

CITY OF ELBERTON
REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL
Monday, August 3, 2026 – 5:30 p.m.

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof the meeting of the Mayor and Council convened at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, August 3 in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building, 203 Elbert Street with Mayor Graves presiding.

Present: Council Members Butler, Burton, Colquitt, Prince, and Parham; City Manager Eavenson, City Clerk Churney and City Attorney Jenkins.

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

Council Member Burton motioned to approve the minutes of the July meetings, seconded by Council Member Butler, and the motion passed unanimously (Butler, Burton, Colquitt, Prince, Parham).

There were no scheduled speakers from the floor or Ordinances and Resolutions to be considered.

Council Member Parham motioned to adopt the Consent Agenda, seconded by Council Member Prince and the motion passed unanimously (Butler, Burton, Colquitt, Parham, Prince).

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

Department: Public Works		
2026 T-SPLOST Paving Project		
Vendor:		Bid Amount:
ASA Paving	RECOMMENDED	\$749,822.39
MHB Paving		\$916,917.63
All About Asphalt, Inc.		\$920,960.00
All Star Concrete, Inc.		\$1,047,875.50
Allied Paving Contractors, Inc.		\$1,059,624.25
Garrett Paving Company		\$1,075,452.99

2. Authorized the issuance of a retail beer/malt and wine license to Mr. Sandeerpkumar Patel of Diamond 310 Corporation dba Elberton Foodmart (formerly the Elbertorium Gas, LLC) located at 310 Elbert Street.
3. Authorized the issuance of a public assembly permit to close the square to traffic on Thursday, October 1, 2026, for the annual **Homecoming Parade and Pep Rally** event requested by ECCHS.

City Manager Eavenson provided the following reports in the packets:

1. Financial Report ending June 30, 2026.
2. Monthly departmental report, as follows:

HUMAN RESOURCES:

The annual GMEBS retirement pension fund census reporting has been submitted online for 2025 earnings. This report is mandatory and due annually to the Georgia Municipal Association.

CITY CLERK:

The department submitted the city’s Annual Budget for the fiscal year 2027 to the Tax

and Expenditure Center at the Carl Vinson Institute of Government as required by TED House Bill 122.

Splash Island was the place to go to beat the summer heat this month:

Description	May 1-31 2026	June 3-21 2026	June 24-July 19 2026
No. of days open	18	15	20
Patron Breakdown:			
No. Paid Patrons	1221	2394	2239
No. of Patrons (Age 62+ /2 and under)	135	197	392
Rental Admission Count (25 per rental)	150	100	275
Other (School/501c3)	167	N/A	60
Total Patron Count	1673	2691	2966
Rental Breakdown:			
Pavillion (\$150ea)	6	4	11
Group Rentals (\$500ea)	0	0	2
Other/school/501c3 (varies)	1	0	3
Revenue:			
Admissions	\$6,105.00	\$11,970.00	\$11,195.00
Rentals	\$1,317.50	\$750.00	\$2,650.00
Concessions	\$2,905.60	\$5,784.00	\$5,601.00

BUILDING INSPECTIONS:

Building Inspections		
Permit Type	Issued	Inspections Performed
Electrical	0	0
Plumbing	1	1
Land Disturbance	0	0
Roof	1	1
Demolition	0	0
Mechanical	0	1
Sign	2	1
Driveway	0	0
General Building	4	8
Total	8	12

FIRE DEPARTMENT:

- Responded to 52 alarm calls and issued two burn permits.
- 560 hours of in-house training; 24 hours of training center usage; 8 hours were utilized for joint exercises.

Alarm Calls	July 2026	June 2026
Outside Trash Fire	1	2
Building Fire	0	2
Wildland Fire	0	0
Medical Assists	37	54
Gas Leak	1	0
Power Pole Fire	0	0

Aircraft Standby	2	0
False Alarms	6	5
Vehicle Accidents	5	7
Total	52	70

POLICE DEPARTMENT:

The Elberton Police Department released its monthly activity report for **June 2026**. The department recorded:

	June	May
Calls for Service	540	543
Vehicle Traffic Stops	368	401
Incident reports	97	84
City Court Cases	279	279
Traffic Accidents	20	16
Arrests	53	54
DUI	8	4
Department Training Hours	27	41

The **Group A** crimes of the (**NIBRS**) National Incident-Based Reporting System are sent to the FBI every month. The Group A crimes for **June 2026** are as follows:

Group A Crimes	June	May
Kidnapping:	1	0
Rape Offenses:	1	0
Robbery:	0	0
Assault:	7	14
Arson:	0	0
Burglary:	1	4
Larceny/Theft:	13	5
Motor Vehicle Theft:	0	0
Counterfeiting/Forgery	2	0
Fraud Offenses:	2	1
Stolen Property Offenses:	1	0
Destruction/ Damage/ Vandalism:	8	6
Drug Offenses:	7	7
Weapons Violations:	5	0
Animal Cruelty:	0	0
Sex Offenses:	0	0
Prostitution Offenses:	0	0
Homicide/ Manslaughter	0	0

WATER & SEWER:

Water System Maintenance

- Repaired water leaks at Ruckersville Road, South Thomas Street, Adams Street, Forest Avenue, and Carey Street.

Sewer System Maintenance:

- Repaired erosion issues on sewer right-of-way: Mineral Springs Road, MLK Blvd, Gordon Street, Brookside Drive.
- Jetted sewer laterals at 534 Jones Street and 119 Lake Forest Drive.

Wastewater Treatment Plant Maintenance:

- Routine operations throughout the month.

Filter Plant Maintenance:

- Repaired chlorine leak at injector.
- Repaired leak on caustic pump.

ELECTRIC:

- Installed underground service on Lexington Highway.
- New Primary pulled on a section of Lake Forest Drive; installed 26 new poles and completed nine pole replacements.
- Two employees completed training to obtain Commercial Driver's License (CDL's).
- One apprentice is currently completing lineman courses.

GAS:

- Obtain monthly rectifier readings throughout gas distribution system.
- Performed odorization testing throughout the distribution system.
- Removed service at 1697 Hartwell Highway.
- Performed gas distribution system maintenance including weed-eating and spraying customer regulator stations and district regulator stations and turning in-ground emergency valves.
- Employees worked on operator qualification training and testing.

PUBLIC WORKS:

The street department applied fresh mulch on all four city playgrounds.

The new office space for the Community Development Director has been completed at City Hall.

MAIN STREET ELBERTON:

The 28th Annual Cruise-In and Classic Car Show was held Saturday, July 18. We collected over 40 door prizes from local businesses that were given away to participants. Sponsors for this year's event were Main Street/DDA, Eagle Oil, Burton Monuments, Papa's Pizza, WSGC, Granite City Arts and Skeeter's Design's. This year's car show consisted of 140 registered cars. The event was extremely well attended by the community.

Our annual Christmas in July event is Tuesday, July 28th. This event helps promote local back to school shopping. We have several food and craft vendors that will be participating, along with jumpies for the kids and Santa.

ELBERT THEATRE & ELBERTON ARTS CENTER:

There have been 17 events at the Elbert Theatre & Arts Center from July 1, 2026-July 24,2026 including Minions & Monsters movies; Encore Productions' Wrong Window! auditions & rehearsals; the Elbert Theatre Foundation's Kids Camp and Seussical Kids performance.

Approximately 699 patrons have visited the Elbert Theatre & Elberton Arts Ctr between July 1, 2026-July 24,2026. There have been three confirmed rentals during this period.

ELBERT HOTEL AND QUARRY:

Quarry:

- During the Independence holiday off week the staff performed a deep cleaning of the restaurant.
- The restaurant participated in Main Street's 28th Annual Car Show. This event proved to be one of the top nights regarding sales at The Quarry for the year.
- Catered events continue, including a private rental for a wedding rehearsal dinner.
- Participated in Christmas in July on Tuesday, July 28th.

Hotel:

- We had several room blocks over the month accommodating family reunions, car show participants, and wedding parties.
- Jody Lefevre was hired as Housekeeping Manager. She will begin the first part of August.

The latest occupancy report is as follows:

	FY22	FY 23	FY24	FY25	FY26	FY27
July	39.4%	23.8%	40.4%	62.8%	47.0%	42.9%
August	40.0%	37.2%	47.0%	41.3%	40.2%	
September	40.1%	48.0%	46.7%	55.3%	40.0%	
October	46.7%	53.9%	55.3%	65.8%	54.7%	
November	49.0%	53.6%	58.0%	44.8%	50.6%	
December	36.3%	38.0%	32.7%	28.0%	29.0%	
January	23.5%	40.6%	30.3%	30.3%	24.9%	
February	39.2%	40.5%	46.0%	37.0%	36.2%	
March	41.0%	51.9%	51.6%	36.0%	63.1%	
April	46.8%	60.0%	53.8%	50.5%	52.3%	
May	49.9%	59.7%	44.8%	44.3%	56.7%	
June	41.5%	39.8%	50.8%	39.0%	33.3%	
AVERAGE	41.1%	45.6%	46.5%	44.6%	44.0%	

City Manager Eavenson informed Council that there will be a work session after September 14 regular meeting for the purpose of discussing future land use and zoning education and strategies.

City Manager Eavenson introduced Kailey Winn to the Council. She has been hired as the Community Development Director.

City Attorney Jenkins reported on the status of properties that are currently not up to city code compliance.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned with a motion duly made and seconded.

ATTEST:


Cindy Chumney, City Clerk


R. Daniel Graves, Mayor