

CITY OF ELBERTON
REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL
Monday, August 1, 2022 – 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 1, 2022 in the Council Chamber of the Municipal Building, 203 Elbert Street with Mayor Graves presiding.

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

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

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

Mr. Freddie Baker of the Concerned Men of Elbert County addressed Council on the progress of Burke Street. He invited Council to a Community Health Fair on Thursday, August 4 from 12-5pm at the Burke Street Gym.

Council Member Butler introduced a Resolution approving an additional deposit of \$50,000 to the on-bill financing program:

RESOLUTION

**A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF CITY OF ELBERTON, GEORGIA,
APPROVING AN ADDITIONAL DEPOSIT OF \$50,000 TO ITS ON-BILL FINANCING PROGRAM,
WHICH WAS CREATED BY ORDINANCE 2171 ON NOVEMBER 11, 2011, TO EXPAND THE LIST
OF ELIGIBLE PROJECTS, 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, the initial deposit of \$100,000 was increased by \$75,000 to a loan pool of \$175,000 by Resolution on August 4, 2014, and was increased again by \$25,000 to a loan pool of \$200,000 by Resolution on May 2, 2016, and

WHEREAS, heretofore the On-Bill Financing Program has operated effectively for the citizens and customers of the City of Elberton, having had very few 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 \$50,000 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 list of eligible project is expanded to include the following wording:

"7. Installation or repairs of plumbing repairs including water or wastewater service lines to maintain a safe and sanitary environment, provided that an inspection report by the Building Inspector of the City of Elberton accompanies the application for such installations or repairs stipulating that the installation will meet applicable building codes."

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the maximum amount of a project loan shall be increased from \$5,000 to \$10,000, and the maximum term of loan shall be increased from 60 months to 84 months, and that the fees and tariffs for such loans may include recording costs for utility liens.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the other 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.

This 1st day of August, 2022.

City Manager Dunn read the Resolution as presented. Council Member Butler motioned to adopt the Resolution, seconded by Council Member Burton and the motion passed unanimously (Butler, Burton, Parham, Colquitt, Prince).

Council Member Parham introduced a Resolution to rename a street known as Cactus Hill Circle to Hillside Way:

RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ELBERTON TO RENAME A STREET KNOWN AS CACTUS HILL CIRCLE TO HILLSIDE WAY

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the City of Elberton has received a petition from residents and property owners of Cactus Hill Circle requesting to rename the street known as Cactus Hill Circle beginning and ending with its intersection with Lake Forest Drive; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the City of Elberton agree to rename the above stated street to "Hillside Way" which is located along the border between Ward 4 and Ward 5; and

WHEREAS, this Resolution shall become part of the Official Traffic Map, which may be found on file in the City Clerk's Office.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED AND IT IS HERE BY RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council rename the existing public street referred to as Cactus Hill Circle as described above and in map on Attachment A to “Hillside Way.”

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council direct the City Manager to have the street marked by signs in accordance with this Resolution.

This 1st day of August, 2022.

City Manager Dunn read the Resolution as presented. Council Member Parham motioned to adopt the Resolution, seconded by Council Member Prince and the motion passed unanimously (Butler, Burton, Parham, Colquitt, Prince).

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

1. Authorized the issuance of a public assembly permit to close the fountain area of the square to vehicular traffic on Thursday, August 18, for the Annual Football Season Pep Rally Kick-off sponsored by the ECCHS Cheerleaders.
2. Authorized the issuance of a public assembly permit to close a portion of the square to vehicular traffic on Saturday, September 3, for the Main Street End of Summer Bash.
3. Authorized the issuance of a public assembly permit to close various streets and the square to vehicular traffic for the Homecoming Parade and Pep Rally on Thursday, September 29, sponsored by the ECCHS Cheerleaders/Student Council.
4. Authorized the issuance of a public assembly permit to close the fountain end of the square to vehicular traffic for Main Street Cookie Crawl on Tuesday, December 13.

City Manager Dunn presented the following reports:

1. Financial Report ending June 30, 2022.
2. Brad Alexander was scheduled to update Council on behalf of the Electric & Broadband Operations; however, he was detained for jury duty.
3. Kris Burton updated Council on the Public Works Department’s completed and on-going projects.
4. Grant Jones updated Council on the Natural Gas Operations construction projects and gas pricing as well as the appliance installation program.
5. Operational report, as follows:

CITY CLERK:

The department submitted the city’s Annual Budget for the fiscal year 2023 to the Tax and Expenditure Center at the Carl Vinson Institute of Government as required by TED House Bill 122.

HUMAN RESOURCES:

The department participated in the Defined Benefit Plan Pension Committee Workshop this

month. The workshop provided updates on the retirement application process and submittal. The annual GMEBS retirement pension fund census reporting has been submitted online for 2021 earnings. This report is mandatory and due annually to the Georgia Municipal Association.

FIRE DEPARTMENT:

The Fire Department responded to 48 Alarm Calls for the month of July, 2022 (YTD 404). These calls consisted of 35 Medical Emergencies, 9 False Alarms, 3 Aircraft Standbys, and 1 Structure Fire. The department conducted 14 fire inspections, 3 Pre Plans, and issued 0 burn permits. The Fire Department conducted 435 hours of in-house training.

BUILDING INSPECTIONS:

The building inspection department issued 10 permits for the month of July, 2022. Permits issued: 3 Electrical Permits, 5 Plumbing Permits, 1 Building Permit and 1 Demolition Permit. During this same period there were 7 electrical inspections, 10 plumbing inspections, 1 roof inspection, 3 building inspections and 1 sign inspection along with 43 site visits.

POLICE DEPARTMENT:

The Elberton Police Department released their monthly activity for the month of June 2022. The department recorded:

- 1,136 Calls for Service
- 444 Vehicle Traffic Stops
- 92 Incident Reports were filed
- 344 City Court cases made
- 23 Traffic accidents were investigated
- 65 People were arrested for various charges
- 17 Person was arrested for Driving under the Influence
- 44 Department Training Hours

The Group A crimes of the (NIBRS) National Incident Based Reporting System are sent to the FBI on a monthly basis. The Group A crimes for May 2022 are as follows:

	<u>June</u>	<u>May</u>
Kidnapping:	0	0
Rape Offenses:	1	0
Robbery:	0	0
Assault:	11	19
Arson:	0	0
Burglary:	3	1
Larceny/Theft:	11	8
Motor Vehicle Theft:	1	0
Counterfeiting/Forgery	0	1
Fraud Offenses:	3	0
Stolen Property Offenses:	0	0
Destruction/ Damage/ Vandalism:	1	4

Appliances installed, repaired, replaced, or serviced for FY2023

	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	YTD
Water Heaters	1												1
All Other Appliances	0												0
Total	1												1

MAIN STREET ELBERTON:

Main Street will host August’s First Friday on August 5 with Lara Smith and Local Honey to perform starting at 7:00 p.m. The theme for this event is team spirit, and the spotlight sponsor is The Flat Tire Bar & Grill.

Main Street held the 24th Annual Cruise-In and Classic Car Show on Saturday, July 16. This was a record setting year with 144 cars registered the day of the event. Our local sponsors were M & M Tire & Auto Car, CNC Customs, Andrew & Smith Body & Paint, Granite City Arts and Skeeter’s Designs. Door prizes were donated by local businesses to be given away. The event was not only well attended by car show participants but also by the community. A fireworks show followed downtown after the Car Show.

ELBERT THEATRE:

There were 32 events at the Elbert Theatre & Elberton Arts Center from June 29 - July 25 including ETF’s movie field trips, summer movies *Matilda*, *Stuart Little* and *The Karate Kid*, Kids Camp & *Frozen Kids* performance; Encore Productions’ *Calendar Girls* open reading and *Clue* rehearsals; COE’s *Minions: The Rise of Gru* & *Where the Crawdads Sing* movies.

Approximately 1,844 patrons visited the Elbert Theatre & Elberton Arts Center between June 29 and July 25.

City Attorney Jenkins gave a report on Dilapidated Housing.

There were no matters to be presented by Council.

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