

Tuesday, May 3, 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.  
Councilman William Mangum, 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.

Councilman William Mangum gave the invocation.

Motion was made by Doster and seconded by Butts to approve the minutes of the last meeting with any necessary corrections. Motion carried by a vote of 5-0. Council members Jim Hall and Alma Stokes abstained.

**Public Comments:** None

**Old Business:**

**New Business:**

Motion was made by Walker and seconded by Doster to approve request made by Farmers & Merchants Bank to hold the 33<sup>rd</sup> Annual Torture Trail Race on Saturday, June 4, 2011. Motion carried by a unanimous vote of 7-0.

Motion was made by Stokes and seconded by Gorley to approve the slate of officers for GMA District 6 for 2011-2012 year. Motion carried by a unanimous vote of 7-0.

**Committees Reports**

Councilman Walker acknowledged the job well done by the City workers who clean up after the Dairy Festival each year and the protection provided by Law Enforcements along with Rescue and Fire personnel.

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 Butts discussed and presented Council with a draft of the gas sign advertising the gas line extension on Highway 44.

Councilman Gorley advised he received a call concerning drainage problem on MLK. Gorley advised he would meet with property owners concerning this issue.

Councilwoman Doster reported the Downtown Development Authority sold another house on Aluminum Mill Hill to the same buyer; he is waiting on a moving permit to relocate the two houses. The Authority has entered into a contract with a realtor to sell the other houses.

Councilman Mangum reported the Solid Waste Committee met last week to discuss the County removing the dumpsters located at Horton Homes and the other behind the old VFW off Monticello Highway. To keep the dumpster site open it would cost about \$80,000 a year to operate. Council made no decision concerning the dumpsters.

Councilwoman Stokes advised the Street Painting Festival will be held downtown Eatonton on Saturday, May 7, 2011 from 11 am to 7 pm.

Councilman Hall asked Council to consider putting the sale of alcohol on Sunday on the November Ballot.

City Administrator Dan Elmore advised construction on the gas line to the lake is moving along well. The construction is on schedule. The distance per day will increase once they cross over Highway 16 and leave the area that has so many utilities in the ground.

The bids are in on the Winchester Drive Project, and Elmore advised he and the engineering firm is going through the bids. R M Anderson submitted the lowest bid in the amount of \$50,000.00.

Sammons Drive has been repaved under the new LMIG Program (former LARP).

The Alley Way behind Buddy Nolan Shop is now City property. We can rename it as a City Street.

Elmore advised Council that a copy of the February Budget Status Report is at their seat.

City Attorney Huskins advised that he sent a letter to Clint Butler's attorney, but has not received a reply.

Attorney Huskins presented an eight page draft of a Golf Cart Ordinance for Council to review. The Ordinance will address citizens driving golf carts on City streets, obtaining permits and registrations.

Chief Kent Lawrence also addressed issues concerning Golf Carts on City streets and State highways.

Elmore requested Council look over the list of names provided by Keck & Wood, and submit contact information to him so that he can contact the property owners concerning acquiring easements to run the gas line across their property.

Motion was made by Doster and seconded by Butts 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