

City of Eatonton Council Meeting Tuesday, May 5, 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
(Absent) City Clerk, Sarah Abrams
Payroll Clerk, Lisa K. Yates

Mayor John Reid called the meeting to order at 7 p.m.
Mayor Pro-tem Chip Walker, Jr. gave the invocation.

Motion was made by Butts and seconded by Stokes to approve the minutes of the last Council meeting held April 20, 2009. Motion carried by a unanimous vote of 7-0.

Motion was made by Doster and seconded by Walker to approve the consent agenda to include Hubert C. Jackson – Mr. Jackson requested clarification concerning validity of liquor license if the sale of Mr. Jackson's restaurant did not finalize. Clint Jackson, his son and co-owner, has the liquor license.

Chris Huskins, City attorney, told Mr. Jackson a liquor license is not transferable to another person. Mr. Jackson's liquor license is valid for 2009.

OLD BUSINESS:

Motion was made by Hall and seconded by Doster to grant Gil Musgrave d/b/a Bregiles, located at 102 North Jefferson Ave., a beer, wine & liquor license. Motion carried by a unanimous vote 7-0.

Motion to accept two (2) separate revolving loans from Diane Collis Brown & Elaine Humphries and have the Mayor sign off on said loans was made by Doster and seconded by Walker. Motion carried by a unanimous vote 7-0.

NEW BUSINESS:

Motion was made by Walker and seconded by Hall to advertise for a beer and wine license for Adam Smith, d/b/a Hannah's restaurant. Motion carried by a unanimous vote 7-0.

Motion was made by Doster and seconded by Gorley to discuss a contract with Penn Credit Corporation for collection of delinquent debts. Motion carried by a unanimous vote 7-0.

Motion was made by Hall and seconded by Hudson to accept the proposed slate of officers for the sixth district of The Georgia Municipal Association. Motion carried by a unanimous vote of 7-0.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

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

Councilman Gorley reported new signs were needed for several areas. Also, he requested signs be cleared of weeds and vines. New hydrants are ready for placement when staff is available.

Councilwoman Doster reported new zoning maps were available.

Councilwoman Stokes spoke of up coming events, street painting and the work session.

Councilman Hall reported side streets and fire hydrants would be painted with reflective paint. The Fire Chief will check all fire hydrants.

Mr. Elmore reported North Maple opening as a one way street the week of May 11th. Councilman Walker strongly suggested sign markings would be very important. Mr. Elmore reported the opening of Winchester Drive; but, retaining wing walls are not in place because another project at Imperial Mill pond needed immediate attention. He reported on bringing Wireless

Broadband to the City at no cost at this time. Clearwire would be the actual provider. Mr. Elmore is advertising for the Street Dept. Supervisor's position.

The Mayor asked Chris Huskins to investigate the possibility of increasing the fine for noise ordinance violations after 10:00 p.m. Mr. Huskins stated the minimum fine could be raised and he would consult with surrounding cities and counties concerning their fine amount.

Chris Huskins reported the completed right-of-way deeds have a few technical issues; but that need resolution.

A motion was made by Walker and seconded by Stokes to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried by a unanimous vote 7-0.

John Reid, Mayor

ATTEST:

Lisa K. Yates, Payroll Clerk