

Tuesday, October 18, 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
(Absent) City Attorney Chris Huskins
City Attorney Donald Huskins
City Administrator, Dan Elmore

Mayor John Reid called the Council meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Evangelist Lisa Jackson gave the invocation.

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

Public Comments:

Shelagh Fagan- TE Grant

DeLacy Leverette- Comment on Mill Houses

Motion was made by Walker and seconded by Doster to hear from those who wished to address the Council. Motion carried by a unanimous vote of 7-0.

Ms. Shelagh Fagan informed the Council that funds received from the DOT Enhancement Grant could be used to remove unwanted advertisement from the Downtown District. Mayor Reid advised Ms. Fagan that the City Attorney could research the sign agreement and see what it would cost the City to relocate the bill board on North Jefferson, which is near City Hall.

Ms, Delacy Leverette addressed the Council concerning the Aluminum Mill Houses. Ms. Leverette asked Council to talk to members of the community and get feed back on what they would like to see done with the Aluminum Mill houses and the property. The next Downtown Development Authority meeting is scheduled for October 26th, and she would like feed back before the meeting. Councilwoman Doster advised they have had a number of inquiries concerning the houses but have not received any bids.

New Business:

Motion was made by Hall and seconded by Doster to accept the recommendation from the Eatonton Planning and Zoning Commission which approved the request made by

Chad Herring for a conditional use permit to open an Automotive shop at 211 South Maple Street. Motion carried by a vote of 6-1. Councilman Gorley opposed.

Motion was made by Doster and seconded by to accept the recommendation from the Eatonton Planning and Zoning Commission which approved the request made by John Nguyen for a conditional use permit to open a Nail Salon at 104 West Marion Street. Motion carried by a vote of 6-1. Councilman Gorley opposed.

Katy Smith , Director of the Mainstreet Eatonton reported on the activities of Mainstreet Eatonton Program.

- Board voted to officially change the name of BHT to Mainstreet Eatonton.
- DDA has officially become the Economic Development Arm of Mainstreet.
- New Downtown Logo was created by High School Art Dept. Merchants will begin to sell logo items on November 1st.
- Schwinn gave final approval for a bike store in downtown.
- Cuscowilla will bring a Tourism writers group to shop in downtown.
- She reported on store relocations, façade grants and new banners.
- She reported on Holiday store hours and the parade.

Motion was made by Butts and seconded by Doster to hire Keck and Wood, Inc. to provide engineering services to the City gas line extension up Hwy 44. Motion carried by a vote of 6-1. Councilman Hall opposed.

Motion was made by Hall and seconded by Doster to table proposed purchase or leasing of folding and inserting machine equipment. Motion carried by a unanimous vote of 7-0.

Committee reports:

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 Gorley requested date the City would get back the senior center. Elmore advised at the end of the month.

Councilman Walker talked about complaints received concerning the Water Authority fixing water leaks around town and not repairing the road.

Councilwoman Stokes advised Council received the following invitations: Dedication of Rock Hawk Friday November 5, 2010 at 3:00 p.m. Tri-County EMC 4th annual Eggs and Energy Issues Thursday November 18, 2010 at 7:30 in the TriCounty EMC Community Room in Gray, Georgia. The Mayor's Motorcade Tuesday December 7, 2010 at Central State Hospital. Stokes asked the council to participate by donating items to the patients.

Councilman Hall reminded Council that Halloween would be celebrated on Saturday October 30 and that the newspaper be made aware of the date.

Administrator Dan Elmore reported there will be two public hearings on October 19th regarding the CDBG. The first hearing is to close out the 2007 grant for the Willie Bailey Street Project. The second hearing is to open the 2010 Oconee Street Project.

The rescheduled sustainable Communities is Monday October 25, at 9:00 am. to give a fuller explanation to the Streets Building and Grounds Committee on the program.

The Georgia Initiative for Community Housing interview team will be in Eatonton on Tuesday, October 26 at the Hut from 1:30 p.m. until 3:30 p.m. to interview the team and take a tour of the town.

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

John Reid, Mayor

ATTEST:

Sarah E. Abrams, City Clerk