

Tuesday, January 18, 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
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.

Pastor Ozzie Hanson of Lifeline Baptist Church gave the invocation.

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

Motion was made by Doster and seconded by Butts to approve the minutes from the Special Called meeting held Tuesday, January 11, 2011 with any necessary corrections. Motion carried by a unanimous vote of 5-0. Hall abstained.

Public Comments:

Motion was made by Gorley and seconded by Stokes to hear from each person who signed in to address Council. Motion carried by a unanimous vote of 6-0.

The following persons signed in to address Council: Alma Humphries, Donald L. Crowe, Ozzie Hanson, Stephanie Waller, James P. Marshall, Jr. and Anil Patel – Zoning and Conditional Use Permits

Mayor Reid presented Mr. Joseph Derek Hudson with a plaque on behalf of Mayor and Council for his dedicated service to the citizens of Eatonton as the Councilman elected to represent Ward I. Council wished Hudson the best of luck in his future endeavors.

Old Business:

None

New Business:

Pastor Ozzie Hanson addressed Council concerning his request to rezone .335 acres at 817 Oak Street from I-2 to C-1 [Map 062A, Parcel 080]. Also Hanson addressed his request for a conditional use permit for a church at 817 Oak Street presently zoned I-2 [Map 062A, Parcel 080]. Motion was made by Walker and seconded by Doster to accept the recommendation for approval from the Eatonton Planning Commission and approve .335 acres at 817 Oak Street from I-2 to C-1. Motion carried by a unanimous vote of 6-0.

Motion was made by Doster and seconded by Hall to accept the recommendation from the Eatonton Planning Commission which denied the request made by Pastor Ozzie Hanson for a conditional use permit for a church at 817 Oak Street. [Map 062A, Parcel 080]. Motion carried by a vote of 5-1. Gorley opposed.

Motion was made by Walker and seconded by Hall to accept the recommendation for approval from the Eatonton Planning Commission which approved the request made by Anil Patel for a conditional use permit for a residence at 102 Willie Bailey Street, presently zoned C-1 in the Downtown Business District Overlay [Map E005, Parcel 171]. Motion carried by a unanimous vote of 6-0.

Ms. Alma Humphries, Mr. James P. Marshall, Jr. and Ms. Stephanie Waller address Council concerning request made by James P. Marshall, Jr. for a conditional use permit for a Beauty Shop at 201 East Street, presently zoned C-1 in the Downtown Business District Overlay [Map E006, Parcel 150].

Ms. Alma Humphries talked to Council concerning the safety of customers, utilizing the beauty shop because the door opens within 9 feet of Highway 16 East. Mr. James P. Marshall and Ms. Stephanie Waller discussed hours of operation and creating additional parking for shop operators and customers.

Motion was made by Doster and seconded by Hall to approve the conditional use permit requested by James P. Marshall, Jr. for a beauty shop at 201 East Street with stipulations of moving the cooler and expanding the parking lot in a timely manner. Motion carried by a vote of 4-2. Butts and Gorley opposed.

Mr. Donald Crowe addressed Council concerning rezoning request made by Alonan Mfg. Inc. to rezone 4.60 acres on Oak Street from I-2 to C-2 [MapE006, Parcel 377]. Motion was made by Doster and seconded by Gorley to accept the recommendation from the Eatonton Planning Commission to approve the request made by Alonan Mfg. Inc to rezone 4.60 acres on Oak Street from I-2 to C-2 [Map E006, parcel 377]. Motion carried by a unanimous vote of 6-0.

Motion was made by Doster and seconded by Walker to approve proposed resolution to appoint Sarah Abrams as Election Superintendent and Lisa Yates as Absentee Ballot Clerk Election Officers for 2011 Special and General Elections. Motion carried by a vote of 5-0. Gorley abstained.

Ms. Katy Smith Director of Mainstreet reported on Mainstreet's activities:

Economic Development/DDA: The merchants reported a great Christmas season. The Merchant's Yearly Planning Meeting was Monday, January 17, 2011. Members of the DDA will attend training in Rome on March 12, 2011. New Website and Face book pages up and running at www.eatontonmainstreet.com. Several new business will be opening soon in downtown.

Design/Tree Board: Downtown Beautification Day planned for Saturday, March 5, 2011 at 9 am. We are working with the China Garden and Hannah's Restaurant on a façade grant. The Tree Board has been on hold due to weather but will be flagging new tree locations soon.

Mainstreet Annual Luncheon will be held Monday, January 24th, in Atlanta.

Mainstreet Manager's meeting will be Thursday, January 27th in Fort Valley.

Lake Sinclair Women's Group Monday, February 14th. Speaking engagement Georgia Academy of Economic Development begins February 17th.

Mainstreet off-site yearly planning meeting will be held February 24 and 25 at Cuscowilla. Billy Parrish from Woodstock's Mainstreet Program will be the facilitator.

Committees Reports:

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

Councilman Butts advised Council that a copy of the Tri County franchise tax information prepared by the City Attorney is at each Councilmember seat.

Councilman Gorley acknowledged the outstanding job performed by Street Supervisor Joe Hawkins and his department in clearing the street during the snowstorm last week. Gorley advised this is a good time to look at buying snow removing equipment.

Administrator Elmore advised the City will build a shed to hold salt and sand mixture.

Councilman Butts asked that City Marshal Veal look into someone removing metal from the side of a trailer on Spring Street.

Motion was made by Councilwoman Doster and seconded by Gorley to add Gatewood School Road Race to the agenda. Motion carried by a unanimous vote 6-0.

Motion was made by Doster and seconded by Gorley to approve Gatewood Schools 5K walk/run event scheduled for March 20, 2011 at 2:30 p.m. Motion carried by a unanimous vote of 6-0.

City Administrator Dan Elmore advised the Gas line extension RFP is in the paper, it will run for the next 4 weeks. There will be a CDBG meeting on Thursday, January 20, 2011 at 11 a.m. to discuss the 2011 CDBG application. Sustainable Communities is Friday, January 28th for the Street Buildings and Grounds Committee. We plan to have a (GICH Grant) Georgia Initiative Community Housing Grant meeting on Friday, February 8, 2011.

Attorney Chris Huskins advised the property swap advertisement has been sent to the paper.

Councilman Hall advised two candidates qualified for the Special Election to be held on March 15, 2011.

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

John Reid, Mayor

ATTEST:

Sarah E. Abrams, City Clerk