

City of Eatonton Council Meeting Monday, October 20, 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 Donald Huskins
City Administrator, Dan Elmore

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

Council member Power Griffith gave the invocation.

Motion was made by Hall and seconded by Stokes to approve the minutes from the October 7, 2008 Council meeting. 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 the following person: Jim Brown - Golf Carts and Café on the Square Loan. Motion carried by a unanimous vote of 7-0.

Mr. Jim Brown talked to Council about passing an ordinance to allow people to drive golf carts on city's streets.

Mr. Jim Brown discussed Café on the Square loan; he requested Council allow his wife until next council meeting to work out an arrangement with Mrs. Elaine Humphries on repayment of the loan. Donald Huskins stated that City Attorney Chris Huskins advise is for Council to hold off on foreclosure preceding.

Motion was made by Doster and seconded by Hall to table Café on the Square loan foreclosure until November 4, 2008. Motion carried by a unanimous vote of 7-0.

New Business

Bob Hooson presented Council with a handout, which listed the Better Hometown Board of Directors. Hooson stated that over the last month they have been cataloging the downtown businesses. Hooson stated the city should seek out an endorsement from a celebrity in the NFL by the name of Ben Roethlisberger of the Pittsburgh Steelers who stated his favorite town to visit is Eatonton, GA and adopt him as our son.

Motion was made by Walker and seconded by Butts to approve the request made by Shelagh Fagan and Keith for a Certificate of Appropriateness for a brick pathway at 300 North Madison Avenue. Motion carried by a unanimous vote 7-0.

Motion was made by Hall and seconded by Stokes to accept the text amendment as approved by Planning and Zoning to the **City of Eatonton Code of Ordinances Chapter 75 Zoning, Article IV- Permitting Uses**. Motion carried by a unanimous vote of 7-0.

Motion was made by Butts and seconded by Doster to adopt the **Resolution to establish due compensation applicable to any telegraph or telephone company** chartered by the law of this or any other state to repeal conflicting ordinances to provide an adoption date, and an effective date and for other purposes and authorize Mayor Reid to sign. Motion carried by a unanimous vote of 7-0.

Mayor Reid stated that he received a letter from the Insurance Commission advising that \$378,569.01 was transferred into the city's bank account which represents the city's 2008 distribution of the Local Premium Tax collected.

Committee Reports

Councilman Walker offered words of condolence to Councilwoman Stokes in bereavement of her brother.

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 Hall reported that Mayor Reid, Dan Elmore and himself had supper with the gas meter people who are installing the auto read gas meters, and they were very impressed with the information gathered from the meeting.

Councilwoman Stokes acknowledged the cards, calls and concern she received during the passing of her brother.

Councilwoman Stokes advised that the Bicentennial Committee would hold their next meeting on October 30, 2008.

Administrator Elmore advised that City Employees have two new items to identify themselves to our customers and citizens. First is a new hat imprinted with the City of Eatonton. Second is a new government ID Card. These ID cards will help them vote and cash checks as well as identify them as City employees.

Clerk Sarah Abrams reported that the new blinds for City Hall would be installed this week.

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

John Reid, Mayor

ATTEST:

Sarah E. Abrams, City Clerk