

City of Eatonton Council Meeting Tuesday, September 1, 2009 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
Attorney Chris Huskins
City Administrator, Dan Elmore

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

Councilman Chip Walker gave the invocation.

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

Motion was made by Doster and seconded by Gorley to approve the consent agenda to include: Annie Denham –Code Violation. Motion carried by a unanimous vote of 7-0.

Administrator Elmore read the Rules for Public Comment.

Mrs. Annie Denham asked if any progress been made toward addressing her issues on code violation at 124 Redbud Drive. Elmore informed Mrs. Denham that Diane Veal the City Marshal was in school this week and when Veal returns to work she would contact her with an updated report.

Motion was made by Gorley and seconded by Stokes to approve Family Connection request to use the old Gas Building at 102 East Harris Street to house Family Connection Office and the Food Pantry with a 1 year lease, giving the City the option to renew each year for \$1.00. Motion carried by a vote of 6-0. Councilman Butts abstained.

Motion was made by Hall and seconded by Hudson to approve request made by General Putnam Shrine Club to collect donations for the Shriner's Hospital for children, at the corner of Sumter Street and Jefferson Avenue from 1 p.m. until 6 p.m. on Friday, September 11, 2009. Motion carried by a unanimous vote of 7-0.

Motion was made by Walker and seconded by Gorley to approve the Special Encroachment contract with Georgia Department of Transportation for Sherwood Avenue landscaping on State Route 24 /U.S.441-at Milepost 14.49 for beautification and authorize the Mayor to sign. Motion carried by a unanimous vote of 7-0.

Gorley advised there is a gateway grant that the City could apply for that would help with beautification projects. Elmore advised that the Tree Board is looking into this grant.

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

Councilman Gorley requested the following signs be put at the entrance of B & W Subdivision which is located off Oconee Spring Road: Children at play and a speed limit sign. Gorley advised that Gregory Contracting has completed the Imperial Lakeview Road project at the mill village.

Councilwoman Doster advised that Mr. Jimmy Marshall, the Chairman of the Downtown Development Authority resigned.

Councilman Butts reminded Council of an invitation to attend the Old School History Museum Reception and Opening of the exhibition Farm Life: A Century of Change for Farm Families and their Neighbors at the Plaza on Wednesday, September 2, at 2 p.m.

Mayor Reid requested Council look into doing more recycling. Elmore advised he would look for vendors that recycle plastic and glass, currently we have a vendor that takes cardboard and auto tires.

Councilwoman Stokes advised the Mayor's Ball is scheduled for Saturday, October 24, 2009, the proceeds will benefit the 2009 Mayor's Christmas Motorcade, which provides holiday gifts for the patients of Georgia's mental health and retardation hospitals.

Councilman Jim Hall advised the Fire Department received a Fire Grant, which will be used to hire full time firemen. The Fire Chief will be working on getting the building ready for the fireman. Mayor Reid advised this grant could help to lower house insurance.

Elmore advised a draft copy of the Regionally Important Resources Plan for Middle Georgia is at each Council member seat. DOT will activate the traffic light on SR 16/ (Sumter Street) at Putnam Avenue on Thursday, September 3 rd. at 10 a.m. to flash mode; September 8 th full operation if weather permitting. Elmore advised that the handout at each Council member seat was for information purposes only.

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

John Reid, Mayor

ATTEST:

Sarah E. Abrams, City Clerk