

Monday, November 15, 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.  
(Absent) Councilman Alvin Butts  
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 James Gorley gave the invocation.

Motion was made by Doster 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.

**Public Comments:**

None

**New Business:**

Katy Smith Director of Mainstreet reported the monthly activities of Mainstreet:

- Merchant's Meeting Tuesday, November 16 at 8:30 am at the Mainstreet Office.
- New Downtown Logo T-Shirt sales are going well.
- Downtown Christmas Open House- Merchants reported great sales.
- Both the Chinese and Mexican Restaurants are undergoing renovations and hope to open soon.
- Aaron's Nails Salon is open for business.
- Working to create a small business recruitment package along with members of the DDA.
- Created an updated property listing and DDA webpage on the Mainstreet Website.
- New sign for Mainstreet Office is in place.
- Will host planting day Saturday, November 20<sup>th</sup> to prepare downtown for the Holidays.
- Helping to work on the TE Grant Application.
- Creating float for Christmas Parade.
- PCHS art students are planning to paint merchants windows for the holidays.

- Briar Patch Festival was a huge success!
- Hometown Christmas in the Briar Patch Saturday, December 4<sup>th</sup>, 4pm -7pm.
- Spoke to Garden Club on Tuesday November 9<sup>th</sup>.
- Attended GMA Meeting in Atlanta today on sustainable Communities.
- Accepted to participate in the Georgia Academy for Economic Development beginning in February.

Motion was made by Doster and seconded by Hall to approve appointment of Adam Smith to the Downtown Development Authority Board. Motion carried by a unanimous vote of 6-0.

Mayor Reid advised Council Eatonton is officially a Georgia Initiative Community Housing, (GICH). The first retreat is scheduled for February 21-24, 2011 in Savannah.

Councilman Walker discussed email from State Ethic Commission concerning elected officials being required to submit a Pin Application to establish an online account. The online accounts are to be used to file Council members Campaign Contribution Disclosure Reports and Personal Financial Disclosure Reports in 2011. Walker also expressed holiday wishes to all for the Thanksgiving season.

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

Councilman Gorley reported Spring Street and New Street are caving in. The riser is broken and sewer pipes have collapsed. Gorley asked that the City work with the Water Authority to fix the problems. This is a citizen issue and a problem in their community. Elmore advised the Street crew repaired Crestview Drive drain and built a drain box last week. Gorley praised the Street crew for putting up the Christmas decorations and getting the town ready for the Christmas Holidays.

Councilwoman Doster advised the DDA will meet on November 23rd.

Councilman Hudson advised he would like to encourage all to recycle. Recyclable items may be taken to the City Shop, on Glenwood Springs Road.

Councilwoman Stokes advised she would be attending the GMA Six District Meeting in Forsyth, on Thursday, November 18<sup>th</sup>. Stokes reminded all that the Mayors' Christmas Motorcade will be on December 7<sup>th</sup> and she is accepting and collecting donations.

Councilman Hall advised Stokes he would notify Fire Chief Steve Reid of the date and time of the Mayors' Christmas Motorcade.

Mayor Reid advised Administrator Elmore to contact GMA and let them know the City would bring vehicles to participate in the motorcade.

Councilman Hall advised a Greene County deputy was killed over the weekend, and he wanted Council to know that the Episcopal Academy School sent a letter of thanks to Chief Lawrence in appreciation for his dedicated service to the community.

City Administrator Elmore advised we have repaired, cleaned and painted the old Senior Center and we now have ten tables and 100 chairs for the center. More tables, a stove and a refrigerator will be ordered this week.

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 James Gorley. Motion passed.

Those voting in favor of the motion for the closure: Council members Chip Walker, Teresa Doster, James Gorley, James Hall, Derek Hudson, and Alma Stokes. Motion carried by a unanimous vote of 6-0.

### ***Executive Session***

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

Motion was made by Walker and seconded by Doster to take action as discussed in Executive Session and authorize City Attorney and City administrator Elmore to proceed as planned. Motion carried by a unanimous vote of 6-0.

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

## RESOLUTION OF THE EATONTON CITY COUNCIL

Councilman Walker moved that the following Resolution be accepted:

BE IT RESOLVED by the Eatonton City Council as follows: At the meeting held on the 15th day of November, 2010 the Council entered into closed session for the purpose of discussing **Property Acquisition**. At the close of the discussions upon this subject, the Council did vote to re-enter into open session and herewith takes the following action in open session:

1. The actions of the Council and the discussions of the same regarding the matter set forth for closed session purposes are hereby ratified.
2. Each member of this body does hereby confirm that to the best of his or her knowledge, based upon the advice of the City Attorney, the said subject matter of the meeting and of the closed session portion was devoted to matters within the specific relevant exception(s) as set forth above.
3. The Mayor, or presiding officer, is hereby authorized and directed to execute an affidavit, with full support of the members of this Council, in order to comply with O.C.G.A. #50-14-4(b).
4. The affidavit shall be included and filed with the official minutes of the meeting and shall be in a form as required by the statute, which shall be substantially as follows:

Seconded was made by Councilwoman Doster. Motion carried.

Approved this 15th day of November, 2010.

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John Reid, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Sarah E. Abrams, City Clerk

AFFIDAVIT

Personally appeared before the undersigned attesting officer, duly authorized to administer oaths, John Reid who, after being duly sworn, deposes and on oath states the following:

(1) I was the presiding officer of a meeting of the Eatonton City Council held on the 15th day of November 2010.

(2) That it is my understanding that O.C.G.A. 50-14-4(b) provides as follows:

When any meeting of an agency is closed to the public pursuant to subsection (a) of this Code section, the chairperson or other person presiding over such meeting shall execute and file with the official minutes of the meeting a notarized affidavit stating under oath that the subject matter of the meeting or the closed portion thereof was devoted to matters within the exceptions provided by law and identifying the specific relevant exception.

(3) The subject matter of the closed meeting or closed portion of the meeting held on the 15th of November, 2010, which was closed for the purpose(s) of Property Acquisition as allowed by O.C.G.A., Title 50, Chapter 14, was devoted to matters within those exceptions and as provided by law.

(4) This affidavit is being executed for the purpose of complying with the mandate of O.C.G.A. 50-14-4(b) that such an affidavit be executed.

This 15th day of November, 2010.

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John Reid, Mayor

Sworn to and subscribed before me  
this 15th day of November, 2010

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Notary Public