

**CITY OF ETON, GEORGIA
CALLED COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
MARCH 21, 2023**

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The Eton Council met March 21, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. with Mayor Cantrell presiding.

Council Members Present: Anthony Ridley, Traci Rankin, Jim Bartley, and Joan Dooley
Staff Present: Kim Hall, City Clerk
Terry Miller, City Attorney

MAYOR'S REPORT

Following the Call to Order, Mayor Cantrell and the Council discussed Murray County Fire Services providing all fire and emergency services in Eton. The Council's first priority is the safety and welfare of Eton citizens. Murray County's fire stations are on average within 2 to 2.5 miles of all Eton areas. Ninety eight percent of the time there are two firefighters on duty at all times at the Murray County stations which enables them to immediately begin firefighting services upon arrival at a property. Economically, Murray County has an ISO rating of 4 which would include Eton if Murray County provides fire services in Eton. This 4 rating would allow present homeowners' property insurance rates to stay approximately the same. Murray County is expecting their ISO rating to decrease in the near future and that would translate to additional savings in insurance rates for Eton citizens.

Also discussed, if Eton contracts with Murray County Fire Services, Advent Health would like to locate their ambulance and emergency services to the Eton fire building. Advent Health would house two ambulance trucks in the Eton fire building at all times. The Mayor and Council discussed the extreme value of having ambulance services so near to Eton residents.

Council Member Bartley made the motion to enter into a contract with Murray County Fire Services to provide fire and emergency services to Eton, and to enter into a contract with Advent Health allowing the ambulance service to locate in the Eton fire building. Council Member Dooley seconded the motion, and the vote was 4 ayes and 0 nays.

In other business, a SPLOST referendum will appear on the Murray County ballot in November of 2023. If approved by the voters, Eton will receive 2% of the funding.

Eton, in partnership with the Michael's Group, has submitted a grant request in the amount of 3.78 million to the Georgia Economic Director, Pat Wilson. If awarded, these grant funds will be utilized for infrastructure improvements in Eton. United States Representative Marjorie Taylor Greene has agreed to relay her support of the grant to Mr. Pat Wilson.

BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR

None

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business for consideration, Council Member Dooley made the motion to adjourn at 6:50 p.m. Council Member Bartley seconded the motion, and all were in favor.