

CITY OF ELBERTON
REGULAR MEETING OF THE ELBERTON MAYOR & COUNCIL
Monday, September 13, 2010 – 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 13, 2010 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 Regular Meeting to order and welcomed the guests at the meeting. Mayor Pro tem Seymour led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance and Council Member Paul led in prayer.

Council Member Butler motioned to approve the minutes of the July 1, 2010 Regular Meeting as submitted, seconded by Council Member Hunt seconded the motion passed unanimously.

Controller Kevin Eavenson presented the Financial Report as follows through July 30, 2010:

General Fund	\$ 4.3 million
Combined Utilities Fund	\$ 22.4 million
Elberton Technology Services Fund	\$ 1.5 million net loss
Solid Waste Fund	\$ 188,513
Unrestricted Investments-General Fund and Utility Fund	\$ 4.5 million
Restricted Investments (SPLOST & Utility Funds)	\$ 730,482

Mr. Hubert Gaines, Lexington Highway, requested to speak to Council with regard to the Ad-Hoc Committee. Council Member Butler motioned to hear Mr. Gaines, seconded by Council Member Paul and the motion passed unanimously. He stated that the committee met August 9 and 16, 2010. Mr. Gaines stated that the committee developed a list of recommendations and strategies that involved various outreach groups in the community. Council thanked the committee for their dedication to the community.

Mr. Don Gilbert, Elm Street, requested to speak Council with regard to the Animal Control. Council Member Colquitt motioned to hear Mr. Gilbert, seconded by Council Member Paul and the motion passed unanimously. Mr. Gilbert recommended Council considering a senior citizen discount for fines relating to cats at large. He stated that the fine was the same for dogs as cats. He stated that it was harder to regulate cats than dogs and felt the fine was unjust. He also stated that he checked with other governments and

recommended charging \$50 rather than the \$100. Council thanked Mr. Gilbert for his concerns and stated that the fines and fees were adopted at the same time as the budget. They recommended Mr. Gilbert bringing this to their attention during that time.

Mayor Pro tem Seymour placed Ordinance 2163 on second reading with a heading as follows:

ORDINANCE 2163

AN ORDINANCE ANNEXING THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 103 SEABOARD STREET PURSUANT TO THAT CERTAIN ACT (GEORGIA LAW. 1962, P. 119) AUTHORIZING SAME UPON WRITTEN AND SIGNED APPLICATION OF THE PROPERTY OWNERS OF SAID LAND; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Mayor Pro tem Seymour motioned to waive the reading of the Ordinance, seconded by Council Member Paul and the motion to waive passed unanimously. City Manager Dunn read the heading of the Ordinance. Council Member Paul motioned to adopt the Ordinance as presented, seconded by Mayor Pro tem Seymour and the motion to adopt passed unanimously.

Council Member Hunt placed Ordinance 2164 on first reading with a heading as follows:

ORDINANCE 2164

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 12, CEMETERIES; AND TO REPEAL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

City Manager Dunn read the Ordinance in its entirety.

Council Member Colquitt removed item 9 from the Consent Agenda for further discussion. Council Member Butler motioned to approve the consent agenda as amended, seconded by Mayor Pro tem Seymour and the motion passed unanimously.

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

Police Department

Fleet #4: One (1) New Midsize 4-door Sedan for Criminal Investigation/ Administrative Division of the Police Dept.

Vendor	FLEET #4	Make/Model
Akins Dodge, Chrysler	\$20,428.00	2011 Dodge Charger
Brannen Motor Co.	\$20,107.55	2011 Ford Taurus SE
Carl Black Buick	\$21,250.00	2011 Chevy Impala
Ed Murdock	\$22,473.00	2011 Dodge Charger
Hardy Family	\$20,045.00	2011 Chevy Impala
	Recommended	

Peach County Ford	#20,045.00	2011 Ford Taurus FWD
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Recommendation based on low bidder

Police Department

Fleet #5: One (1) New Full-Size ¾ Ton Extended Cap Truck Chassis.

Vendor	FLEET #5	Make/Model
Akins Dodge, Chrysler	\$20,799.00	2011 Ford F250
Allen Vigil Ford	\$20,293.00	2011 Ford F250
Brannen Motor Co.	\$23,644.10	2011 Ford F350 XL
Carl Black Buick	\$22,250.00	2011 Chevy Silverado 2500
Ed Murdock	\$19,587.00 Recommended	2011 Ford F250
Hardy Family	\$19,971.00	2011 Ford F250
Peach County Ford	#19,788.00	2011 Ford F250

Recommendation based on low bidder

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

Public Works

James Adams & Dewayne Bridges
 Monument Cleaning/Restoration
 Workshop at Alta Vista Cemetery,
 Gainesville, GA
 October 18, 2010
 Registration: \$40.00 each
 Travel/lodging: None

James Adams & Wayne Pridgen
 MUTCD Introductions & Revisions
 Part 1-9 District One Area Office
 Gainesville, GA
 November 3, 2010
 No Cost

Utilities

Wastewater

Branon Young
 Georgia Water & Wastewater
 Institute
 Wastewater Lab Analyst
 September 20-24, 2010
 Recertification Points
 Registration: \$ 320.00
 Travel/lodging: \$ 681.44

Water/Wastewater

Byron Stovall, Jason Hackett,
 William Black, Ray McGill
 Georgia Rural Water Conference
 October 24-26, 2010
 Recertification Points
 Registration: \$740.00
 Travel/lodging: \$884.00

3. Accepted the minutes, decisions and recommendations of the Elberton Planning Commission meeting of August 16, 2010.

4. Authorized the closing of a portion of the square downtown to vehicular traffic on Thursday, September 23, 2010 at 5:30 p.m. for the Homecoming Parade and Pep Rally sponsored by the Student Council of ECCHS.
5. Authorized the issuance of an alcoholic beverage license to Mr. Shailesh Amin of Raceway located at 883 Elbert Street for a retail license to sell beer/malt and wine.
6. Accepted the re-appointment of Lois Daniel and Virginia Dye to the Elbert County Library.
7. Accepted the appointment of Tom Robinson to the Development Authority of Elbert County, Elberton and Bowman.
8. Accepted a donation from Coggins Welfare for \$10,000 to the Police Department for equipment.
9. Authorization to execute a lease agreement with the Concerned Men of Elbert County was removed by Council Member Colquitt for further discussion.

Council Member Colquitt asked City Attorney Phelps if the proposed lease agreement with the Concerned Men of Elbert County met his satisfaction. City Attorney Phelps stated that there were three items that he would recommend elaborating on prior to executing the document. First, with regard to improvements to the property would be solely on the lessee and not be reimbursed by the City; second, with regard to the hours the gate would remain open; and third, with regard to adults being required to take a training prior to supervising children. Council Member Colquitt motioned to approve the agreement with the recommendations of the City Attorney included prior to its execution, seconded by Mayor Pro tem Seymour and the motion passed unanimously.

City Manager Dunn provided Council with monthly reports on the activities of various Departments.

Mayor Guest asked if there were any other matters to be considered by Council. Mayor Pro tem Seymour stated that he wanted council to consider addressing abandoned homes similar to the dilapidated housing regulations. City Manager Dunn stated that there were building codes that Council could adopt that regulated general maintenance items; however, enforcement would be key. Council Member Colquitt stated that the Granite City Cook-off was a successful again this year. Mayor Guest thanked everyone for their thoughts and prayers in the loss of Gilda's father, Mr. Gortney.

City Attorney Phelps reported that the Bond closing was scheduled for September 29, 2010.

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

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk