

City of Eatonton Council Meeting Tuesday, November 4, 2008 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 Powell Griffith, III
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.

Council member Alma Stokes gave the invocation.

Motion was made by Hall and seconded by Gorley to approve the minutes from October 20, 2008 Council meeting. 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 the following person: Shelagh Fagan - Forward Eatonton Initiative Handouts and Annie Bishop - Calling Service for the Elderly. Motion carried by a unanimous vote of 7-0.

Ms. Shelagh Fagan gave Council handouts concerning revitalizing the "Historic Core" of downtown Eatonton.

Mrs. Annie Bishop talked to Council about the service the City provided, which called and checked on the elderly citizens of Eatonton. Mrs. Bishop expressed words of appreciation to Mayor and Council for providing this service, but she also expressed words of concern over the cancellation of the calling service.

Mayor Reid explained to Mrs. Bishop that the City did not get a bill to continue this service, because they assumed that we were no longer interested, but the City is concerned with how many people are being served by this program.

New Business

Motion was made by Walker and seconded by Hall to advertise in the paper the request made by Jogmaya Inc. d/b/a Discount Tobacco for a beer and wine license at 124 North Jefferson Avenue, Eatonton, GA. Motion carried by a unanimous vote of 7-0.

Motion was made by Gorley and seconded by Stokes to approve and adopt the Resolution requesting assistance from Middle Georgia RDC for assistance in creating an Enterprise Zone / Opportunity Zone within the City of Eatonton, Georgia and authorize Mayor Reid to sign. Motion carried by unanimous vote of 7-0.

Mayor Reid and Council discussed how the fire department color-coded the fire hydrants tops to show good, low or no water flow through the hydrants and if each hydrant location is shown on a map. Mayor Reid asked if the fire department had an inventory of the fire hydrants.

Councilman Griffith advised he would contact Fire Chief Steve Reid and work on getting an inventory of the fire hydrants.

Committee Report

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

Councilman Butts requested to meet with the City Administrator for a few minutes after the meeting tonight.

City Administrator Elmore reported that the radio read meters are still being installed. The residential meters for the Eatonton area should be finished this month. We will run the first billing test as soon as the Eatonton residential meters are complete.

Elmore advised he would attend the City Management meeting in Albany Wednesday through Thursday next week.

Elmore reported that with the remaining SPLOST Street Equipment money a used dump truck was purchased to haul gravel and asphalt.

Elmore advised the renovation to City Hall is almost complete and he would create a punch list of items for the contractor based on our mutual observations of work performed per the contract.

Attorney Chris Huskins updated Council on Amazing Grace Café Loan. Huskins advised Council that the parties involved are working out terms of agreement on the loan repayment.

Motion was made by Doster and seconded by Stokes to add Amazing Grace Café Revolving Loan to the agenda. Motion carried by a unanimous vote of 7-0.

Motion was made by Doster and seconded by Stokes to table Amazing Grace Revolving Loan foreclosure until a later date. Motion carried by a unanimous vote of 7-0.

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

John Reid, Mayor

ATTEST:

Sarah E. Abrams, City Clerk