

City of Eatonton
Thursday, January 22, 2009
6:55 p.m.

Judge Dave Ridgeway swore in newly elected Councilman Joseph Derek Hudson, who will represent Ward 1.

City of Eatonton Council Meeting Thursday, January 22, 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 Joseph 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 Chip Walker gave the invocation.

Mayor John Reid welcomed newly elected Joseph Derek Hudson to the City of Eatonton Board of Council.

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

Motion was made by Doster and seconded by Gorley to approve the consent agenda to include the following persons and Committees assignments: Shelagh Fagan – Better Home Town update, Lynn Hendren -Historical Preservation Ordinance and Committees assignment chart. Motion carried by unanimous vote of 6-0.

Ms. Shelagh Fagan advised Council, that the person that was hired by the Better Home town Board worked for two weeks and then decided to accept a position in Milledgeville. Therefore Better Hometown is without a Program Director. Putnam County has included \$5000.00 in their FY 2009 Budget for Better Hometown.

Mayor Reid submitted to Council members the 2009 Council Committee Structure Chart. The new chart was implemented to include the newly elected Council member.

New Business

Ms Lynn Hendren addressed Council concerning Historical Preservation and she read a letter she had written to the First United Methodist Church Board asking them to consider not pulling out of the Historical District. Mayor Reid advised Mrs. Hendern that no decision would be made at this meeting tonight concerning the Methodist Church request to remove them from the Historical District.

Motion was made by Doster and seconded by Walker to adopt language changes to Historical Preservation Ordinance. Motion carried 6-0.

Councilman Gorley suggested the City flag, which was designed by Mr. Eddie McLeroy, a local citizen and approved by the City Council, be given an official Retirement Ceremony since it was the first flag adopted by the City of Eatonton, if the Council was going to adopt a new logo for the City's flag and seal.

Motion was made by Walker and seconded by Butts to adopt the **Resolution by the City of Eatonton, Georgia to adopt an Official City Logo and Seal and for other purposes** and authorize Mayor Reid to sign. Motion carried by a unanimous vote 6-0.

Motion was made by Gorley and seconded by Doster to adopt the **Resolution by the City of Eatonton, Georgia to request Continuation of the Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax Distribution to the City of Eatonton from Putnam County after its collection goal has been reached and for other purposes**, and authorize Mayor Reid to sign. Motion carried by a unanimous vote of 6-0.

Motion was made by Stokes and seconded by Walker to approve the request made by the Eatonton Pilot Club to hold the Annual Putnam County Dairy Festival and Parade. Motion carried by a unanimous vote of 6-0.

Committee Reports

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 6-0.

Councilman Gorley advised that Forrest Street and Madelyn Avenue were paved this week. Gorley asked the status of the security cameras for City Hall. City Administrator Elmore advised Gorley that Dan Slaughter commenced installation of the cameras today.

Councilman Butts advised that the Zoning Committee met last Friday and he wished to express words of thanks to the City Attorney and City Administrator for their presence and help at the meeting.

Council members welcomed Joseph Derek Hudson to the City of Eatonton Board of Council and Councilman Hudson stated that he is looking forward to working with Mayor and Council.

City Administrator Elmore reported to Council that trees for the Tree Board came in and we will start planting maybe next week after we get the utilities located. City crews will be working on two drainage issues, one is on the shoulder of Gholston Road, and the other is on Winchester Drive where the road has collapsed. We have one leaf machine back running again and the other should be back in service tomorrow, so we are asking our citizens to continue to bear with us.

Clerk Abrams advised Council that GMA is offering Spring Training on April first at the Rainwater Conference Center, located in Valdosta, Georgia for Elected Officials and City Clerks. An application for the conference is included with your papers. A copy of the Call for the November General Municipal Election and a copy of the 2009 Calendar of Election events are also at each of your seats.

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

John Reid, Mayor

ATTEST:

Sarah E. Abrams, City Clerk