

Monday, December 20, 2010 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  
(Late) 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 Council meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Councilman Chip Walker gave the invocation.

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

**Public Comments:**

Motion was made by Walker and seconded by Stokes to hear from Mike Aparicio – Zoning, and Habitat of Putnam-Charlene Allen and Erlene Kirwen Rezane – Zoning at 201 Imperial Avenue. Motion carried by a vote of 6-0.

Mr. Mike Aparicio asked if Council could clarify the difference between R-3 and R-2 zoning. Mayor Reid advised Mr. Aparicio that all questions should be put in writing, and he would receive a written response.

Ms. Charlene Allen asked Council to approve rezoning request made by Habitat for Humanity of Putnam, Inc. on 2.01 acres at 201 Imperial Avenue from R3-to R-2 to build 7 single family houses.

**Old Business:**

**New Business:**

Mayor Reid called on Ms. Lisa Jackson for comments concerning zoning issue. Ms. Lisa Jackson, Interim Director of Planning & Development explained the difference between R-2 and R-3 zoning. R-2 dwelling allows: Manufactured Homes, Modular, and Single-

Family Residence on individual lots. Whereas an R-3 dwelling allows: Duplex, Triplex, Apartments, Condominiums and Townhouses.

Motion was made by Doster and seconded by Hudson to accept the recommendations presented by the City of Eatonton Planning and Zoning Commission to approve the request by Habitat for Humanity to rezone 2.01 acres at 201 Imperial Avenue from R-3 to R-2. Motion carried by a unanimous vote of 7-0.

Mrs. Roddie Ann Blackwell Director of the Eatonton-Putnam Chamber of Commerce and Dr. Carrie Dietrich, dean of Central Georgia Technical College gave a presentation on Central Georgia Technical College school expansion project. Mrs. Blackwell advised the Putnam County Board of Commissioners will submit an application for a \$500,000 CDBG Grant to build an Adult Learning Center in Eatonton on Highway 441 bypass, located adjacent to the Putnam County Workforce Development Center. Mrs. Blackwell asked Council for letters of supports and letters of commitment from the City by mid January since April 1<sup>st</sup> is the deadline for the grant application.

Councilman Butts reported on the Utility Committee meeting with Keck & Wood concerning Gas Main extension to Lake Oconee on SR 16 and SR 44. The extension would be done in three phases at an estimated cost of \$ 4 ½ million with a 20 year loan.

Motion was made by Hall and seconded by Gorley to accept the committee proposal to extend the gas line and allow Keck & Wood to send out bids. Motion carried by a unanimous vote of 7-0.

Motion was made by Walker and seconded by Hudson to adopt **Resolution** to allow the consumption of alcoholic beverages on certain parcels of City property and authority Mayor Reid to sign. Motion carried by a unanimous vote of 7-0.

Motion was made by Hall and seconded by Doster to submit proposed project list for **SPLOST #7** to the Putnam County Board of Commissioners with contingent upon the actions of the Putnam County Board of Commissioners with SPLOST # 6 at their next Board meeting.

Mayor Reid advised Ms. Katy Smith, Director of Mainstreet is not present tonight but she submitted her report which is attachment # 6 in the agenda.

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 Walker thanked City Administrator Elmore for his hard work and efforts for preparing the project list for SPLOST #7.

Walker along with other members of Council wished Councilman Derek Hudson the best of luck with his future endeavors.

Councilman Gorley reported LMIP has replaced the old LARP. LMIP will pave Sammons Road and Sammons Drive which is a total of .074 mile. Project letting date is February 18, 2011 and the completion date should be effective October 31, 2011.

Councilwoman Doster advised no houses on the Aluminum Mill Hill property have been sold; the bidding process is over. The Downtown Development Authority will take the next step. The feedback the Authority is receiving from the community is to take the houses down.

Councilman Hudson advised Council that he has enjoyed working with the Mayor and Council; and he wished all, a Merry Christmas.

Mayor Reid expressed words of appreciation to the Eatonton Fire Department for collecting Christmas toys to donate to needy families in the community on Christmas Day.

City Administrator Dan Elmore reported the work on South Jefferson Avenue to repair the storm drains and curbs and gutters has been completed.

Spring Street has been repaired for the collapse along the sewer line. It appeared to have been improperly packed in the past. Also Phillips Drive appears to have the same issue. We plan to repair Phillips while school is out.

The LMIP (Old LARP) is to be bid in February. We received all of Sammons Drive for repair.

The City is eligible to have another round of CDBG infrastructure repairs in our Opportunity Zone; and we are asking ALGA to prepare an application for curb, gutter and drainage adjacent to the Oconee Street project up MLK and turn down Agnes all the way to South Jefferson.

We sold 4 old police cars on GovDeals auction site and made over \$4,000.00; so far this year we have made about \$11,000.00 on the auction site. We will list the old CNG fueling station as soon as we make it safe to sell.

Elmore advised Council a copy of the October's Budget Status Report is at each Council person seat.

City Attorney Chris Huskins expressed regrets in missing the Utility Committee meeting last week due to a mix up in scheduling. Huskins advised his staff continues to work on title search for the property acquisition.

City Clerk Abrams advised the City of Eatonton will hold a Special Election to fill the vacancy which will be created in Ward I, after the departure of Councilman Derek Hudson on December 31<sup>st</sup>. The election would be held on March 15, 2011. Qualifying will open Monday, January 10<sup>th</sup>.

City Clerk Abrams advised Council that their Campaign Contribution Disclosure Report is due by January 5<sup>th</sup>.

Abrams discussed communication received from Mark Baggett at GMA. She advised that GMA is working with the Department of Revenue to ensure that all state and local taxes are collected and remitted to the Department of Revenue.

To assist DOR in its sales tax collection, GMA is asking municipalities to pass a resolution to participate in this information sharing program, and collect sales tax information on Occupational Tax Certificates renewal application and submit the information to DOR.

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

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John Reid, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Sarah E. Abrams, City Clerk