

Monday, August 15, 2011 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

(Absent) Councilman James Gorley  
Councilman Jim Hall, Jr.  
Councilman William Mangum, Jr.  
Councilwoman Alma Stokes

City Attorney Chris Huskins  
City Administrator, Dan Elmore

Mayor John Reid called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Mayor Reid gave the Invocation.

Motion was made by Doster and seconded by Stokes to adopt the minutes of the last meeting with any necessary corrections. Motion carried by a unanimous vote of 6-0.

**Public Comments:** None

Councilman William Mangum advised he wanted to go on record with concerns regarding Council vote at the June 20, 2011 meeting to amend the Code of Ordinance of the City of Eatonton, Chapter 14 Section 67: Duties of Owners of Real Property and Structured thereon; be revised by adding a nuisance height of grass and noxious weeds. Mangum requested City Marshal Dianne Veal attend the next Council meeting and submit a report on every parcel of land in the City that is not in compliance with the Ordinance and explain if the code is being administrated equally to all citizens.

Council members explained to Councilman Mangum that the City previously adopted the International Property Maintenance Code and only needed to insert a height limitation on un-cut grass to make the code practical. Council advised they had no prior knowledge of anyone that this code is directed toward or against.

Motion was made by Walker and seconded by Hall to adopt the proposed **Resolution** to amend the **Budget for Fiscal Year 2011** and authorize the Mayor to sign. Motion carried by a unanimous vote of 6-0. Total Budget Revision \$451,500.00.

Motion was made by Walker and seconded by Doster to adopt the proposed **Resolution** adopting the **Budget of \$6,514,138.00 for Fiscal Year 2012** and authorize the Mayor to sign. Motion carried by a unanimous vote of 6-0.

Motion was made by Walker and seconded by Stokes to pay bills if and when funds become available. Motion carried by a unanimous vote of 6-0.

City Administrator Elmore advised of meeting with the engineering firm and the director of Communicom Cable TV on rebuilding the wall in the alley on Merchants Way.

Councilwoman Doster advised one of the houses sold has been moved off Aluminum Mill Hill. Met with Adams concerning the bricks and received a text that Brer Rabbit taken from Uncle Remus Museum has been located.

Councilwoman Stokes advised she would like to schedule a meeting with her committee members next week. The GICH meeting is scheduled Thursday at the Hut at 10 a.m. and Council received an invitation from the Pilot Club to attend Civic Night dinner September 6<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm at Eatonton First Baptist Church, 115 North Madison Avenue.

Councilman Hall talked about the Fire Department and acknowledged the outstanding job they perform in serving this community and he disapproved of the bashing the Fire Department received in the newspaper.

Elmore advised fire hydrant training will be available for City and County employees.

City Administrator Dan Elmore reported R. A. W. has completed phase one and gas is on the line. The new line pressure tested to over 650 lbs per square inch over the weekend. The most we will ever put on the line is only 400 lbs per square inch, so we have plenty of pressure margin.

The engineer and staff will meet again with the apparent low bidder for the 2010 CDBG road, curb, gutter and drainage project to negotiate reducing the price.

Elmore advised he has Jury Duty this week.

City Attorney Huskins discussed a written formal response from the City to the County's proposed 27% (LOST) Local Option Sales Tax split.

Motion was made by Walker seconded by Doster to add LOST to the Agenda. Motion carried by a unanimous vote 6-0.

Motion was made by Walker and seconded by Hall that the Council direct City Attorney Huskins to respond by rejecting the offered made by Putnam County Commissioners on the 27% LOST Split. Motion carried by a unanimous vote of 6-0.

Mayor Reid advised Finance and Personnel Committee needs to schedule a date to work on LOST split.

City Clerk Abrams advised Council that Georgia Municipal Association has scheduled LOST Renegotiation Training on Wednesday, September 21<sup>st</sup> in Forsyth –Monroe County from 10:00 a.m.-1 p.m.

Motion was made by Walker and seconded by Hall to adjourn. Motion carried by a unanimous vote of 6-0.

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John Reid, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Sarah E. Abrams, City Clerk