

City of Eatonton Council Meeting Tuesday, January 6, 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.  
Councilwoman Alma Stokes  
Attorney Chris Huskins  
City Administrator, Dan Elmore

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

Motion was made by Stokes and seconded by Butts to approve the minutes of the last Council meeting. Motion carried by a unanimous vote of 6-0.

Motion was made by Doster and seconded by Gorley to approve the consent agenda to include the following persons: Lynn Hendren -Vice Chair Historical Preservation Commission and Dottie McClain – Eatonton –Putnam Arts Foundation, Inc. Motion carried by unanimous vote of 6-0.

Mrs. Dottie McClain advised Council that she is serving as the Chairperson of the Eatonton-Putnam Arts Foundation, Inc. She issued invitations to Council to become a member of the EPAF; also she presented Council with a handout of the new Board of Directors for 2009.

Motion was made by Butts and seconded by Hall to indefinitely table the request made by the Board of Trustees of the First United Methodist Church to have the church property excluded from the Historical District, and to turn the Church's request over to the Zoning and Ordinance Committee and let them make a recommendation to Council concerning this matter. Motion carried by a unanimous vote of 6-0. Those that are to be present at the Zoning Committee meeting are a member of First United Methodist Church, and City Attorney Chris Huskins.

Motion was made by Doster and seconded by Hall to adopt the Resolution by the City of Eatonton to accept Recyclable Materials from Sinclair Disposal and for Other Purposes and authorize Mayor Reid to sign. Motion carried by a unanimous vote of 6-0. The City will accept cardboard from Sinclair Disposal for recycling.

Motion was made by Gorley and seconded by Stokes to adopt Resolution by the City of Eatonton to provide Security Cameras at City Hall and for other purposes and authorize Mayor Reid to sign. Motion carried by a unanimous vote of 6-0.

Slaughter and Slaughter Service Company will install eight security cameras at City Hall.

Motion was made by Walker and seconded by Hall for the City of Eatonton to enter into an agreement with Judicial Alternatives of Georgia, Inc. Probation Services. Motion carried by a unanimous vote of 6-0. Mayor Reid advised Council that his wife work part-time for Judicial Alternatives of Georgia before the motion carried.

Motion was made by Stokes and seconded by Doster to move the next regular scheduled Council meeting to Thursday, January 22, 2009 because of Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday on Monday, January 19, 2009. Motion carried by unanimous vote of 6-0.

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 6-0.

Councilman Hall advised that installation of the radio read meters are about complete in Eatonton and the gas crew has started installing the meters in Jones County. The radio read might be used for next month's gas billing. Hall advised Council that the contractors have reopened the bridge on Sumter Street / Hwy 16 East. Hall inquired about when the City would hold the Special Election to replace Councilman Powell Griffith. Mayor Reid advised that the Special Election is scheduled for March 17, 2009.

Councilman Butts reiterated Zoning Committee members' need to attend the Historical Preservation meeting along with City Attorney Huskins.

Councilwoman Stokes expressed words of thanks to everyone who participated and helped with the City's Bicentennial Events. Stokes also thanked Mr. Jimmy Marshall for the reading of the History of Eatonton, at the Plaza on December 21<sup>st</sup> and she commented on the beautiful firework display.

Mayor Reid expressed words of thanks to the Bicentennial Committee for doing an outstanding job in planning all the special events.

Administrator Elmore reported to Council that the City purchased a small used van for installation of the radio read meter equipment and antennas and two brand new backhoes at less than the list price of one backhoe.

Elmore advised City has finally gotten both leaf machines back on the road each with a delegated truck.

Elmore advised the City has removed the shed from the Wayne Street location and it is being installed at the City Shop. It will be used to house equipment to keep the pieces out of the rain. Also the City has submitted the 2010 State Aid application to DOT. They

are to complete widening and resurfacing of Willie Bailey and East Marion Street and to rebuild the sidewalks on Jefferson and West Marion.

Huskins advised that he continues to work on the CDBG grant files.

Clerk Abrams advised Council members that a Financial Disclosure Report for 2009 is at their seat to be completed and returned to the clerk's office before July 1st.

Motion was made by Hall and seconded by Stokes 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