

**CITY OF ELBERTON**  
**WORK SESSION MEETING OF THE ELBERTON MAYOR AND COUNCIL**

Tuesday, September 8, 2009 – 5:30 p.m.

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof the Work Session Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the City of Elberton convened at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, September 8, 2009, in the staff development room of the Municipal Building, 203 Elbert Street with Mayor Guest presiding.

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

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

City Manager Dunn presented the following items for discussion relating the agenda for the regular meeting of September 14, 2009:

1. Alcoholic Beverage License Ordinance violation of August 13 and 14. Staff recommended imposing \$1,500 in fines, revocation of bond in the amount of \$1,000 and submission of new bond in the amount of \$2,000 and suspension of license for a period of 90 days. City Marshal Algood stated that the license holder is also being investigated by the Sheriff's Office for possible illegal alien. No confirmation has been received from the Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) as to the citizenship status.
2. Revisions to the Historic Preservation Design Guidelines. The guidelines are more descriptive than the current guidelines.
3. Adoption of a Resolution to prohibit parking on the south side of Presbyterian Lane. At the August work session, Council asked City Manager Dunn to look at prohibiting parking on both side of the street, designating the street a one-way or prohibiting parking on Sunday's rather than just prohibiting parking on the south side, and to also determine the actual width of the street. Staff recommended prohibiting parking on the north side parking lot as well due to the narrow width of the street.
4. Acceptance of the COPS Grant. The grant would fund one position to the police department for a period of three years after which the city would be required to fund the position for an additional year.
5. Acceptance of the new Elbert Theatre application. City Manager Dunn stated that modifications have been made to the rental application to include the ability to serve alcohol during private rental of the theatre. He stated that there would be a significant fee. Council also discussed requiring security for anyone serving alcohol at an event.

6. Adoption of a Resolution authorizing a first amendment to the amended and restated combined cycle power sales contract with MEAG Power.
7. Adoption of a Resolution authorizing a second replacement amendment to the municipal competitive trust with MEAG Power.
8. Bid opening for the electric construction project. City Attorney Phelps stated that he would draw up the contract and check on performance bond requirements.

The following matters were discussed by Council:

1. Council Member Paul asked about the possibility of paving a sidewalk on Jones Street on both sides of the street beginning at the intersection on College Avenue. City Manager Dunn stated that he had an estimate of cost that had been done in the past. He stated that he would update the information for further discussion.
2. City Manager Dunn informed Council on the Elbert Memorial Hospital Summit scheduled September 17 at 7:00 p.m. at the Civic Center.
3. Council Member Hunt asked if the City acquired the records when the City purchased Lincoln Heights Cemetery from Bob Heard. He stated that there was some confusion as to plot ownership from the 1970's. City Manager Dunn stated that he was unaware of the records.
4. Council Member Hunt asked about the utilities cut off policy. He stated that customers were being charged \$25 per utility or \$75 for full service customers if their bill was not paid by 9am on Tuesdays. City Manager Dunn stated that the policy has been in place for years. He stated that there was a large cost incurred in utility cutoffs such as supplies and manpower. Council Member Hunt asked the City to consider some relief for customers during this economic crisis.
5. Council Member Seymour asked about installing speed limit signage on the newly paved access road next to the Health Department that ends on Athens Tech Road.

There being no further discussion, the work session was adjourned.