

City of Eatonton Council Meeting Tuesday, June 2, 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 Derek Hudson gave the invocation.

Motion was made by Stokes and seconded by Butts to approve the minutes of the last Council meeting held May 18, 2009. Motion carried by a unanimous vote of 7-0.

Motion was made by Walker and seconded by Doster to approve the consent agenda to include Attorney Chris Huskins – Land Acquisition, Shrine Club – Collection of Donation, and Putnam Masonic Lodge #170 - Special Event Pouring License. Motion carried by a unanimous vote of 7-0.

Motion was made by Doster and seconded by Hall to approve the request made by Adams Smith d/b/a Hannah's for a beer and wine license at 114 North Jefferson Avenue. Motion carried by a unanimous vote of 7-0.

Motion was made by Hall and seconded by Gorley to allow the Shrine's Club to solicit donations on Saturday, June 27th from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. Motion carried by a unanimous vote of 7-0.

Motion was made by Hall and seconded by Hudson to approve Putnam Masonic Lodge #170 Special Event Pouring License for Saturday, June 6th 2009. Motion carried by a vote of 6-1, Gorley abstained.

City Administrator Elmore presented the City of Eatonton Proposed Budget for 2009-2010. Elmore asked Council members to review the budget and submit changes. A Public Hearing for the budget will be held the first meeting in August.

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.

Councilwoman Stokes advised Council she received an invitation from Putnam County Development Authority and the Eatonton – Putnam Chamber of Commerce requesting Council, staff and leaders of the community participate in a Community workshop meeting on Tuesday, June 30th at 8:30 a.m. at the Plaza. The Speaker for this session will be Julian Ciotta of Motivations Communications Associates.

Stokes wished everyone a safe Dairy Festival on Saturday, June 6th.

Councilman Hall advised he met with Police Chief Lawrence about changing the time for the Fall Festival planned for Saturday, October 31. Hall also stated that the Police Department purchased a golf cart with drug funds.

City Administrator Elmore advised a copy of the April Budget Report is at each Council member seat and he would have the clean-up budget adjustments for the year to present by the first meeting in July.

Elmore advised he is interviewing for the Street Department Supervisor's position. He received total of 24 applications and he would be interviewing 10. Should conclude the interviews this week.

Elmore advised that the City's Street Department has been working to make the town look presentable for the Dairy Festival on Saturday.

Elmore advised the Youth Employment Program started this week. The Middle Georgia Consortium has provided us with about a dozen workers ranging in age from 17 to 21. This year the program provides for a 40 hour work week and will last until school starts for those still in school or through September otherwise. Leon Welch, a current employee will be their supervisor unless they are assigned to City Hall.

City Attorney Chris Huskins expressed words of gratitude to the City officials and staff for cleaning up a tree that fell across Madison Avenue.

Attorney Huskins requested Council give Mayor Reid the authority to sign paper work on the Willie Bailey Street Drainage Project to condemn 6 parcels of land.

Motion was made by Hall and seconded by Stokes to authorize the Mayor to sign condemnation papers on six parcels of land (Map E005 parcel #358, #361, #362, #384, #391, and #392) on Willie Bailey Street Drainage Project. Motion carried by a unanimous vote of 7-0.

Clerk Abrams reminded Council members that their Campaign Contribution Report would be due after June 30th.

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

John Reid, Mayor

ATTEST:

Sarah E. Abrams, City Clerk