

February 1, 2001 Minutes

Eatonton City Hall, 201 North Jefferson Avenue, Eatonton, Georgia 31024

Present: Mayor John Reid  
Mayor Pro-tem Chip Walker, Jr.  
(Absent) Councilman Alvin Butts  
Councilwoman Teresa Doster  
Councilman James Gorley  
Councilman Jim Hall, Jr.  
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.

City Clerk Sarah Abrams gave the invocation.

Motion was made by Hall and seconded by Stokes to approve the minutes of the last meeting with any necessary corrections. Motion carried by a unanimous vote of 5-0.

**Public Comments:**

Motion was made by Doster and seconded by Doster to add Katy Smith – Art Grant to the agenda. Motion carried by a unanimous vote of 5-0.

Mainstreet Director Katy Smith advised Council that Mainstreet would be applying for an Art Grant and she asked Mayor and Council for their support.

Mayor Reid advised Council that on the table at each seat is a letter addressed to the Editor of the Eatonton Messenger along with a Resolution declaring April 16, 2011 through April 23, 2011 to be Flamingo Daze in Eatonton. Mayor Reid asked Council to take note of the information provided. Also during this same time period is Georgia's Cities Week, which promote Cities throughout Georgia. Mayor Reid advised he asked Mainstreet Director Katy Smith to look over the Georgia's Cities information package when it arrives from (GMA) Georgia Municipal Association. Reid advised these events will help promote and bring people to visit our downtown.

**New Business:**

Motion was made by Doster and seconded by Hall to adopt the Resolution to enter into an intergovernmental agreement with the Putnam County Board of Elections for the use of voting equipment and authorize the Mayor to sign with the correction that the word **(be)** be added to the Resolution. Motion carried by a unanimous vote of 5-0.

## **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 5-0.

Councilman Gorley discussed the City of Eatonton becoming a member of the Partnership for a Sustainable Georgia. Gorley advised there is no membership fee, and this partnership will help the City save money on its' electricity and water bills, and also will enable us to compete with other cities when applying for some types of grants.

Motion was made by Gorley and seconded by Doster to add Partnership for a Sustainable Georgia to the Agenda. Motion carried by a unanimous vote of 5-0.

Motion was made by Gorley and seconded by Stokes for the City of Eatonton to join the Partnership for a Sustainable Georgia at the Bronze Level. Motion carried by a unanimous vote of 5-0.

Councilwoman Doster advised the building located beneath Huskins Law Firm will be on Planning and Zoning next agenda.

City Administrator Dan Elmore advised on display is a new street sign. The law requires by 2018 that cities install these new larger street signs. The gas line extension RFP is in the paper for the next 3 weeks. We plan to have (GICH Grant) Georgia Initiative Community Housing meeting on February 8, 2011. On February 10, 2011 a mediation hearing on the Winchester Drive drainage case (Ms. Katherine Rogers) will be held. There will be a CDBG Public Hearing on Wednesday, February 16<sup>th</sup> at 12 noon to discuss the 2011 CDBG application.

Elmore advised road issues and projects list concerning HB 277 must be submitted by March 30<sup>th</sup> to the Regional Commission, he will be meeting with Building and Grounds Committee and he asked Council to put together their best transportation project list. The gas department will be extending the gas line down Martin Luther King to the field.

City Attorney Chris Huskins advised he met with Police Chief Lawrence concerning Adult Entertainment at Club Hwy. 16, which was the old VFW.

Clerk Abrams advised Open Enrollment for Life and Dental Insurance is scheduled March 1<sup>st</sup> thru March 31, 2011. Abrams advised Barbara Trubey Jackson and Abrams would be attending training in Valdosta on February 21<sup>st</sup>.

Council Member Chip Walker made the following motion:

That this Mayor and Council now enter into closed session as allowed by O.C.G.A. #50-14-4 and pursuant to advice by the City Attorney, for the purpose of discussing the following: **Property Acquisition.** And that this body, in open session, adopts a

resolution authorizing and directing the mayor or presiding officer to execute an affidavit in compliance with O.C.G.A. #50-14-4 and that this body ratify the actions

of the council taken in closed session and confirm the subject matter of the closed session were within exceptions permitted by the open meeting law, said resolution to be in an approval form signed by the Mayor and City Clerk. Motion was seconded by Councilman Doster. Motion passed.

Those voting in favor of the motion for the closure: Council members Chip Walker, Teresa Doster, James Gorley, Jim Hall and Alma Stokes. Motion carried by a unanimous vote of 5-0.

***Executive Session***

Motion was made by Councilwoman Doster and seconded by Councilman Walker to return to open session. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Walker and seconded by Hall to adopt the Resolution for closing the meeting. Motion carried by a unanimous vote of 5-0.

In open session: Motion was made by Walker and seconded by Doster to follow through with action that was discussed. Motion carried by a unanimous vote of 5-0.

Mayor Reid read a Thank You card from employee Judy Ahrens which acknowledged Council concern for her over the loss of her mother in New Jersey.

Motion was made by Walker and seconded by Hall to adjourn. Motion carried by a unanimous vote of 5-0.

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John Reid, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Sarah E. Abrams, City Clerk