

City of Eatonton Council Meeting Monday, April 20, 2009 at 7:00 p.m.
Eatonton City Hall, 201 North Jefferson Avenue, Eatonton Georgia 31024

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

Mayor John Reid called the meeting to order at 7 p.m.
Council member Jim Hall gave the invocation.

Motion was made by Butts and seconded by Stokes to approve the minutes of the last Council meeting held on April 7, 2009. Motion carried by a unanimous vote of 7-0.

Motion was made by Doster and seconded by Stokes to approve the consent agenda to include: Resolution - To Increase Returned Checks Fees, Resolution - Request to Middle Georgia Regional Development Center to make application for CDBG Grant for Redevelopment of the Aluminum Mill Hill Property, Resolution - Contract for the Installation of Sidewalks along SR16/44, Resolution - To Amend Balanced Budget for FY 2008, Gil Musgrave - Occupational License, Katy Smith - Better Home Town, and De Lacy Laverette – Supporter. Motion carried by a unanimous vote of 7-0.

Katy Smith Manager of Better Home Town reported:

Happening in Downtown:

- Family Fun Day on the Square, Saturday April 18, 2009-Marshall Memorial Baptist Church hosted the event.
- Merchant's Dinner- Tuesday, April 21, 2009, 6:30 p.m. at BHT Office
- BHT Open House – Thursday, May 7th 5-7 p.m.

Business Happenings:

- Jefferson Street Restaurant has changed owners. The new name is Bregilies
- The Old Good Company Restaurant is being rented for a Barber Shop.
- Taco Restaurant is making progress toward opening.
- Downtown merchants are offering special discounts to Antebellum Pilgrimage Pass Holders for the three weeks of this event.
- Downtown merchants will begin working with the Plaza Arts Center to offer special sales/discounts to Plaza Holders during special events.
- The Better Hometown Office will be open daily from 9 a.m.-1 p.m.
- ML Prince with Shaw Carpet donated two beautiful rugs to the new BHT office.
- BTH is currently showing work from the PCHS art students. Item are for sale to raise money for the traveling art displays needed at the high school.
- Lamppost Caldrons have been ordered and should be here any time. Jim Garner, Chairman of the BHT Design Committee, is handling plantings.

De Lacy Leverette advised Council that she is willing to help with the Aluminum Mill Hill houses.

New Business:

Motion was made by Hall and seconded by Doster to advertise in the local paper Occupational License, requested by Gilbert Charles Musgrave d/b/a as Bregilies at 102 North Jefferson Avenue, to sell liquor by the drink, beer, and wine at his restaurant. Motion carried by a unanimous vote of 7-0.

Motion was made by Gorley and seconded by Stokes to approve a request from Putnam County Middle School to close off two blocks of Sumter Street and one block of Washington Avenue for the Second Annual Street Painting Festival for May 9, 2009. Motion carried by a unanimous vote of 7-0.

City Council reviewed proposals received from Associates in Local Government Assistance, Inc and Bob Roberson and Associates, Inc. for the administration on the Community Development Block Grant. City Council also reviewed the Criteria for the Evaluation included in the Request for Proposals. A motion was made by Gorley and seconded by Doster to accept **Associates in Local Government Assistance, Inc. as Grant Administrator** based on this review. Motion carried by a unanimous vote of 7-0.

Motion was made by Walker and seconded by Hudson to approve the **Resolution** by the City of Eatonton to ratify actions taken by the City Administrator to **Increase the Returned Check Charge and For Other Purposes** and authorize the Mayor to sign. Motion carried by a unanimous vote of 7-0.

Motion was made by Hall and seconded by Doster to approve the **Resolution** by the City of Eatonton, Georgia to authorize the Mayor to request the Middle Georgia Regional Development Center to Make Application For a **CDBG Grant For The Redevelopment of the Property Commonly known as Aluminum Mill Hill and for Other Purposes**. Motion carried by a unanimous vote of 7-0.

Motion was made by Butts and seconded by Stokes to the approve the **Resolution** by the Council of the City of Eatonton, Georgia to authorize a **contract for the Installation of Sidewalks and Associated Work along SR16/44**, and authorize the Mayor to sign. Motion carried by a unanimous vote 7-0.

Motion was made by Walker and seconded by Hall to approve the **Resolution** by the Council of the City of Eatonton, Georgia to **Amend the Balance Budget for the City Fiscal Year 2008** and authorize the Mayor to sign. Motion carried by a unanimous vote of 7-0.

Committee's Reports

Councilman Walker discussed changing insurance vendor for coverage on the City's Property/ Liability and Workers' Compensation. The vendor wishing to provide insurance coverage is BB& T out of Macon, GA.

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.

Councilwoman Doster requested the Zoning Committee members meet with her on Tuesday at 5 p.m.

Councilwoman Stokes advised GMA has scheduled a Listening Session for the 6th District at the Middle Georgia RDC office on Thursday April 30, 2009 at 11:30 am. May 3rd Charles W. Haley will be receiving the Eagle Scout Award at the First United Methodist Church, and May 16th, is the City Council work session at Rock Eagle, starting at 10 a.m.

Councilman Hall advised the State Inspector visited the Fire Department and the Department passed it' inspection without any issues, and application for COP Program Grant was sent off. Grant will pay for in car cameras/equipment.

Mayor Reid recognized Police Officer Frank Day, for receiving a National Award for confiscation.

Administrator Elmore advised Council that the ceiling fell down in the back file room along with the heating and air ducts, and the lights fixtures. Elmore advised he would be attending the Gas meeting from Wednesday through Friday of next week.

Attorney Huskins advised Council that he would have the new terms and collateral on the Revolving Loan lawsuit; the information would be included in the next Council Agenda package.

Attorney Huskins advised he sent Chapter 75-459 subsection (b) mobile home skirting text to Sharon Darlington at Planning and Zoning for approval.

Motion was made by Doster and seconded by Butts to add Chapter 75-459 Mobile Home Skirting text to the agenda. Motion carried by a unanimous vote of 7-0.

Motion was made by Doster and seconded Hall to ratify the actions of the City Attorney to send the text amendment to the Planning and Zoning Commission. Motion carried by a unanimous vote 7-0.

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

John Reid, Mayor

ATTEST:

Sarah E. Abrams, City Clerk

