

**CITY OF ETON, GEORGIA
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 3, 2024**

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The Eton Council met September 3, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. with Mayor Cantrell presiding.

Council Members Present: Anthony Ridley, Traci Rankin, Zach Hall, and Joan Dooley
Staff Present: Kim Hall, City Clerk
Terry Miller, City Attorney
Todd Pasley, Police Chief
Seth Kirby, Public Works Director

CALL TO ORDER

Following the Call to Order by Mayor Cantrell, Council Member Rankin made the motion to accept the August 6, 2024, Council Meeting Minutes as submitted in writing by the Clerk. Council Member Dooley seconded the motion, and all were in favor.

NEW BUSINESS

ANNEXATION REQUEST - 819 Highway 286.....

Council Member Rankin made a motion to approve the annexation request submitted by Kenny and Staci Walraven for Parcel #46B-370, two acres, at 819 Highway 286. Upon second from Council Member Hall and a unanimous vote, the property was annexed into the corporate city limits of Eton.

2024 MILLAGE RATE.....

Council Member Dooley made the motion to set the Eton 2024 millage rate at 6.5. Council Member Rankin seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous in favor.

DALTON DISTILLERS - ALCOHOL LICENSE APPROVAL.....

Council Member Dooley made the motion to approve the alcohol license (distillery) for Dalton Distillers, LLC. Council Member Hall seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

ETON GENERAL STORE.....

Council Member Dooley made the motion to approve the alcohol license for the new owner of Eton General Store. Following a second by Council Member Hall, the vote was unanimous in favor.

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PROBATION SERVICES CONTRACT.....

Ms. Jeaney Baker, NGJS, is retiring and has sold her business to Dalton Probation Services. Council Member Dooley made the motion to approve the contract with Dalton Probation Services. Council Member Rankin seconded the motion, and all were in favor.

OLD BUSINESS

None

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Clerk Report.....

Budget Report given by Clerk Hall.

Police Report.....

Police report given by Chief Pasley as follows: 41 calls, 70 citations, 87 warnings, 7 arrests with 1 being drug related, 1 DUI, 4,909 miles patrolled, and \$13,060.23 fines assessed.

Street Report.....

Street report given by Director Kirby.

MAYOR'S REPORT

None

ATTORNEY'S REPORT

None

BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR

Mr. Roger Ensley explained a problem he is having on his property abutting the Eton Cemetery property. Contractors digging the gravesites are dumping the leftover dirt onto his property. He has attempted to address the problem himself over the last twenty years by strategic landscaping projects, signs, neon tape, etc. During the time when Eton removed a large dead tree and the road around Eton's section of the cemetery was closed, the dumping stopped. Now that the tree has been cleared and the road has re-opened the dumping continues. Mr. Ensley would like to be reimbursed for his expenses. Attorney Miller explained this was a dispute between the contractors and Mr. Ensley. Mayor Cantrell will contact Jerry Herndon with Peoples Funeral Home (owner of the lower section of the cemetery) and request that any leftover dirt be dumped on Eton's property at the closed portion of Hall Street and not on Mr. Ensley's property.

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BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR CONTINUED

Council Member Rankin witnessed two occasions when the landscaping rocks at the city's electronic sign have been dragged onto the First National Bank parking lot by commercial trucks making an illegal turn onto CCC Camp Road. She also watched a commercial truck make a turn onto Harris Street then 5th Avenue. She reported all these incidents to city hall. The Council agreed commercial truck traffic on CCC Camp Road in route to Huali Floors must stop. The newly paved road is already showing signs of wear from the commercial trucks. Council Member Rankin asked if a conversation with Huali Floor officers would help. Officer Pasley and Mayor Cantrell have spoken with human resources and other departments.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business for consideration, Council Member Dooley made the motion to adjourn at 7:40 p.m. Upon second from Council Member Ridley and a unanimous vote, the meeting was adjourned.

