

**CITY OF ELBERTON**  
**REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL**  
Monday, April 6, 2015 – 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, April 6, 2015 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 Jenkins, City Manager Dunn and City Clerk Churney.

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

Council Member Seymour motioned to approve the minutes of the March 2 and March 16, seconded by Council Member Butler and the motion passed unanimously (Butler, Hunt, Prince, Colquitt, Seymour).

Controller Kevin Eavenson presented the Financial Report through February 2015 is enclosed for review.

General Fund	\$ 4.7 million
Combined Utilities Fund	\$ 30.1 million
Elberton Technology Services Fund	\$ 982,052
Solid Waste Fund	\$ 12,718
Unrestricted Investments-General Fund and Utility Fund	\$ 6.8 million
Restricted Investments (SPLOST & Utility Funds)	\$ 2.7 million

Mr. Tom Denny updated Council on the activities of the Development Authority. He thanked the City of Elberton for their financial contribution and support.

Mr. Marc Lily spoke to Council with regard to licensing requirements for plumbers, electricians, etc. He expressed concern with the number of “unlicensed” trades that were active in the City and County and asked Council to consider looking into the matter.

Ms. Myra Lara spoke to Council on behalf of 3 Reinas Taqueria located at 10 N. McIntosh Street. She asked Council to consider updating the Alcoholic Beverage Ordinance by eliminating the “citizenship” requirement.

Council Member Butler introduced the following Resolution:

**RESOLUTION UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED**  
**BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ELBERTON**

WHEREAS: Mr. R. Chris Phelps served the City of Elberton in various capacities for 37 years from July 1, 1978 until March 4, 2015; and

WHEREAS: Mr. Phelps was Judge of the Recorder’s Court from 1978 until 1987, and Mr. Phelps was Assistant City Attorney to L. Clifford Adams, Jr., in 1987; and

WHEREAS: Mr. Phelps was appointed as City Attorney in January, 1988 and served in that capacity for 27 years until March, 2015; and

WHEREAS: His public service as counsel to the City of Elberton was marked with wisdom, foresight, knowledge, patience, leadership, good judgment and cooperation for the betterment of the community he served; and

WHEREAS: In carrying out his prescribed duties and responsibilities of his public service he did render invaluable assistance to the citizens and customers of the City of Elberton; and

WHEREAS: Mr. Phelps is a gentleman with admirable expertise and temperament, and a fine example of a devoted public servant.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the City of Elberton that we do publicly and proudly express deep gratitude and thanks for R. Chris Phelps's commitment to the betterment of the quality of life of the City of Elberton, and for his exceptional service over these many years.

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

Council Member Hunt introduced the following Resolution:

**A RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION  
FOR A DONATION OF EQUIPMENT AND FURNISHINGS  
FOR THE ELBERTON ARTS CENTER**

WHEREAS: The Elbert Theatre Foundation was created to renovate the historic Elbert Theatre in downtown Elberton and successfully has done so over these many years in cooperation with the City of Elberton, and

WHEREAS: Encore Productions, a local theatre troupe, was created as an entity under the Elbert Theatre Foundation to deliver live dramatic performances at the Elbert Theatre, and

WHEREAS: The Elbert Theatre Foundation and Encore Productions have been delivering successfully fine arts programming at the Elbert Theatre for over 10 years, and the operation of the Elbert Theatre could not be possible without the support of the Elbert Theatre Foundation and Encore Productions, and

WHEREAS: The proceeds from events of the Elbert Theatre Foundation and Encore Productions routinely over the years have been used by these organizations to improve and maintain the Elbert Theatre, and to provide for capital improvements and capital additions to the Elbert Theatre, and

WHEREAS: The newly renovated Elberton Arts Center has been equipped and furnished by the most generous donations of the Elbert Theatre Foundation and Encore Productions by the provision of over \$70,000 of equipment including a main front traveling curtain with legs, borders, and a rear traveling curtain, theatrical lighting with LED lights on stage and a lighting control board, theatrical sound equipment including speakers, microphones and a sound control board, and storage shelving and various other decorative furnishings.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the City of Elberton that the City hereby accepts these donations and gifts for the Elberton Arts Center and expresses its deep gratitude to the boards of directors of the Elbert Theatre Foundation and Encore Productions for its continued generosity and support of the community of Elberton.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution be filed with the minutes of this meeting and copies presented to both the Elbert Theatre Foundation and Encore Productions at the grand opening of the Elberton Arts Center on April 30, 2015 with a hearty "thank you" on behalf of the citizens of the City of Elberton.

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

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

1. Consideration of expenditures that exceed the city manager's purchasing authority.

### **Expenditures for April 2015**

Galvanized water main replacement – Glendale Ave., E. Tate St., portion of Reese St., Mill Village area

Bid opening March 10, 2015

**Cedar Farms & Construction, Inc.** Original Bid - \$599,907.85

Recommended to Approve with Changes - **\$425,000**

Projects eliminated from original bid:

- 8" main and 16" Bore under CSX Railroad at Seaboard Street. New main would start east of CSX railroad.
- All 2" changed to directional drilling instead of open trench.
- E. Tate Street and Glendale Ave. changed from 6" to 2" so that boring may be used.
- Other items, such as road paving footage, deleted due to using boring instead of trenching.

Remaining GEFA project budget is approximately \$425,000.

2. Consideration of issuance of an Alcoholic Beverage License to Mr. Shailesh Amin of Quick Way of Elberton (Raceway #5) located at 883 Elbert Street.

City Manager Dunn presented the following reports:

- Discussion of the city's Economic Development Revolving Loan Fund and its Project Review committee (PRC). Council Member Seymour motioned to table the discussion until the May meeting, seconded by Council Member Hunt and the motion passed unanimously (Butler, Hunt, Prince, Colquitt, Seymour).
- The Elberton Arts Center's Ribbon Cutting will be held April 30.
- Contractors have completed many bores on the north side of town.
- The new garbage truck has been placed in service.
- Construction on the bathrooms have begun on the south end of the walking trail. The Rotary Club is interested in donating the material to sponsor shelters on the walking trail.
- Monthly report on the activities of various departments.

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

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