

City of Eatonton Council Meeting Tuesday, October 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.
Councilman Derek Hudson
Councilwoman Alma Stokes
City Attorney Chris Huskins
City Administrator, Dan Elmore

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

Councilman Derek Hudson gave the invocation.

Motion was made by Stokes and seconded by Butts to approve the minutes of the last meeting. Motion carried by a unanimous vote of 7-0.

Motion was made by Doster and seconded by Hall to approve the consent agenda to include Katy Smith – Better Hometown. Motion carried by a unanimous vote of 7-0.

Ms. Katy Smith reported to Council the following Better Hometown activities:

- The Lake Country Navigator and Lakelife Magazine had good stories layouts about Eatonton.
- Held Merchant's Meeting Monday, September 14, 2009.
- Applied for the Jenny Jones Grant to help complete the Critter Park Project.
- Met with Kristina Harpst of the Middle Georgia Regional Commission
- Spoke with the Lion's Club of Eatonton concerning volunteering/support.
- Smith will be attending the Marketing Class sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce for the next five weeks.
- Presented update on Briar Patch Festival scheduled for Saturday, October 31.
- Eatonton Arts Alliance fund raiser at the Plaza Friday, October 30th and Antique Appraisals being done at the Plaza, Saturday, October 31st from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- Sponsoring Area Training opportunity for other BHT/Mainstreet Members, City Officials and DDA Members – Monday, November 9th from 4p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Plaza. Cost to attend is \$15.00 per person; this includes dinner.

New Business:

Motion was made by Walker and seconded by Hudson to advertise Occupational License request made by Patricia Slavens of MCLK, Inc. d/b/a El Giro of Eatonton to sell liquor by the drink, beer and wine at 102 North Jefferson Avenue. Motion carried by a unanimous vote of 7-0.

Mayor Reid appointed Council members to serve on Committees for 2009-2010.

Motion was made by Hall and seconded by Stokes to adopt proposed **Resolution** ratifying the actions of the Mayor in requesting Gregory Bridge Company to provide emergency assistance and road repair on Westminster Drive, and to authorize Mayor Reid to sign. Motion carried by a unanimous vote of 7-0.

Motion was made by Hall and seconded by Hudson to approve proposed **Resolution** authorizing the Mayor to request the Middle Georgia Regional Commission to complete an application for a USDA Rural Business Enterprise Grant for downtown parking, and to authorize Mayor Reid to sign. Motion carried by a unanimous vote of 7-0.

Committees Reports:

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 7-0.

Councilman Gorley advised Council that he and the City Administrator toured the City and the City Shop on Glenwood Springs Road and Hawkins, the Street Supervisor has made an impact on the City and on trash pick-up. The Street Department has received two new leaf machines and an auger or culvert machine.

Gorley requested a streetlight be installed on Main Street, Nick's Way, Sam Farley and Loblolly Drive inside the City limits.

Councilman Hudson advised the Solid Waste Committee met on recycling and he would like to add his report to the agenda.

Motion was made by Hudson and seconded by Gorley to add Solid Waste to agenda. Motion carried by a unanimous vote of 7-0.

Hudson advised that the Solid Waste Committee was in favor of the recycling plan proposed by Attaway. If Council accepts the proposed recycling plan it could be effective as soon as November 1, 2009. Council took no action; the City will prepare a Recycling Contract.

Councilwoman Doster advised that she has talked to a citizen about serving on the Downtown Development Authority.

Councilwoman Stokes reminded Council about invitation to attend the Mayor's Benefit Ball on Saturday, October 24, 2009 at 7 p.m. Proceeds will benefit the 2009 Mayors' Christmas Motorcade.

Councilman Hall inquired about Fire House Grant. Elmore advised that a grant /loan package is available. The City of Eatonton needs to apply for it. Elmore also advised he is talking to an architect about the Fire Department building.

Administrator Elmore advised a representative from the Regional Commission would be here on Thursday at 10:30 a.m. to go over the Gateway Grant Application. Elmore advised he plans to submit each gateway, and each segment would be a separate grant application.

Mayor Reid advised he received a request from Haband Company for the City to plant some trees near their property.

Clerk Abrams reminded Council that their Campaign Contribution Report is due for this reporting period.

Motion was made by Walker and seconded by Hall to adjourn.

John Reid, Mayor

ATTEST:

Sarah E. Abrams, City Clerk