

City of Eatonton Council Meeting Tuesday, July 14, 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 Alvin Butts gave the invocation.

Motion was made by Hall 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 Butts to approve the consent agenda to include: William Dabbs - Concerned Citizen, Cornelius Ritchie & Richard Zeller – Evangelistic Outreach. Motion carried by a unanimous vote of 7-0.

Mr. William Dabbs addressed Council about an article he read in the Eatonton Messenger about four weeks ago concerning EPWSA selling the water system. Dabbs requested the City of Eatonton keep the water and use SPLOST to payoff the debts. Dabbs stated that people on fixed income are suffering from high water and sewer bills.

Mayor Reid read Rules For Public Comments.

Dr. Richard Zeller and Cornelius Ritchie of the Eatonton Pentecostal Holiness Church addressed Council concerning holding Revivals Services on the Eatonton Housing Authority property. Zeller stated they have a church outside the City of Eatonton on Hwy 441 South and wanted to continue to be a blessing to all the people in the Eatonton by presenting the Gospel and bringing hope to the people. Zeller requested Council allow his ministries to use a small PA System at services because a copy of the police report listed one noise complaint call in from Hillside Apartment.

Agenda item #A Proposal to form a 2010 Census Complete Count Committee partnership with the Family Connection Collaborative-Al Parker was postponed

Motion was made by Doster and seconded by Hall to approve picketing permit requested by Ron Scott within the corporate limits of the City of Eatonton for the purpose of CWA

local 3205 picketing at 114 East Marion Street. Motion carried by a vote of 6-0.
Councilwoman Stokes abstained.

Motion was made by Hall and seconded by Butts to advertise license requested by Anil Patel d/b/a Discount Tobacco to sell beer and wine at 124 North Jefferson Avenue.
Motion carried by a unanimous vote of 7-0.

Mrs. Sandra Rosseter addressed Council concerning Agriculture Awareness Day, which will be held on Saturday, September 12, 2009 at the Plaza Arts Center. Mrs. Rosseter requested Council give permission to use Madison Avenue to park tractors on the street, use the side of the Plaza for a farm animal Petting Zoo, and the back for Cow Patty Bingo. Motion was made by Gorley and seconded by Hudson to approve requests made by Sandra Rosseter, director of Old School History Museum to use the City's property for Agriculture Awareness Day. Motion carried by a unanimous vote of 7-0.

Council discussed speed breakers on City streets. Council recommended that the police give citations to speeders and not install breakers.
Motion was made by Hall and seconded by Walker to make a policy concerning speed breakers on City streets.

Mr. Frank and Alysia Foster of The Centre for Strategic Management addressed Council concerning solidifying the 3-Year Strategic Plan, the total project \$30,000. Council deferred the Strategic Management Plan to Finance and Personnel Committee.

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.

Motion was made by Gorley and seconded by Doster to add Imperial Lakeview Street and Uncle Remus Museum drainage to the agenda. Motion carried by a unanimous vote of 7-0.

Motion was made by Gorley and seconded by Hudson to accept the bid of \$13,500.00 submitted by Gregory Bridge Company to repair Imperial Lakeview Street and the bid of \$13,240.00 submitted by Cummings Site Development to repair Uncle Remus Museum drainage. Motion carried by a unanimous vote of 7-0.

Motion was made by Gorley and seconded by Walker to add NatureChem service agreement spraying of reed cane in Pine Grove Cemetery to the agenda. Motion carried by a unanimous vote of 7-0.

Motion was made by Gorley and seconded by Butts to approve NatureChem service agreement in the amount of \$1,200.00 to spray the Pine Grove Cemetery reed cane. Motion carried by a unanimous vote of 7-0.

Councilwoman Doster advised that she would present Economic Development map of at next meeting.

Councilwoman Stokes presented Mayor Reid with a picture of his swearing in as the third vice president of GMA in Savannah.

City Administrator Elmore reported that the new Street Department Supervisor is Jody Hawkins. He is on his second week of work and you should see some improvement in the conditions of the streets.

The City crew repaired the culvert and roadbed on Crestview Drive and is working on Winchester Drive laying the foundation for the head wall; the street is open for through traffic. Paving is underway on Hwy 16 from the hospital into town.

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

John Reid, Mayor

ATTEST:

Sarah E. Abrams, City Clerk