

**CITY OF ETON, GEORGIA
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
MAY 2, 2023**

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The Eton Council met May 2, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. with Mayor Cantrell presiding.

Council Members Present: Anthony Ridley, Traci Rankin, and Jim Bartley

Staff Present: Kim Hall, City Clerk
Jason Connell, Asst. City Attorney
Seth Kirby, Public Works Director

CALL TO ORDER

Following the Call to Order by Mayor Cantrell, Council Member Bartley made the motion to accept the April 4, 2023, Council Meeting Minutes as submitted in writing by the Clerk. Council Member Ridley seconded the motion, and all were in favor.

NEW BUSINESS

None

OLD BUSINESS

None

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Clerk Report.....

Budget Report given by Clerk Hall.

Police Report.....

Full police report given by Clerk Hall as follows: 48 calls, 59 citations, 5 arrests with 1 being drug related, 4374 miles patrolled, and \$8,873.10 fines assessed.

Street Report.....

Street report given by Director Seth Kirby. Mr. Kirby reported the need to purchase a hedge trimmer, edger, and two good brooms and dustpans. The Mayor instructed Mr. Kirby to purchase the brooms/dustpans and to submit quotes for the equipment to Clerk Hall. The Mayor asked about the progress of storm drain repairs in Ridgecrest Subdivision. Mr. Kirby stated Mike Grant will complete the repairs but was unable to meet last week due to the rainy weather. Council Member Ridley advised Mr. Kirby that a man named Garcia could replace the cylinder on the backhoe.

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None

MAYOR'S REPORT

The Mayor provided an update on Chestnut Ridge. Several applications for grants have been submitted and several through NWGRDC and the Chamber are scheduled for submittal.

The Mayor informed Mr. Reimer, who was in attendance, that Seth Kirby was working with Murray County Road Department to replace the tile at the 1st Avenue railroad crossing. The tile will be 30 feet long which will allow 5 feet on each side. Guard rails will be installed, as well. Matt Sanford is scheduling a CSX flagman during repairs.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Attorney Connell reported the following: (1) The annexation legislative bill was not introduced by Representative Jason Ridley. (2) According to grant agreements, Eton is allowed to sell the fire engine. (3) Attorney Miller is preparing a letter with attached pictures of the old Beaulieu building to be sent to Mr. Bob Shaw.

BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR

Mr. Reimer stated he was informed construction on the bridge should begin in July. He has spoken to several residents in the area, and they would like the installation of a speed bump to slow traffic once the bridge is opened.

Mr. Reimer asked for an explanation of the annexation legislative bill previously discussed. Mayor Cantrell provided an explanation regarding freeport and franchise tax which initiated Eton's request for the annexation of portions of Highway 411.

Council Member Rankin asked Seth Kirby to address two issues: A stop sign at 3rd and Harris is unstable and bushes on the corner of 5th and Old Federal north are obstructing the view of drivers.

Council Member Bartley asked Seth Kirby to trim bushes on CCC Camp Road east of the post office.

ADJOURNMENT

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

