

City of Eatonton Council Meeting Monday, May 18, 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 Derek Hudson
Councilwoman Alma Stokes
Attorney Chris Huskins
City Administrator, Dan Elmore
City Clerk, Sarah Abrams

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

Motion was made by Butts and seconded by Stokes to approve the minutes of the last Council meeting held on May 5, 2009. Motion carried by a unanimous vote of 7-0.

Motion was made by Walker and seconded by Butts to approve the consent agenda to include Katy Smith – Better Hometown and Farmers and Merchants Bank - Letter of request to hold the Annual Dairy Festival Road Race. Motion carried by a unanimous vote of 7-0.

Katy Smith presented Council with a handout of the activities of Better Hometown.

- Attended Southland Jubilee, Greensboro – Made good contacts with vendors; many want more upscale Arts Festival for Eatonton to attract the buyers for their products.
- The Briar Patch Arts Festival will meet this need. Scheduled date for festival is October 31, 2009 10 a.m.- 4 p.m.
- Merchant's Dinner was held Tuesday, April 21st. at 6:30 p.m.
Councilman Derek Hudson was in attendance.
- Better Hometown Open House was Thursday, May 7th from 5-7 p.m.
- Regional Manager's Meeting was held in Athens on May, 11 2009

- Better Hometown scheduled a clean up day for Monday, June 1st. Board members will wash windows pick up trash and clean sidewalks to prepare for Dairy Festival, which is June 6th.
- Better Hometown office will be open on Saturday, June 6th to pass out promotional items, and answer questions about BHT

Motion was made by Doster and seconded by Gorley to approve request by Farmers and Merchants Bank to hold the Annual Road Race and close off streets on June 6, 2009. Motion carried by a unanimous vote of 7-0.

Councilman Hall asked if the Dairy Festival Parade could be cut back or toned down (shortened in length). Attorney Huskins suggested that Council allow the chief of police to approve all floats, vehicles and participants in the parade and talk to the Pilot Club about meeting requirements.

New Business

Motion was made by Stokes and seconded by Walker to accept the recommendation as presented by the Zoning Board to approve request made by Robert Walker to rezone 8.19 acres on Glenwood Springs Road from AG-1 to R-4 [map 050B, Parcel 023]. Motion carried by a unanimous vote of 7-0.

Motion was made by Gorley and seconded by Butts to approve **Resolution** by the Council of the City of Eatonton, Georgia to authorize the award of a contract for the installing of curbs and gutter, other drainage improvement along Willie Bailey Street, Plum Street and accept the lowest bid made by Piedmont Water Company, and authorize the Mayor to sign. Motion carried by a unanimous vote 7-0.

Motion was made by Walker and seconded by Hudson to approve correction to typo error in the use of the word (or) in **City of Eatonton Code of Ordinance Chapter 6 –163 (1)** Act in a violent or tumultuous manner toward another whereby any person is placed in fear ~~or~~ of the safety of such person's life, limb or health: Motion carried by a unanimous vote of 7-0.

Committee Reports

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

Councilman Hudson stated that the Strategic Planning session held on Saturday May 16th was very beneficial.

City Administrator Elmore reported to Council that the mosquito truck is already spraying; the Wellington Mill Pond is a mosquito's nest. Marshall Dianne Veal sent certified letter to owner that they have 30 days to respond.

Elmore requested Council to start thinking about next year's budget. He advised he has drafted a copy of the budget and the clerk is reviewing it. It will be presented to Council at the first meeting in June.

Elmore advised the Street Department Supervisor position closes on Thursday May 21, 2009.

Elmore advised he hired two new truck drivers and they are on board. Hopefully the crews can begin to catch up on back work orders. One driver is still out on Workers' Compensation and is expected to be out for some time.

Elmore advised the Youth Employment Program starts next Tuesday. The Middle Georgia Consortium had informed us that we are receiving the (11) eleven workers requested. A supervisor will have to be hired for them.

City Attorney Chris Huskins advised he met with Marshal Diane Veal to work on the Willie Bailey Street Project, on getting the legal titleholders to sign the titles.

Clerk Abrams advised Council that a Campaign Contribution Disclosure Report is at each Council member seat, which is due for June 30th.

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

John Reid, Mayor

ATTEST:

Sarah E. Abrams, City Clerk