

Tuesday, November 1, 2011 at 7:00 pm

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 meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Councilman Jim Hall gave the Invocation.

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

Public Comments:

Carolyn Parham – Neighborhood Cleanup

C. Steve Edwards – Advanced Disposal Staff Introduction

Motion was made by Walker and seconded by Gorley to hear from all persons that signed in to make comments. Motion carried by a unanimous vote of 7-0.

City Administrator Dan Elmore read rules for making public comments.

Mayor Reid called on Ms. Carolyn Parham. Ms. Parham gave Council photos of her neighborhood, Spring Street. Ms Parham talked to Council about conversations she has had with City Marshal Dianne Veal concerning getting her neighbors to clean up their property. Parham asked that more be done to help get rid of the dilapidated trailers and trash. Mayor Reid thanked Ms Parham for coming to the meeting and he assured her that her concerns and issues will be addressed.

Mayor Reid called on Steve Edwards. Mr. Edwards advised Advanced Disposal purchased SDS garbage service this year and he and some staff members wanted to stop in and introduce themselves to Council and say hello.

Old Business: None

New Business:

Motion was made by Walker and seconded by Doster to approve the request made by **Basma & Aniq Inc. d/b/a Buster's Pantry** for **Retail Beer and Wine License** at 107 Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive. Motion carried by a unanimous vote of 7-0.

Motion was made by Gorley and seconded by Butts to approve the **Resolution** naming **Carter and Sloope as the engineers for the 2011 Community Development Grant**, and to authorize Mayor Reid to sign. Motion carried by a unanimous vote of 7-0.

Motion was made by Walker and seconded by Hall to add to the agenda a request made by Adonijah Inc. d/b/a Quick Pantry for a retail Beer and Wine License at 301 South Oak Street. Motion carried by a unanimous vote of 7-0.

Motion was made by Doster and seconded by Hall to advertise in the local paper the request made by Adonijah Inc. d/b/a Quick Pantry for a retail Beer and Wine License. Motion carried by a unanimous vote 7-0.

Councilman Walker acknowledged the outstanding job the City staff and the Eatonton Police Officers performed during the Briar Patch Arts Festival and on Halloween night.

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

Councilman Butts requested Mr. Elmore give status on gas line project. Administrator Dan Elmore advised we are about ½ mile from the previous completed lake bores. The engineer has sent a letter to the construction company requesting a cost reduction quote resulting from ending the steel line at Harmony and using high density plastic to the county line. Gas is on the line and should be available at the lake by Thanksgiving.

Councilman Butts reminded Council to vote on Tuesday in the City of Eatonton General/Special Election.

Councilman Gorley advised the 2010 CDBG Project is underway on Putnam and Grand Avenue. Gorley asked City Administrator Elmore to provide an update on the project. City Administrator Dan Elmore advised Council the 2010 CDBG construction has started, and they are making progress. During the day, we close Putnam Avenue and reopen it on the weekends. Putnam should be completed and paved about Thanksgiving.

Gorley asked the status on the purchased street sweeper. Elmore advised the Sweeper has been ordered and should be delivered soon.

Councilman Mangum expressed words of appreciation to Advanced Disposal staff for coming by tonight and introducing themselves.

Councilwoman Doster advised 2 houses on Aluminum Mill Hill have been taken down and removed and De'Lacy Levertte moved and will no longer serve on the DDA. Doster requested an advertisement for a board member be placed in the Messenger.

Councilwoman Stokes advised the GMA 6 District meeting is in Macon at 11:30 am Wednesday and GICH meeting is November 9th at the Hut.

City Administrator Elmore advised Merchant's Way project was delayed a week, should start this week. The Roger's project on Winchester Drive will start Monday. The preconstruction meeting was held yesterday.

Councilman Hall advised a copy of school children letters addressed to Police Chief Lawrence is at each Council person's seat. Hall asked that the letters be read they show how the City and the community are involved in working together. The Mayor stated he also received several for talking to the children.

Councilwoman Doster talked about a request she received concerning renting the old Waterworks Building to a dance group every Thursday night.

Attorney Huskins updated Council on easement on Rogers' Property, renegotiating Revolving Loan to Ms. Elaine Humphries and renegotiation on Local Option Sales Tax. Mayor requested status on Bob Rogers's property for Passive Park. Attorney Huskins advised he has no new update; but the Huskins Law Firm will handle the closing and this should be done by 12-31-2011.

City Clerk Abrams updated Council on Advance Voting for the upcoming November 8th General Election.

Mayor Reid advised Council he received a letter from the Housing Authority requesting a board member be reappointed to serve on the Housing Authority Board for another term. This board appointment will be on the next agenda.

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

John Reid, Mayor

ATTEST:

Sarah E. Abrams
City Clerk