

City of Eatonton Council Meeting Tuesday, January 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.  
(Absent) Councilman Alvin Butts  
(Absent) Councilwoman Teresa Doster  
Councilman James Gorley  
Councilman Jim Hall, Jr.  
Councilman Derek Hudson  
Councilwoman Alma Stokes  
City Attorney Chris Huskins  
City Administrator, Dan Elmore

Judge Hugh D. Ridgway gave oath of office to Council members James Gorley, Derek Hudson and Alma Stokes.

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

Mayor Reid gave the invocation.

Motion was made by Hall and seconded by Gorley to approve the minutes of the last meeting. Motion carried by a unanimous vote of 5-0.

No one signed in to address Council.

Motion was made by Walker and seconded by Stokes to hear from Frank and Alysia Foster Consultant firm Centre for Strategic Management. Motion carried by a unanimous vote of 5-0.

Mrs. Alysia Foster talked to Council about kicking off the strategic planning session on Wednesday at the Hut. This session should run from noon until 5 p.m. Mrs. Foster introduced Stuart Smith as a member of their team. The team will set plans and direction for the City of Eatonton for the next three years. The team will be meeting every other week from now through the month of May.

The City of Eatonton Core Strategic Planning Team members are: Council members Alma Stokes and Teresa Doster, Better Hometown Program Katy Smith, Retail Business owners Delacy Leverett and Buddy Nolan, Fire Chief Steve Reid, Police Chief Kent Lawrence, Eatonton Public Works Superintendent Joe Hawkins, and City Administrator Dan Elmore.

Motion was made by Stokes and seconded by Walker to approve Resolution to apply for a grant to help repair the Imperial Mill sewer pump station on the contingency that the

Water Sewer Authority accepts the City's efforts and authorized the Mayor to sign.  
Motion carried by a unanimous vote of 5-0.

Motion was made by Gorley and seconded by Hall to accept the bid of \$77,900.00 submitted by Skyline to repair the roof on the Police /Fire Department Building.  
Motion carried by a unanimous vote of 5-0.

Other bids submitted: Hadden \$135,777.00 and Duck Back \$91,902.01

Motion was made by Hudson and seconded by Gorley that in observance of the Martin Luther King's Holiday the regular Council meeting scheduled for Monday, January 18<sup>th</sup> be changed to Tuesday, January 19<sup>th</sup>. Motion carried by a unanimous vote of 5-0.

Motion was made by Walker and seconded by Hall to pay bills if and when funds become available. Motion carried by a unanimous vote of 5-0.

Councilman Gorley talked about Council needing to look at some long term funding for storm water run off and road improvements on Oconee Street near Mrs. Jessie Pearl Henderson home. Because there is no ditch on her side of the road, rainwater is flooding her yard and the yards of her neighbors.

Councilwoman Stokes advised she received an invitation for Council to attend The Martin Luther King Day Breakfast on Saturday, January 16<sup>th</sup> at Putnam County Elementary School at 8:30 a.m.

Gorley advised an invitation has been extended to Council on behalf of the NAACP to participate in the Martin Luther King Day Parade on Monday, January 18<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 pm. and the Church Service at 4:00 p.m. at St, John A.M. E. Church.

City Administrator Elmore reported the demolition of the Wayne Street shed is underway. Depending on the weather the contractor will have it gone in about two weeks. This will clear the way for the parking lot grant we hope to receive that the Middle Georgia Regional Commission is preparing.  
Due to illness of a staff member in City Hall we are bringing in a temporary worker for accounts payable for the next few weeks.

Superintendent Cleveland Key fell and broke his arm in three places on Monday. He is expected to be out for a while.

The Planning Committee will meet tomorrow at noon in the Hut. All are welcome to attend. Currently we have two Council members on the Planning Committee.

The Street Department crew has been putting sand on streets due to several water leaks. The crew is also preparing for the bad weather, which is expected on Thursday.

Elmore advised Council that the September and October Budget Status Report is at each Council member seat.

Clerk Abrams gave Council members their Personal Financial Disclosure Report to be completed and returned to her.

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

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John Reid, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Sarah E. Abrams, City Clerk