

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
(Absent) Councilman Jim Hall, Jr.
Councilman Derek Hudson
(Absent) 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.

Mayor John Reid gave the invocation.

Motion was made by Butts and seconded by Doster to approve the minutes of the last meeting with any necessary corrections. Motion carried by a unanimous vote of 5-0.

Public Comments: No one signed in to address Council.

Old Business:

New Business:

Diana Trettin Program Manager with the Department of Natural Resources Sustainability Division talked to Council about how to promote, preserve and protect Eatonton's natural resources to achieve its Strategic Plans Vision and Mission. Ms. Trettin recommended the City join their partnership; there is no fee for local governments to become a member.

Motion was made by Doster and seconded by Gorley to accept Resolution to transfer Aluminum Mill Property to the Downtown Development Authority, and authorize Mayor Reid to sign. Motion carried by a unanimous vote of 5-0.

Councilman Butts and City Administrator Elmore discussed extending the natural gas line to Lake Oconee at the cost of about \$4 ½ million. Gorley requested a survey of potential customers be done.

Motion was made by Butts and seconded by Doster to adopt Resolution to extend the natural gas line to Lake Oconee and authorize Mayor Reid to sign. Motion carried by a unanimous vote of 5-0.

Motion was made by Doster and seconded by Walker to suspend the rule and have both reading now on the Retirement Plan elimination of In-Service Distribution Ordinance. Motion carried by a unanimous vote of 5-0.

Motion was made by Doster and seconded by Walker to adopt the Retirement Plan elimination of In-Service Distribution Ordinance. Motion carried by a unanimous vote of 5-0.

Motion was made by Hudson and seconded by Gorley to approve request made by Special Olympics Georgia-Putnam County, Putnam Jasper Support Service and the Knights of Columbus to conduct a charitable "Tootsie Roll Drive" road block on November 5 & 6th, 2010 in downtown Eatonton. Motion carried by a unanimous vote of 5-0.

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 5-0.

Councilman Gorley advised Boswell Drive needs to be torn out and repaired, road is caving in. Elmore advised we will pour a head wall.

Councilwoman Doster advised there is a vacant seat on the Downtown Development Authority, looking to fill it soon. If Council knows anyone wishing to serve on the board, please submit their name for consideration.

Councilman Hudson advised he would call a Committee meeting in the next few days.

City Administrator Elmore advised the Putnam County High School has applied for a parade permit for Homecoming. The date of the parade will be September 23, 2010 at 7:30 p.m. A map of the route is at your place. The route is a shortened version of our standard parade route. Also on the table at each seat is a copy of the July 2010 Budget Status Report and the 2009 Audit Report.

Attorney Huskins advised he wished to acknowledge Joe Hawkins and his crew for a job well done last week when a tree limb fell on the power line and knocked out the electricity in his neighborhood.

Clerk Abrams advised Council to review State Ethic Commission Education materials at their seat and sign up for one of the workshops.

Mayor Reid unveiled painting titled No Parking painted by artist Tom P. Blakely and purchased and presented to the City of Eatonton by Mrs. Shelagh Fagan to be placed in City Hall.

Mayor Reid advised the City received notification from the Department of Community Affairs that the City has been approved for \$412,697.00 CDBG Grant for the Oconee Street area.

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 Personnel.** 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 Doster. Motion passed.

Those voting in favor of the motion for the closure: Council members Chip Walker, Alvin Butts, Teresa Doster, James Gorley, and Derek Hudson. Motion carried by a unanimous vote of 5-0.

Executive Session

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

In open session: Motion was made by Walker and seconded by Gorley to adopt Resolution for closing the meeting for the purpose of discussing Property Acquisition and Personnel. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Gorley and seconded by Doster to proceed with the Acquisition of said property, surveying and providing the stipulation of said property is met. Motion carried by a unanimous vote of 5-0.

Motion was made by Butts and seconded by Walker to rehire all City Department Heads. Motion carried by a vote of 4-0. Gorley abstained.

Mayor Reid advised the Eatonton Police Department received a letter of thanks from a Pentagon employee for recovering and returning a stolen lawn mower to its owner.

Mayor Reid asked Attorney Huskins or Administrator Dan Elmore to look into the ownership of the Senior Citizen Building and property.

Motion was made by Walker and seconded by Doster to adjourn. Motion carried by a unanimous vote of 5-0.

John Reid, Mayor

ATTEST:

Sarah E. Abrams, City Clerk