

CITY OF ELBERTON
REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL
Monday, August 4, 2014 – 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, August 4, 2014 in Council Chambers of the Municipal Building, 203 Elbert Street with Mayor Guest presiding.

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

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

Mayor Guest welcomed the Elberton-Mure Sister City Exchange Students to the meeting.

Council Member Butler motioned to approve the minutes of July 7, 2014 meeting as submitted, seconded by Council Member Seymour and the motion passed unanimously (Butler, Hunt, Seymour, Colquitt, Prince).

City Manager Dunn presented the Financial Report through June 2014 is enclosed for review.

General Fund	\$ 4.7 million
Combined Utilities Fund	\$ 27.8 million
Elberton Technology Services Fund	\$ 626,364
Solid Waste Fund	\$ 108,048 net loss

Unrestricted Investments-General Fund and Utility Fund	\$ 6.8 million
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Restricted Investments (SPLOST & Utility Funds)	\$ 2.7 million
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There were no scheduled speakers from the floor.

Council Member Butler introduced a Resolution authorizing the volunteer firefighters of the City of Elberton to be covered under workers' compensation as follows:

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS OF THE CITY OF ELBERTON TO BE COVERED UNDER WORKERS' COMPENSATION

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Elberton, Georgia, and it is hereby resolved by the authority of the same:

SECTION 1: Volunteer Firefighters shall be covered under the GMA Workers' Compensation Self-Insurance Fund while performing their duties on behalf of the city.

SECTION 2: All Resolutions or parts of Resolutions in conflict herewith are repealed.

City Manager Dunn read the Resolution in its entirety. Council Member Butler motioned to adopt the Resolution, seconded by Council Member Prince and the motion passed unanimously (Butler, Hunt, Seymour, Prince, Colquitt).

Council Member Seymour introduced a Resolution with regard to the On-Bill Financing Program as follows:

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF CITY OF ELBERTON, GEORGIA, APPROVING AN ADDITIONAL DEPOSIT OF \$75,000 TO ITS ON-BILL FINANCING PROGRAM, WHICH WAS CREATED BY ORDINANCE 2171 ON NOVEMBER 11, 2011, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council previously created and established through Ordinance 2171 on November 11, 2011, the On-Bill Financing Program, a revolving loan funding program available

for utility customers of the City for the purpose of providing a low-cost funding source to improve energy efficiency in the City of Elberton, and

WHEREAS, this revolving loan funding program provides for the purchase and installation of energy efficient equipment and home envelop energy efficiency improvements paid through an on-bill financing program, and

WHEREAS, in two years the revolving loan program has helped 40 customers of the City of Elberton totaling \$174,558 in energy efficiency improvements, and

WHEREAS, the initial deposit of \$100,000 is no longer sufficient to meet the needs of the revolving loan, on-bill financing program, and

WHEREAS, heretofore the On-Bill Financing Program has operated effectively for the citizens and customers of the City of Elberton, having had no uncollectible payments since its inception, and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council find that the On-Bill Financing Program is in the best interest of the City and its citizens and in furtherance of its public purpose, including conservation of energy and water resources, development of energy efficient facilities benefiting its utility systems and improving the health and environmental conditions in the City, and of its citizens, in accordance with the City’s Charter and State law.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the City of Elberton that an additional deposit of \$75,000 is authorized and directed into the On-Bill Financing Program in accordance with Section 4 of Ordinance 2171 from the Elberton Combined Public Utility System Fund.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the existing terms, conditions, qualifications for contractors, and the fees and tariffs associated with the On-Bill Financing Program shall apply to this new deposit as if it were a part of the original funding deposit made in Ordinance 2171.

City Manager Dunn read the Resolution in its entirety. Council Member Butler motioned to adopt the Resolution, seconded by Council Member Hunt and the motion passed unanimously (Butler, Hunt, Seymour, Prince, Colquitt).

Council Member Butler introduced a Resolution to amend the Official Traffic Map of the City of Elberton to place a speed-bump on Burke Street as follows:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS: The neighbors in the area have presented a petition requesting a speed bump to slow traffic; and

WHEREAS: The Mayor and Council of the City of Elberton has determined that it is in the best interest of the citizens of Elberton to amend the Official Traffic Map of the City of Elberton in accordance with Section 36-6, traffic schedules; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council authorize the placement of two speed bumps on Burke Street in accordance with Attachment ‘A’ incorporated herein.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council direct the City Manager to install the speed bumps as designated above as well as erect any required signs upon the adoption of this Resolution.

City Manager Dunn read the Resolution in its entirety. Council Member Butler motioned to adopt the Resolution, seconded by Council Member Prince and the motion passed 4-1 (for - Butler, Hunt, Seymour, Prince) (against – Colquitt).

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

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

Department: Public Works	
Installation of 22,080 sq ft of drywall, including finishing and ready for paint, at the Elberton Arts Center	
Vendor:	Price:

DTP Drywall (Donald) Phillips Recommended	\$13,800.00
Alix Construction	\$14,500.00
Magnum Drywall, LLC (Harry White)	\$16,780.00

Recommendation based on low bidder.

City Manager Dunn presented the following reports:

- Discussion of the Samuel Elbert Hotel. After discussion, consensus from Council was to move forward with architect.
- Monthly report on the activities of various departments.

City Manager Dunn stated that he needed an action to amend the FY14 Budget for the General Fund and the Solid Waste Fund. Council Member Seymour motioned to approve the consent agenda, seconded by Council Member Hunt and the motion passed unanimously (Butler, Hunt, Seymour, Colquitt, Prince).

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