

City of Eatonton Council Meeting Tuesday, April 7, 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  
(Absent) 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 James Gorley gave the invocation.

Motion was made by Hall and seconded by Hudson to approve the minutes of the last Council meeting with one necessary correction. Motion carried by a unanimous vote of 6-0. Councilman Butts noted that the following correction was needed: *(Attorney Chris Huskins was absent and Attorney Donald Huskins attended the meeting)*

Motion was made by Gorley and seconded by Walker to approve the consent agenda to include LaTanga Little - Under Penning Mobile Home, Melvin Bishop – Butler Baker School, Leon Manley – Tree Removal, and Larry Gillian –Street Closing. Motion carried by a unanimous vote of 6-0.

Mr. Melvin Bishop asked Council to consider taking over the property known as Butler Baker School from the Putnam County Board of Education when the property becomes available. Mayor Reid advised Mr. Bishop that he is waiting on the Board to bring back their plans; he understood that September would be the last day that the school would be in use as a public school.

Mr. Jim Brown addressed Council on behalf of his wife, Mrs. Dianne Brown who received a Revolving Loan from the City of Eatonton. Mr. Brown asked that Council delay legal action against Mrs. Brown on repayment of the Revolving Loan.

Council heard a request from Ms. LaTanga Little who is required to install under skirting around her singlewide mobile home located on a rented lot. Council approved the sample of under skirting presented by Ms. LaTanga Little to be used as skirting around her mobile home.

Mr. Leon Manley requested Council remove a tree on City right-of-way or cut back limbs. A large limb felled from the tree in March and snapped off the power line to the residence at 500 North Jefferson and High Street. Council advised Mr. Manley that the City Administrator would look at tree on Wednesday.

Motion was made by Walker and seconded by Hall to approve the **Georgia Department of Correction Inmate/Detainee Detail Agreements for FY10**. Motion carried by a unanimous vote of 6-0.

Motion was made by Gorley and seconded by Butts to approve request made by Marshall Memorial Baptist Church to close a block of Madison Avenue between the Courthouse and the Courthouse Annex Building to hold a Spring-Fling on Saturday April 18, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Motion carried by a unanimous vote of 6-0.

Motion was made by Butts and seconded by Stokes to accept **Resolution** which authorize an application be prepared by Carter and Sloope, Inc, **for certain repairs to the Raw Water Intake on Gladly Creek** and for other purposes and authorize Mayor Reid to sign. Motion carried by a unanimous vote of 6-0.

Motion was made by Walker and seconded by Gorley to approve **Resolution** by the City of Eatonton, Georgia to authorize continued use of **Unmarked City Vehicles** and for other purposes and authorize Mayor Reid to sign. Motion carried by a unanimous vote of 6-0.

Motion was made by Hall and seconded by Walker to approve a **Resolution** by the City of Eatonton, Georgia to ratify action taken by the Mayor to request the Middle Georgia RDC to make application for **COPS hiring recovery program (CHRP) Grant** on the City's behalf and for other purposes. Motion carried by a unanimous vote of 6-0.

Motion was made by Walker and seconded by Hall to pay bills if and when funds become available. Motion carried by a unanimous vote of 6-0.

Councilman Gorley advised the Beautification Committee met last Friday and recommended that the City purchase 40 flower cauldrons for downtown at a cost of \$7,000.00. Also the Committee recommended that the City purchase (4) of the two sided parking lot directional signs from Brown Arts Signs. The estimated cost of the signs is about \$4,000.00. Council consented their approval.

Gorley advised there have been two house fires and one death on New Street and the fire department could not locate a fire hydrant in the area. Gorley requested the City write a letter to the Water Authority and request two fire hydrants be installed on New Street and one at the Senior Citizens Building at a cost of \$4,100.00 each.

Motion was made by Gorley and seconded by Butts to add purchase of fire hydrants to the agenda. Motion carried by a unanimous vote of 6-0.

Motion was made by Gorley and seconded by Stokes to purchase three fire hydrants. Motion carried by a unanimous vote of 6-0.

Gorley advised that the contractor is installing the sidewalk on Highway 16/44 East.

Mayor Reid advised that paving would be done by DOT from the Putnam County line on the Monticello Highway to Jefferson Avenue in downtown Eatonton.

Elmore advised Council that he placed a copy of the February Budget Status Report at each council member seat along with a chart showing the rainfall in the last 60 days, in which we received almost 18 inches.

Elmore advised Council that the police department is collecting fine payments for citations electronically.

Motion was made by Stokes and seconded by Walker to adjourn. Motion carried by a unanimous vote of 6-0.

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John Reid, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Sarah E. Abrams, City Clerk