City of Eatonton Council Meeting
Tuesday, March 3, 2015 at 7:00 pm
Eatonton City Hall, 201 North Jefferson Avenue, Eatonton, Georgia 31024

Elected Officials Present:
  Mayor John Reid  
  Councilman Alvin Butts  
  Councilwoman Teresa Doster  
  Councilman James A. Gorley  
  Councilman Charles R. Haley  
  Councilman William Mangum, Jr.  
  Councilwoman Alma Stokes

Council Members Absent:
  Councilman Chip Walker, Jr.

Staff Members Present:
  City Administrator, Gary Sanders  
  City Attorney, Christopher Huskins  
  City Clerk, Sarah Abrams  
  Police Chief William K. Lawrence

Mayor John Reid called the Council meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.
Mayor John Reid called for a Moment of Silence for the Invocation.

Motion was made by Doster and seconded by Stokes to adopt the minutes from last Council meeting with any necessary corrections. Motion carried by a vote of 5-0. Councilman Charles Haley abstained.

Public Comments: None

Old Business:

New Business:
Liquor by the Drink, Beer, and Wine Pouring License – Miguel Angel Coronel d/b/a Café 441, 100 Sara Lee Drive, Eatonton, GA Attachment #2
Motion was made by Doster, seconded by Stokes to approve Liquor by the Drink, Beer and Wine Pouring License requested by Miguel Angel Coronel D/B/A Café 441, 100 Sara Lee Drive, Eatonton, GA. Motion carried by a unanimous vote of 6-0.
Liquor by the Drink, Beer and Wine Pouring License – Edward Hudson of EDH E&L Enterprises, LLC d/b/a Xscape, 106 Oconee Street, Eatonton, GA  

Attachment #3  
Motion was made by Doster and seconded by Gorley to table request for Liquor by the Drink, Beer and Wine Pouring License requested by Edward Hudson of EDH E&L Enterprise, LLC D/B/A Xscape at 106 Oconee Street, Eatonton, GA until the next meeting to give the City Attorney an opportunity to study the State’s restrictions on the sale of alcohol on premises information provided by Planning and Development. 
Motion carried by a unanimous vote of 6-0.

Mr. Lynward Lindsey from Georgia Power advised he was making himself available to answer any questions from Council. Mr. Lindsey said in reference to the closing of the power plant all the employees will have a job. The shut down will take place in 2-3 weeks, and the demolishing bidding has started. Mr. Lindsey advised Georgia Power will be changing out /converting all government street lights to LED. Also Mr. Lindsey advised submitting the Georgia Power Franchise check for $270,200.33 on Thursday, February 26 to Mayor Reid.

 Proposed Resolution to Authorize Mayor to Sign a Contract for Engineering Services required of the 2015 Community Development Block Grant with Carter and Sloope.  
Attachment #4  
Motions was made by Haley and seconded by Gorley to adopt the Resolution and authorize Mayor Reid to engage Carter and Sloope for engineering services required for the 2015 Community Development Block Grant issued by the Georgia Department of Community Affairs after such a time the City of Eatonton has been deemed a grant recipient. The Mayor is authorized to sign contracts and such supporting and collateral material as shall be necessary and required by the Georgia Department of Community Affairs.  Motion carried by a unanimous vote of 6-0.

Proposed Resolution to apply for a Local Maintenance and Improvement Grant  
Attachment #5  
Motion was made by Haley and seconded by Gorley to adopt the proposed Resolution and authorize Mayor Reid to sign letters, applications and such supporting and collateral material as shall be necessary for the proper application and administration of the Local Maintenance and Improvement Grant (LMIG) from Georgia Department of Transportation. Such LMIG funding will be used as matching funds for the 2015 CDBG Project provided that the City of Eatonton is deemed a grant recipient. Motion carried by a unanimous vote of 6-0.

Committees Reports  

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

Councilman Butts discussed complaints received from citizens on the number of times they are called in reference to the Public Awareness Gas Survey. Administrator Sanders advised he would talk to the contractor who is providing this service about the number of times a person is called; this is automation.
Councilman Haley asked when the T. E. Project on the sidewalks starts. Mayor Reid advised we should receive a let date in July and possibly start construction in 2016.

Councilman Gorley advised the ISO inspection is next Tuesday, March 10, 2015. Gorley also advised it is also time to apply for the Firefighters Grant, but the grant can only be used to pay for laid off or subject to be laid off firefighters. Firefighters would need a notice by July 4th. Currently the firefighters are budgeted for the year. Gorley advised the Chief is doing a good job.

City Administrator Sanders reported to Council:
Pay request #1 for the striping grant project was submitted to Georgia DOT on Monday, March 2, 2015. This was done to establish an initial drawdown on the Federal funding. Crews have been delayed by weather; but, we expect them back soon.

A Public Hearing on the 2015 CDBG application will be held at City Hall this Wednesday, March 4 at 12:00 PM.

I will be attending the Municipal Gas Authority’s Spring Regional meeting in Perry on Monday, March 9. It is scheduled for 9:00 AM-1:00 PM.

ISO Field Rep Michael Stokes will be at the Fire Department on Tuesday, March 10 to conduct the ISO rating review. A report should be ready 30-45 days after the visit. The Mayor and Council have been making preparations for this over the years and we expect it to pay off in the form of a reduced ISO rating and reduced insurance premiums for the City residents.

We will be advertising the Accounts Payable position again, which became vacant on Wednesday, February 25. Applications will be accepted until 5:00 PM on March 20. Interviews will be scheduled for the following week

City Attorney Huskins advised not having any new legal updates for the Council.

Clerk Abrams agreed that the Accounts Payable Clerk position should be advertised.

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

John Reid, Mayor

ATTEST:

Sarah E. Abrams, City Clerk