

REGULAR MEETING OF THE ELBERTON CITY COUNCIL

Monday, May 5, 2008 - 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 5, 2008 in Council Chambers of the Municipal Building, 203 Elbert Street with Mayor Guest presiding.

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

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

Council Member Seymour motioned to approve the minutes of the April 7, 2008 meeting as submitted, seconded by Council Member Hunt and the motion passed unanimously.

Reports. Controller Kim Greenway presented the Financial Report through March 2008 with the following net assets:

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| General Fund | \$ 3.6 million |
| Utility Fund | \$ 22 million |
| Elberton Technology Services Fund | \$ 1.8 million net loss |
| Solid Waste Fund | \$ 154,162 |
| Unrestricted Investments-General Fund and Utility Fund | \$ 2.88 million |
| Restricted Investments (SPLOST & Utility Funds) | \$ 933,000 |

Mayor Guest asked if there were any speakers from the floor. Mr. Rick Prince, Chairman of the Elbert County Chamber of Commerce updated Council on the activities of the Chamber. He also thanked the City for their longstanding commitment to the Chamber through the allocation of Hotel/Motel tax money for tourism purposes. Mayor Guest thanked the Chamber for their efforts.

Mayor Guest stated that there were no Ordinances or Resolutions to consider at this time.

Matters to be considered by Council. Council discussed the disposition of property on the Calhoun Falls Highway known as the Armory property. Council Member Butler motioned to place the property on surplus, seconded by Council Member Paul. Council discussed researching comparable properties, possibly having the property surveyed, checking the property for swamplands, utilizing the sealed bid or auction method, and listing the property as a commercial site. After discussion, the motion passed with Council Member Hunt abstaining from voting.

Mayor Guest asked if there were any items to be removed from the consent agenda to be discussed further. Mayor Pro tempore Colquitt asked to remove item 1 and Council Member Seymour asked to remove item 9 from the consent agenda. Council Member Seymour motioned to approve the consent agenda as amended, seconded by Council Member Butler and the motion passed unanimously.

1. The approval of the expenditures that exceed the City Manager's purchasing authority was removed from the consent agenda for further discussion.
2. Approved dues, travel and training for all city departments.
3. Accepted the minutes and decisions of the Elberton Historic Preservation Commission of April 15, 2008.
4. Accepted the minutes, decisions and recommendations of the Elberton Planning Commission of April 21, 2008.
5. Authorized the closing of a portion of North McIntosh Street to traffic on May 16 at 1 p.m. for the Modern Skirts Concert and June 13 at 1 p.m. for the Still Wind Concert (requested by Main Street Elberton Promotions Committee).
6. Authorized the closing of the square to traffic on July 12 at 3 p.m. for the Classic Car Show (requested by Main Street Elberton Promotions Committee).
7. Authorized the closing of Church Street beginning at the stop sign at Forest Avenue stopping at the traffic light at N. Oliver Street to vehicular traffic on May 23, 2008 from 8:00 p.m. until 9:30 p.m. for the graduation ceremony (requested by the Elbert County High School).
8. Authorized the issuance of an alcoholic beverage licenses to:
 - a. Wal-Mart Store located at 955 Elbert Street, and
 - b. Bay Moon Enterprise, Inc. located at 625 Elbert Street.
9. The acceptance of the Budget Calendar for Fiscal Year 2009 was removed from the consent agenda for further discussion.

Mayor Pro tempore Colquitt removed item 1 from the consent agenda. Mayor Pro tempore Colquitt inquired as to the purchase of a full size pickup truck for the water/sewer department. He asked if we were purchasing vehicles that get good fuel mileage. City Manager Dunn stated that in order to haul the equipment and supplies, the department needed a heavy duty truck. He also stated that the vehicle would get 16-17 miles per gallon city/highway. Council Member Paul motioned to approve the expenditures that exceed the City Manager's purchasing authority as submitted, seconded by Council Member Butler and the motion passed unanimously. Council Member Seymour removed item 9 from the consent agenda. Council Member Seymour informed Council of a conflict in two of the meetings listed on the budget preparation calendar for FY09. He stated that he was unable to attend the June 3 and June 4 called meetings. After discussion, Council amended the calendar as follows:

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| May 22, 2008 | Submission of Budget for Mayor and Council |
| June 2, 2008 | First Public Hearing at 5:30 p.m. (before regular meeting) and Called Meeting immediately after regular meeting. |
| June 5, 2008 | Called Meeting at 5:30 p.m. |
| June 16, 2008 | Second Public Hearing and adoption of FY09 budget at 5:30 p.m. |

Mayor Pro tempore Colquitt motioned to accept the budget calendar for FY09 as amended above, seconded by Council Member Hunt and the motion passed unanimously.

City Manager Dunn presented the following reports to Council:

- City Manager Dunn stated that the Police Department has temporarily relocated to City Hall and on N. McIntosh Street. Interior demolition began today and will proceed over the next several weeks. Reconstruction is scheduled for mid-June.
- City Manager Dunn updated Council on the James Street project. All utility work was completed during the week of April 20.
- City Manager Dunn stated that today he received the right-of-way certification documents from DOT for the north side of the 4-lane project.
- City Manager Dunn stated that there would be a Called Meeting on May 19 at 5:30 p.m. for the purpose of meeting with MEAG Power on the Plant Vogtle expansion project.
- City Manager Dunn informed Council that they would be receiving their FY09 Budget Estimates on May 22, 2008.
- Monthly reports and activities of the various departments.
- State of the City Report.

Matters to be presented by the City Attorney. City Attorney Phelps stated that a Public Hearing was scheduled for June 10 for seven dilapidated properties and another hearing would be scheduled in July for six (6) more.

Other matters to be presented by Council. Council Member Paul asked Council to look at paving the sidewalk on Jones Street and possibly getting the Department of Transportation (DOT) to look at the width of the street as to the best location for the sidewalk.

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

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk