

Tuesday, October 5, 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 Alma Stokes 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: Katy Smith – Better Hometown.

Motion was made by Doster and seconded by Hudson to hear from Katy Smith. Motion carried by a unanimous vote of 7-0.

Ms. Katy Smith expressed words of thanks to the Council for her employment with the City of Eatonton, and the City Council deciding to move forward to the Main Street Program from the Better Hometown Program. Smith advised good things came out of the conference she attended last week in Augusta.

Mayor Reid advised the City of Eatonton received a check last week from the Department of Community Affairs for a CDBG in the amount of \$412,697.00 for road drainage project on Oconee Street, Grand Avenue and Putnam Avenue.

Old Business:

New Business:

Mr. Lynward Lindsey representing the Putnam Development Authority addressed Council concerning lighting of signs on the bypass advertising Downtown Eatonton. Lindsey proposed the Development Authority put up new sign; partnership with the City of Eatonton and contract with Georgia Power to pay the utility bill in the amount of \$38.00 a month to light the sign.

Motion was made by Doster and seconded by Stokes to approve the proposal to light signs advertising Downtown Eatonton on bypass as presented by Mr. Lynward Lindsey of the Putnam Development Authority. Motion carried by a vote of 6-0. Councilman Jim Hall abstained.

Councilman Derek Hudson discussed proposed amendment to the City of Eatonton Code of Ordinance Section 54-35 Pre-collection Practices. This is a special assessment for oversized loads and non-customers trash removal fees.

Motion was made by Hudson and seconded by Hall to approve amendment to the City of Eatonton Code of Ordinance, Section 54-35 Pre-collection practices. Motion carried by a unanimous vote of 7-0.

Motion was made by Walker and seconded by Gorley to add Department of Transportation Gateway Resolution to the Agenda. Motion carried by a unanimous vote of 7-0.

Motion was made by Walker and seconded by Gorley to rescind previous Resolution submitted to DOT for a Gateway Grant and replace it with Gateway Resolution prepared by Georgia Department of Transportation and authorize Mayor Reid to sign. Motion carried by a unanimous vote of 7-0.

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 advised the City received four bids from engineering companies to extend the gas line up Hwy. 44 to the lake; the Public Utilities Committee would meet next Tuesday and Wednesday to review these bids.

Councilman Gorley advised Streets, Buildings, and Grounds Committee would meet on Monday, October 11 at 3:30.

Councilwoman Doster advised the Downtown Development Authority placed an advertisement in Eatonton Messenger to sell the Aluminum Mill houses.

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.

We are still working on the South Jefferson Avenue drainage project. We had the line televised to locate blockage in the line.

The Street crew has begun patching Sammons Drive in advance of our Local Road Improvement Project bid date by DOT (formerly LARP).

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.

The City of Eatonton is officially on Govdeals.com. We have two old fire engines and a bucket truck on the auction site and they have gotten a good bit of interest. The auctions end later this month.

The gas bids are in. A committee meeting will need to be held to interview the 4 bidding engineering firms.

City Clerk Abrams reminded Council about the training workshop around the State sponsored by the State Ethic Commission for Public Officers and Filing Officers, and to fill out an application for CCDR & FD Electronic Filing Access Code.

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

John Reid, Mayor

ATTEST:

Sarah E. Abrams, City Clerk