

Tuesday, June 20, 2011 at 7:00 p.m.

Eatonton City Hall, 201 North Jefferson Avenue, Eatonton, Georgia 31024

Council members present:

Mayor John Reid
Mayor Pro-tem Chip Walker, Jr.
Councilman Alvin Butts
Councilwoman Teresa Doster
Councilman James Gorley
Councilman Jim Hall, Jr.
Councilman William Mangum, Jr.
Councilwoman Alma Stokes
City Attorney Chris Huskins
City Administrator, Dan Elmore

Mayor John Reid called the Council meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Councilwoman Teresa Doster gave the invocation.

Motion was made by Butts and seconded by Stokes to approve the minutes of the last meeting with any necessary corrections. Motion carried by a unanimous vote of 7-0.

Public Comments:

Shelagh Fagan and Joe Hudson Historic Preservation

Motion was made by Doster and seconded by Butts to hear from all who requested to address Council. Motion carried by a unanimous vote of 7-0.

Ms. Shelagh Fagan discussed application the Historic Preservation Commission received from the First United Methodist Church for a Certification of Appropriateness to replace roof on the steeple of the sanctuary at 302 North Madison Avenue from the storm damage. Ms. Fagan recommended the application be rejected based on the proposed material chosen by the Church to replace the roof.

Mr. Joe Hudson asked Council to approve the First United Methodist Church application as presented due to the extremely high cost to the Church in replacing the roof; this is a matter of economics. The Church cannot afford the recommendation from the Historic Preservation Commission.

Motion was made by Hall and seconded by Mangum to approve the request made by the First United Methodist Church for a Certificate of Appropriateness to replace the roof on the steeple of the Sanctuary at 302 North Madison Avenue as presented on the application. Motion carried by a vote of 5-0. Councilwoman Teresa Doster and Councilman Chip Walker abstained.

Mainstreet Report: Mainstreet Director Katy Smith absent.

Motion was made by Hall and seconded by Butts to approve the **Resolution** to adopt **Fire Department Standard Operation Policy and Procedure Manual** and authorize the Mayor to sign. Motion carried by a unanimous vote of 7-0.

Motion was made by Walker and second by Gorley to approve **Resolution** to adopt **Internet and Telecommunication Policy** and authorize the Mayor to sign. Motion carried by a unanimous vote of 7-0.

Motion was made by Doster and seconded by Hall to adopt proposed **Ordinance Revision to Chapter 14, Section 67: Duties of Real Property Owners and Structures** and authorize the Mayor to sign. Motion carried by a vote of 6-1. Councilman Mangum opposed.

Motion was made by Doster and seconded by Walker to change the Council meeting from Tuesday, July 5th to Tuesday, July 12th. Motion carried by a unanimous vote of 7-0.

Mayor Reid reminded Council members about the LOST meeting with the County on July 13, 2011 at 3 pm.

Committees Reports:

Councilman Walker advised Financial and Personnel Committee will meet one day next week concerning the 2012 Budget.

Motion was made by Walker and seconded by Doster to pay bills if and when funds become available. Motion carried by a unanimous vote of 7-0.

Council discussed trees brought down by the strong gust of wind on Saturday.

Councilwoman Doster advised in regard to above ground swimming pools; pools should be fenced in and locked or access ladders should be removed. This is a safety issue.

Councilwoman Stokes advised the next GICH meeting is scheduled for July 13 at 10:00 am at the Hut. Stokes advised Council members she received an e-mail from State Ethic concerning filing CCDR for the month of June. Stokes sent out get well greetings to former Police Officer Leila Williams and Police Chief Kent Lawrence, both have undergone surgical procedures.

Councilman Hall advised he would like to thank the Tree Board for the luncheon given to the City of Eatonton Elected Officials and employees last week. The luncheon was appreciated by all in attendance.

City Administrator Dan Elmore advised construction on the new gas line north to the lake is moving along well and is ahead of schedule. The contractor has reached Dance Road. There is a change order to cross a stream and get close to Wesley Chapel Road in the works. The next bid is out. It will go to Br'er Bear Road with an alternate price add on to go all the way to the County Line at the lake.

The Bid for the 2010 CDGB road, curb and drainage project is out for bid until July 7th. The work will be from Oconee at Sumter all the way past MLK and the Southside of Grand and Putnam Avenue.

The bid to rebuild Merchant's Way closed today and we are reviewing engineering proposals. We will need a Street Committee meeting to go over the engineer responses and select or interview potential engineers.

Elmore advised that placed at each Council member's seat is a copy of the Proposed FY 2011 Cleanup Amendment. It is based on April's expenses. Amendment will be refined throughout the summer as new expense reports are complete.

We have a MGAG meeting Thursday, at 10 am concerning Gray's border between Monticello & Eatonton.

City Attorney Chris Huskins advised he submitted letters to Department of Justice for pre clearance on the November General Election for the Sunday Alcohol Sale and the use of DRE voting equipment for Absentee Voting.

City Clerk Abrams advised Mayor and Council will be attending the Georgia Municipal Association Conference in Savannah this week. Abrams reminded Council about filing their Campaigns Contributions Disclosure Report at the end of the month.

Motion was made by Walker and seconded by Hall to adjourn. Motion carried by a unanimous vote of 7-0.

John Reid, Mayor

ATTEST:

Sarah E. Abrams, City Clerk