

City of Eatonton Council Meeting Tuesday, October 7, 2008 at 7:00 p.m.
Eatonton City Hall, 201 North Jefferson Avenue, Eatonton Georgia 31024

Present: Mayor John Reid
(Absent) Mayor Pro-tem Chip Walker, Jr.
Councilman Alvin Butts
Councilwoman Teresa Doster
Councilman James Gorley
(Absent) Councilman Powell Griffith, III
Councilman Jim Hall, Jr.
(Absent) Councilwoman Alma Stokes
City Attorney Chris Huskins
City Administrator, Dan Elmore

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

Mayor Reid gave the invocation.

Motion was made by Doster and seconded by Butts to approve the minutes from the September 15, 2008 Council meeting. Motion carried by a unanimous vote of 4-0.

Old Business

Motion was made by Hall and seconded by Doster to approve an Occupational Tax Certificate requested by Darshan Rawal to operate a convenience store and sell beer and wine at 124 North Jefferson Avenue. Motion carried by a unanimous vote of 4-0.

New Business

Administrator Elmore discussed Special Appropriations Grant. Elmore stated that this grant would take the place of the TE Grant. This grant will assist with streets and sidewalk repairs. To be eligible to receive this grant an application is due by December 31, 2008.

Motion was made by Butts and seconded by Gorley to approve the Resolution requesting Middle Georgia RDC to assist with a Special Appropriations Grant Application and to authorize Mayor Reid to sign. Motion carried by a unanimous vote of 4-0.

Motion was made by Hall and seconded Doster to approve the request made by Annie Bishop on behalf of the Special Olympics Georgia Putnam County to hold a Tootsie Roll Drive on Saturday October 17, 2008 in downtown Eatonton as long as they abide by the City Code of Ordinance to not stand in the middle of the street at the traffic lights to collect donations. Motion carried by a unanimous vote of 4-0.

Motion was made by Doster and seconded by Butts to approve the request made by Windee Little on behalf of Putnam County High School to hold a Homecoming Parade

on Thursday, October 9, 2008 and to use an alternate parade route. Motion carried by a unanimous vote of 4-0.

Motion was made by Gorley and seconded by Hall to approve the Resolution to establish a Franchise Fee applicable to holders of Cable and Video Franchises issued by the State of Georgia and other purposes and to authorize Mayor Reid to sign and forward copies to all parties. Motion carried by a unanimous vote of 4-0.

Committees Report

Councilman Gorley talked about treating the City's Hut building for Pine Beetles, Termites and other pests. Estimated treatment is \$1,400.00. Council gave the ok to proceed with pest control treatment at the Hut.

Gorley stated that he doesn't know if or when DOT will do the LARP paving this year, and he talked about the renovation work going on at City Hall.

Councilwoman Doster talked to Council about recycling Christmas Trees at the City Shop after normal working hours. Doster advised she would contact County Manager Helen Carnes on bringing one for the chipper and how the county plans to participate.

Doster advised that the Downtown Development Authority hold their meeting at Ben Meade's Restaurant on the third Tuesday of the month. The Board has proposed expanding the number of members on the board. The board signed a Resolution in support of Steward Aaron grant for the Hearn's Warehouse. The DDA will serve as the vehicle for that project.

City Administrator Elmore offered the following report:

- Better Home Bureau has about finished the renovations to City Hall.
- The Radio read meters have been received. The first three day training session for staff will begin Tuesday morning.
- The City held the annual surplus auction today. The City sold \$6,500.00 of surplus vehicles or impounded vehicles at today's auction.
- The Café on the Square notified Mayor Reid and Elmore last week that they do not intend to make the Revolving Loan payment that was due on September. Elmore recommended that the Council authorize the City Attorney to begin loan foreclosure proceedings to protect the City as much as possible. Neither of the principals on the loan works at the Café anymore.
- Madison has decided to run natural gas to its side of the Synergy Development called Kingston on Lake Oconee. That will leave City with about 620 mostly single family homes to which to provide natural gas service inside Putnam County. The MGAG contract template has been sent to Synergy for review.

They plan to start with the first of the homes in Madison in late March or early April next year. The homes in Putnam will be started about 6 months after that.

Motion was made by Doster and seconded by Gorley to add to the agenda default of Café on the Square Loan. Motion carried by a unanimous vote of 4-0.

Motion was made by Gorley and seconded by Butts for City Attorney to start foreclosure proceeding on Café on the Square. Motion carried by a unanimous vote of 4-0.

Motion was made by Hall and seconded by Butts to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried by a unanimous vote of 4-0.

John Reid, Mayor

ATTEST:

Sarah E. Abrams, City Clerk