtown Development  
Rome, GA  
September 27-30, 2011  
Registration: \$175.00                      Travel/lodging: \$311.47

**Police Department:**

Stephanie Hughes & Scott Marunich  
Supervision Level III  
Forsyth, GA  
October 17-21, 2011  
Travel/Lodging: \$570.00

Joey David  
Grade Crossing Collision Investigation  
Dalton, GA  
October 26–27, 2011  
Travel / Lodging: \$195.00

Cindy Cabrera  
Advanced Report Writing  
Suwanee, GA  
November 10-11, 2011  
Travel/Lodging: \$195.00

**Fire Department:**

Robert Perry (8hrs)  
GSAR Georgia Search and Rescue  
Gainesville, GA  
September 29, 2011  
No Cost

Kevin Jordan & Robert Cordell (8hrs)  
GFIA Georgia Fire Inspectors Associations  
Forsyth, GA  
September 15, 2011  
No Cost

**Public Works:**

James Adams and Ronald Mooney  
Georgia Municipal Cemetery Association  
Annual Business Meeting  
Macon, Georgia  
September 16, 2011  
Registration: \$30.00

**Utilities Water:**

John Creason  
Georgia Water & Wastewater Institute  
Water Lab Analyst /Recertification 12points  
October 17-21, 2011  
Registration: \$ 320.00                      Travel/lodging: \$ 719.00

**Water/Wastewater**

Byron Stovall, Jason Hackett, William Black & Wayne Smith  
Georgia Rural Water Conference  
Recertification 10points  
October 23-25, 2011  
Registration: \$740.00 Travel/Lodging: \$638.24

2. Authorized the issuance of an alcoholic beverage license for wine to Fusion Express located at 10 N. McIntosh Street. Mr. Matt Dunbrack currently holds a beer/malt license and requests to add wine to his on-premises consumption license.

3. Accepted the minutes, decisions and recommendations of the Elberton Planning Commission Public Hearing of August 9, 2011.
4. Accepted the Millage Rate Certification.
5. Authorized the closing of a portion of the square and city streets to vehicular traffic on Thursday, September 15, 2011 at 5:30 p.m. for the Homecoming Parade and Pep Rally sponsored by the Student Council of ECCHS and approved by Main Street Elberton Promotions Committee.
6. Authorized the City Manager and City Clerk to execute option and structure lease agreement with New Cingular Wireless PCS.

City Manager Dunn presented the following reports:

- The old city quarry sewer rehab project that runs from Campbell Street by the old quarry to Martin Luther King Blvd is complete.
- The Electric Department is working on two capital projects. The McIntosh Street to Mill Street and Elbert Street to Lexington Highway.
- Have not heard on the USDA state park project.
- The natural gas bare line replacement project bids are under review.
- Working on refinancing the existing water/sewer series bonds. A called meeting would be necessary to proceed.
- Working on the on bill financing program.
- Working on updating the zoning ordinance, which has not been updated since 2007.
- MollerTech is holding a reception September 24, 2011.
- Monthly reports on the activities of various Departments

Council discussed the following matters:

- Council Member Paul asked about the dilapidated housing status. City Attorney Phelps stated that he would contact City Marshal Algood to review the items.
- Council Member Colquitt expressed thanks to the City from the residents at Highland Park for their cleanup efforts.
- Council Member Seymour stated that there were several yards that were overgrown and needed cut in his ward. City Manager Dunn asked Council Member Seymour to get him the locations and he would forward them to City Marshal Algood for review.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned with a motion duly made and seconded.