

City of Eatonton Public Hearing on 2008-2009 Budget Amendment Tuesday, August 4, 2009 at 6:30 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
(Absent) Attorney Chris Huskins
City Administrator, Dan Elmore

Mayor John Reid called the Public Hearing to order at 6:30 p.m.

Administrator Elmore read the rules for public comments.

No one signed in to address the 2008-2009 Budget Amendment.

Administrator Elmore advised Council that the \$11,000.00 budget amendment increase is needed for the police golf cart from confiscated cash and for payments to Chamber from Hotel Motel Tax.

Councilman Walker advised that the Finance and Personnel Committee would meet on Wednesday, August 12th at 6:00 p.m.

Mayor Reid closed the Public Hearing on 2008-2009 Budget Amendment

Mayor Reid opened the Public Hearing on the 2009-2010 Budget at 6:45 p.m.

No one signed in to address the Council on the 2009-2010 Budget.

The total Budget presented was \$6,667,250. Council discussed budget items.

Mayor Reid closed the Public Hearing on the 2009-2010 Budget.

Mayor Reid called the City of Eatonton Regular Council Meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

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Pastor Ozzie Hanson of the Lifeline Bible Church of Eatonton gave the invocation.

Motion was made by Stokes and seconded by Butts to approve the minutes of the last meeting. Motion carried by a vote of 6-0. Hall abstained due to not being present at the last meeting.

Motion was made by Doster and seconded by Stokes to approve the consent agenda to include: Emergency Management and Beatrice Grant- Oconee Street Problem. Motion carried by a unanimous vote of 7-0.

Ms. Beatrice Grant talked to Council about poor storm water drainage on Oconee Street. Grant asked if the City could apply for a grant to help fix the problem. Mayor Reid advised Ms. Grant that the City had applied for a CDBG Grant to assist with repairing parts of Oconee Street, Grand Avenue and Putnam Avenue.

Motion was made by Walker and seconded by Hall to approve beer and wine license requested made by Anil Patel for Shree Jogmaya Inc. d/b/a Discount Tobacco, at 124 North Jefferson Avenue. Motion carried by a unanimous vote of 7-0.

Motion was made by Walker and seconded by Hudson to appoint City Clerk Sarah Abrams as the Election Superintendent and Barbara Trubey Jackson as the alternate for the November 3rd, General Election. Motion carried by a vote of 6-0. Gorley abstained.

Motion was made by Hall and seconded by Stokes to add Election Voting Machines to the agenda. Motion carried by a unanimous vote of 7-0.
Putnam County Board of Elections member Melvin Bishop stated that the Board of Elections plans to enter into a contract agreement with the City for the use of the voting machines, but no other decision has been made at this time.

Motion was made by Gorley and seconded by Butts to appoint Lethonia Bennekin to serve as the Absentee Ballot Clerk for the City of Eatonton November 3rd, General Election. Motion carried by a unanimous vote of 7-0.

Motion was made by Doster and seconded by Gorley to approve the **DOT contract CSSTP-0007-00 (020), P.I. No 0007020 CS 540/Rock Lane Road @CSX#733038W** and authorize Mayor Reid to sign. Motion carried by a unanimous vote of 7-0.

Council discussed Putnam County Board of Commissioners terminating the Emergency Management contract with the City of Eatonton. Council asked the City Attorney to look into the City and County being without emergency protection for six months until the Putnam County Sheriff Department can get personnel certified, and if in the event of a disaster would we be eligible to receive state and federal funding. Mayor Reid advised that the City has thirty days to make a decision.

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 7-0.

Councilman Gorley requested Council provide streets that needed paving for the LARP list. Elmore advised Gorley that the LARP list was submitted to DOT last week, and the following streets were submitted for paving: North Forrest Street, Imperial Street, Main Drive and two blocks of Madison Avenue.

Councilwoman Doster requested Council members submit list of names to serve on the Downtown Development Authority.

Councilman Hudson requested feedback on meeting held concerning Eatonton Putnam Water Authority. Mayor Reid advised he has been working closely with Carl Stollenmeyer and looking over the rates to see if they can be lowered. However USDA Rural Development would not entertain a third party managing the system at this time.

Councilwoman Stokes thanked the City, Merchants of Eatonton and Better Hometown for putting up the cauldrons.

Councilman Hall reported that the fire hydrants have not been checked for two years due to water ban, but the fire department are checking the hydrants now. Hall also reported that the City is looking at another grant for the fire department.

Administrator Elmore reported Cummings Site Prep has completed work at the Uncle Remus Museum to replace the culvert. Gregory Bridge will begin work on the street at the millpond this week.

Elmore advised he would be on vacation Wednesday, Thursday and Friday of this week.

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

John Reid, Mayor

ATTEST:

Sarah E. Abrams, City Clerk