

City of Eatonton Council Meeting, Tuesday, September 2, 2008 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
(Absent) Councilwoman Teresa Doster
Councilman James Gorley
Councilman Powell Griffith, III
Councilman Jim Hall, Jr.
Councilwoman Alma Stokes
City Attorney Chris Huskins
City Administrator, Dan Elmore

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

Councilman James Hall, Jr. gave the invocation.

Motion was made by Hall and seconded by Stokes to approve the minutes from August 18, 2008 Council meeting. Motion carried by a unanimous vote of 6-0.

Motion was made by Griffith and seconded by Gorley to approve the consent agenda, which includes Mothers Against Crime - Neighborhood Drugs. Motion carried by a unanimous vote of 6-0.

Mrs. Georgia Smith talked to Council about drug traffic on Mulberry Street; she requested Council do something about her neighborhood's drug problem. Mayor Reid asked Police Chief Kent Lawrence to check on Mrs. Smith's request. Chief Lawrence advised Council he would get in contact with the Ocmulgee Drug Task Force.

Old Business

Motion was made by Hall and seconded by Stokes to approve Occupational Tax Certificate for alcohol by the drink requested by Hobert Ralston d/b/a as Hwy Club 16, located at 799 Monticello Road, Eatonton, GA. Motion carried by a unanimous vote of 6-0.

Motion was made by Griffith and seconded by Gorley to approve the reappointment of **Jerry Gregory** to the **Eatonton-Putnam Water and Sewer Authority Board**. Motion carried by a unanimous vote of 6-0.

New Business

Motion was made by Hall and seconded by Butts to adopt the **Resolution** approving amendments to the **Gas Supply Contract and Gas Portfolio III Project Supplemental**

Contract between the City of Eatonton and the Municipal Gas Authority of Georgia, and authorize Mayor Reid to sign. Motion carried by a unanimous vote of 6-0.

Motion was made by Stokes and seconded by Griffith to approve the contract between the City of Eatonton and **Eatonton- Putnam Chamber of Commerce** for budget year 2008-2009 for tourism promotion and authorize Mayor Reid to sign. Motion carried by a unanimous vote of 6-0.

Motion was made by Gorley and seconded by Butts to approve Resolution to apply for a seconded round of funding of the **Community Home Investment Program (CHIP)** Grant and authorize Mayor Reid to sign all necessary documents. Motion carried by a unanimous vote of 6-0.

Committee Reports

Motion was made by Walker and seconded by Griffith to pay bills if and when funds become available. Motion carried by a unanimous vote of 6-0.

Councilman Hall asked about the seniors safety check program that council approved last year. Administrator Elmore said he would check on it.

Councilman Gorley advised that we are waiting on LARP paving from last year. This year we have put South Madison Avenue, Forrest Street and Imperial Street on the list. Gorley asked administrator Elmore to check on street's signs that are removed and get them replaced.

Councilman Gorley requested City Administrator Elmore have streetlights on Madelyn Street checked by Tri- County EMC.

Councilwoman Stokes thanked Mayor, Council and the community for their support on Friday, August 29, for participating in the celebration held for Vince Hancock. Stokes advised that the following events are planned for the City's Bicentennial: The fourth annual Mayor John Reid Benefit Ball, September 13, at Rock Eagle 4-H Center and Eatonton Has Talent for youth ages 8-18, Friday, September 19, at the Plaza. Stokes asked for the community support in making Eatonton's Bicentennial events a big celebration. Also Stokes advised the Bicentennial Committee would meet on Thursday, September 4th, at City Hall.

Councilman Griffith expressed words of thanks on behalf of the Hancock family for the celebration held in honor of their son, Vince Hancock for his accomplishments in winning the Gold at the Olympics in skeet shooting.

Administrator Elmore reported to Council he met with Better Home Bureau on the City Hall Project. They will be erecting scaffolding around City Hall next week in order to repair and repaint the exterior.

Elmore advised he would meet with Gas Pipeline Engineer on Thursday to discuss the proposed gas line extension into north Putnam County.

Elmore advised Councilwoman Stokes her banner she requested for the bicentennial celebration is displayed on the wall of council chambers.

There being no further business, motion was made by Walker and seconded by Griffith to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried by a unanimous vote of 6-0.

John Reid, Mayor

ATTEST:

Sarah E. Abrams, City Clerk