

City of Eatonton Council Meeting Monday, July 20, 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  
(Absent) 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.

Councilwoman Teresa Doster gave the invocation.

Motion was made by Hudson and seconded by Stokes to approve the minutes of the last meeting. Motion carried by a unanimous vote of 6-0.

Motion was made by Gorley and seconded by Butts to approve the consent agenda to include: Annie Denham-Code Violation, 124 Redbud Drive, and Katy Smith – Better Hometown. Motion carried by a unanimous vote of 6-0.

City Administrator Elmore read the rules for public comments at the Council meeting.

Ms. Annie Denham addressed Council concerning a code violation at 124 Redbud Street. Ms. Denham requested Council look into her neighbor's storage house sitting on the property line. Mayor Reid advised Ms. Denham that her request would be turned over to the City Administrator and City Marshal. Mayor Reid also asked City Attorney Chris Huskins to look into her request and see what can be done.

Ms. Katy Smith of Better Hometown reported that the Cauldrons were delivered today, and should be installed by the City on tomorrow. Ms. Smith thanked the City for helping to make this project possible.

Mayor Reid discussed the 2010 Census. Mayor Reid advised you can have complete count committees, of county, city and community organizations, you can never do enough to make the community aware of the importance of the census.

Motion was made by Butts and seconded by Gorley to approve the Complete Census Count Committee 2010 Resolution and authorize Mayor Reid to sign. Motion carried by a unanimous vote of 6-0.

Motion was made by Walker and seconded by Hudson to approve the Resolution by the City of Eatonton to Express the Sense of the Council Regarding Speed Breakers on City Streets, and authorize Mayor Reid to sign. Motion carried by a unanimous vote of 6-0.

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

Councilman Butts advised his committee would meet at City Hall on Tuesday, at 12 O'clock.

Mayor Reid advised Councilman Gorley that information concerning LARP is here and it is time to work on this again.

Councilwoman Doster advised Council that some positions would be coming open on the Downtown Development Authority Board and she requested Council submit names to fill these positions.

Mayor Reid advised that the Middle Georgia Regional Development Center changed to the Middle Georgia Regional Commission on July 1<sup>st</sup>. The Board had 60 members, but 22 would have to be removed, however the Governor, Lt. Governor and Speaker have made appointments with some being reappointed as non voting members.

City Administrator Elmore reported work has begun at the Uncle Remus Museum Park to replace the culvert; the contractor is Cummings Site Prep. Work on the street at the millpond should begin this week by Gregory Bridge.

Elmore advised the City is back at Winchester Drive installing the head wall to channel stream and storm water through the culvert installed. The discharge wall will be built when this wall is complete.

Elmore advised he would be out on Friday and Monday.

Attorney Huskins advised he has been in contact with the Assistant Attorney General's office concerning SPLOST and he requested they hold off on rendering an opinion. Also Huskins stated he is looking at revising the City Ordinance on Parade Permits.

Mayor Reid advised, Councilman Hall requested that the Mayor speak at the County Commission meeting on Tuesday at 7p.m. concerning the City usage of voting machines. The Mayor requested that Council members attend.

Gorley asked the status on the installation of fire hydrants on New Street and Alice Walker Drive. Elmore advised that Water Superintendent Ezzard would get to it as soon as possible.

Elmore advised that Hwy 16 East did not meet DOT specifications and has been cut and the sidewalk is being moved back because the plan requires three 12 ft wide lanes and the contractor installed two 12 ft wide lanes and one 9ft wide lane.

Motion was made by Stokes and seconded by Gorley to adjourn. Motion carried by a unanimous vote of 6-0.

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John Reid, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Sarah E. Abrams, City Clerk