

CITY OF ELBERTON
REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL
Monday, September 8, 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, September 8, 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.

Council Member Seymour motioned to approve the minutes of August 4, 2014 meeting as submitted, seconded by Council Member Butler and the motion passed unanimously (Butler, Hunt, Seymour, Colquitt, Prince).

Controller Kevin Eavenson presented the Financial Report through July 2014 is enclosed for review.

General Fund	\$ 4.5 million
Combined Utilities Fund	\$ 28.8 million
Elberton Technology Services Fund	\$ 642,762
Solid Waste Fund	\$ 21,790
Unrestricted Investments-General Fund and Utility Fund	\$ 6.9 million
Restricted Investments (SPLOST & Utility Funds)	\$ 2.8 million

There were no scheduled speakers from the floor. However, Mr. Ken Crawford requested to speak to council with regard to the storm water drainage system located in front of his property located at 224 McDonough Street. Council Member Colquitt motioned to hear Mr. Crawford, seconded by Council Member Hunt and the motion passed unanimously. Mr. Crawford discussed that the storm water drainage basin that was located in front of his property. He stated that he had spoken to Council in April about his issue and the draining system was still dysfunctional and needed repair. City Manager Dunn stated that staff had observed the drainage system and it was in working order. No action was taken at this time.

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

1. Approved the expenditures that exceed the city manager's purchasing authority.
2. Accepted the Millage Rate Certification for tax year 2014.
3. Authorized the issuance of an alcoholic beverage license for retail - beer/malt beverage to Khushid Ara Rahman, LLC d/b/a Bill's Minit Mart located at 243 College Avenue.

City Manager Dunn presented the following reports:

- The ElbertonNET expansion project is complete.
- The electric department has completed the system line coordination and protection project.
- There are two current water projects (GEFA funding) ongoing.
- The natural gas bare steel replacement project is ongoing.
- The drywall and windows have been installed at the Elberton Arts Center.
- An LED lighting project to replace the existing lighting on Heard Street should bring an energy savings to the city over a 10 year period.
- There will be a public hearing at the October 7 Council Meeting in order to consider adoption of a Resolution for Wildwood Apartment renovations by the Housing Authority of Cordele.
- Monthly report on the activities of various departments.

City Attorney Phelps reported on dilapidated housing.

Mayor Guest asked Council to consider a recommendation of appointment of Mr. Tom Steele to the Elbert Memorial Hospital (EMH) Authority. Council Member Butler motioned to accept the nomination of the appointment, seconded by Council Member Colquitt and the motion passed unanimously (Butler, Hunt, Seymour, Colquitt, Prince).

Mayor Guest also stated that he had asked Mr. Jim Lloyd of the EMH Authority to submit a plan of action in writing to the Council on how they are going to sustain the hospital. Mayor Guest invited Mr. Lloyd to appear before Council to present a summary of the plan.

Council Member Colquitt reminded Council of the Granite City Cook-off downtown on Saturday. He stated that he and Estelle would be donating 100 fried pies to the organization to sell to help with their scholarships.

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