

Tuesday, June 7, 2011 at 7:00 p.m.

Eatonton City Hall, 201 North Jefferson Avenue, Eatonton, Georgia 31024

**Council members present:**

Mayor John Reid  
Mayor Pro-tem Chip Walker, Jr.  
Councilman Alvin Butts  
Councilwoman Teresa Doster  
Councilman James Gorley  
Councilman Jim Hall, Jr.  
Councilman William Mangum, Jr.  
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 Alvin Butts gave the invocation.

Motion was made by Hall 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 Hall and seconded by Walker to approve the proposed **Resolution** to release reserved funds to the **Eatonton Early Childhood Development Center** and authorize the Mayor to sign. Motion carried by a vote of 6-0. Councilman Butts abstained.

Motion was made by Doster and seconded by Butts to approve the proposed **Resolution** to allow **Tabernaculo Bethel Church to maintain the northern entrance sign at US 441** and authorize the Mayor to sign. Motion carried by a unanimous vote of 7-0.

Motion was made by Butts and seconded by Stokes to approve the proposed **Resolution** ratifying the action of the Mayor in asking the **Middle Georgia Regional Commission** to apply for a grant for **GICH**. Motion carried by a unanimous vote of 7-0.

City Administrator advised Council that a copy of the proposed Budget for 2011-2012 was at each person's seat to review and submit changes before adoption.

Councilman Butts asked if the City heard anything from Tri-County EMC Franchise Taxes. Elmore advised the City should receive Franchise Tax from Tri-County about March 31, 2012. Mayor Reid talked about the City needing to tighten our belts on

spending when it comes to the 2012 Budget because of unpredictable revenues expectation.

Motion was made by Walker and seconded by Gorley to add GMA Safety Grant to the Agenda. Motion carried by a unanimous vote of 7-0.

Motion was made by Hall and seconded by Butts to adopt the proposed **Resolution** to apply for a **Safety and Liability Management Grant** offered by Georgia Municipal Association and authorize Mayor Reid to sign. Motion carried by a unanimous vote of 7-0.

**Committees Reports:**

Councilman Walker advised a Finance and Personnel Committee meeting is scheduled for Thursday, June 16<sup>th</sup> at 5 pm. Walker acknowledged Chief Lawrence and City staff for a wonderful job performed during the Annual Dairy Festival on Saturday, June 4<sup>th</sup>.

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

Councilwoman Doster advised a Zoning and Ordinance Committee meeting is scheduled for Thursday at 1pm.

Councilwoman Stokes advised Council received an invitation from the Eatonton Tree Board to attend an Appreciation Lunch honoring the City of Eatonton, City work crew, the Gas crew and the Georgia Forestry Commission on Friday June 10<sup>th</sup> at 12 noon. Stokes advised the next GICH meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 15<sup>th</sup> at the Hut.

Councilman Hall advised Chief Lawrence that our thoughts and prayers will be with him when he under goes surgery. Hall advised a Public Safety Committee is scheduled for Thursday, June 9<sup>th</sup> at 12 noon.

City Administrator Dan Elmore advised construction on the new gas line north to the lake is moving along well. The construction is on schedule. Contractor is up almost to Dance Road. There is a change order to cross a stream and get close to Wesley Chapel Road in the works. The next bid notice should be in next Thursday's paper. It will go to Brer Bear Road with an alternate price add on to go all the way to County line at the lake.

The Bid for the 2010 CDBG road, curb, gutter and drainage project will be in the paper this week. The work will be from Oconee at Sumter all the way past MLK and the south sides of Grand and Putnam Avenues.

The FY 2011 cleanup amendment will be presented at the next council meeting.

The bid to rebuild Merchant's Way has attracted a lot of engineering interest. We will need a Street Committee meeting to go over the engineer response and select or interview potential engineers.

Elmore advised the City of Eatonton did not receive consideration for TE Grant application submitted this year; he requested an evaluation of the application but have not received it from the DOT.

Elmore advised negotiation on LOST should begin the week after the 4<sup>th</sup> of July.

Motion was made by Walker and seconded by Stokes to adjourn. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

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John Reid, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Sarah E. Abrams, City Clerk