

Tuesday, November 2, 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.
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.

Councilwoman Teresa Doster gave the invocation.

Motion was made by Butts and seconded by Stokes to approve the minutes of the last meeting with any necessary corrections. Motion carried by a unanimous vote of 7-0.

Public Comments:

None

Old Business:

New Business:

Motion was made by Walker and seconded by Stokes to adopt the proposed Resolution of recertification as a Certified City of Ethics with the Georgia Municipal Association and authorize Council members to sign. Motion carried by a unanimous vote of 7-0.

Motion was made by Doster and seconded by Hall to adopt the proposed amendment to the City of Eatonton Code of Ordinance (outdoor watering of landscape.) to comply with O.C.G.A. 12-5-7 effective January 11, 2011. Motion carried by a unanimous vote of 7-0.

Committees Reports:

Motion was made by Walker and seconded by Hudson to pay bills if and when funds become available. Motion carried by a unanimous vote of 7-0.

Councilman Butts reported that the engineering fees to run the gas line from the Putnam General Hospital to the County line on Hwy 44 would cost approximate \$48,000.00. The contract was awarded to Keck and Wood Engineering Firm.

Councilwoman Doster asked for feedback from Council concerning the Aluminum Mill Houses redevelopment project. Doster advised the DDA had received no bids. Council members agreed that this is blighted property and the feedback received from the community is to tear down the houses.

Councilman Hall discussed the City taking on the responsibility of tearing down the houses to make way for Habitat Houses if houses on lots do not sell.

Councilman Hudson advised the Briar Patch Festival was an enormous success on Saturday.

Councilwoman Stokes advised Council received the following invitations:

Southern Homes for the Holidays open house and early Christmas shopping, 407 Madison Avenue, Saturday, November 6, 2010.

Retirement Luncheon for Tommie Little on Friday, November 5, 2010 at the Hut, time is 1:30 p.m.

Stokes also reminded Council to donate to the 2010 Mayors' Christmas Motorcade.

Councilman Hall acknowledged the great job done by Fire, Police, Rescue and Georgia Power crews in getting the power restored when a power pole fell across Hwy. 441.

City Administrator Dan Elmore advised the City has received the deed and keys to the old Senior Center and the utilities have been restored.

Elmore advised he received a request for a Revolving Loan from Chrystal Bustion the owner of Imani, the paperwork has been sent out to the Revolving Loan Committee.

Elmore advised he would be attending the City Manager's Conference next week in St. Simons.

Elmore advised employee Tommie Little retired at the end of last week after more than 35 years with the City. A reception has been planned for him at 1:30 p.m. at the Hut on Friday and Council is invited to attend.

Mayor Reid advised that no plans have been made for the old Senior Citizens Buildings but suggested that we continue to rent it to the community.

Attorney Huskins advised he had legal matters to discuss concerning Franchise Taxes.

Motion was made by Walker and seconded by Hall to add Tri-County EMC Franchise Tax to the agenda. Motion carried by a unanimous vote of 7-0.

Motion was made by Butts and seconded by Gorley to forward the proposed letter and a copy of Franchise Agreement to Tom Thompson, Chairman of Tri-County EMC. Motion carried by a unanimous vote of 7-0.

Motion was made by Hall and seconded by Walker to add purchase/lease of office equipment folding /inserting machine to the agenda. Motion carried by a unanimous vote of 7-0.

Motion was made by Hall and seconded by Walker to authorize Clerk Abrams and City Administrator Elmore to purchase or lease folding inserting equipment for City Hall. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Clerk Abrams discussed Health Promotion Services Training Programs for City employees which are sponsored in part by Local Government Risk Management Services, Inc.

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

John Reid, Mayor

ATTEST:

Sarah E. Abrams, City Clerk