

**CITY OF ETON, GEORGIA
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
FEBRUARY 6, 2024**

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The Eton Council met February 6, 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 Dooley made the motion to accept the January 2, 2024, Council Meeting Minutes as submitted in writing by the Clerk. Council Member Rankin seconded the motion, and all were in favor.

OLD BUSINESS

Off Highway Vehicles Ordinance - Second Reading.....

Council Member Dooley made the motion to adopt Ordinance 2024-6, establishing guidelines for operating "Multipurpose off-highway vehicles" on Eton streets under certain conditions. Upon second from Council Member Hall and a unanimous vote, the Ordinance was adopted.

Cell Towers.....

Attorney Miller suggested amendments to Eton Ordinance 2019-10. A draft of amendments will be presented at the March 5th Council meeting.

Property Taxes - Due date.....

Attorney Miller researched the legalities of changing Eton's property tax due date. He will speak to GMA's general counsel and report the conversation to the Mayor at Council at the March 5th Council meeting and prepare an Ordinance to submit to the State Revenue Commission.

NEW BUSINESS

None

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DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Clerk Report.....

Budget Report given by Clerk Hall.

Police Report.....

Police report given by Chief Pasley as follows: 51 calls, 67 citations, 87 warnings, 6 arrests with 1 being drug related, 1 DUIs, 4831 miles patrolled, and \$11,730.15 fines assessed. Chief Pasley will list the 2013 Dodge Charger on gov deals next week. The Council instructed Chief Pasley to provide maintenance reports on the 2013 Chargers and to research a lease option for patrol vehicles.

Street Report.....

Street report given by Director Kirby.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Cantrell will meet with Commissioner Hogan on February 20th to discuss the 2024 TSPLOST referendum.

Mayor Cantrell, Attorney Miller, and Steve Richards will meet with Commissioner Hogan, and the Murray Country School Superintendent during the week of February 12th to discuss the drainage issues on the Eton Elementary school property.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT

None

BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR

Larry French advised the Council to research sales tax on leased patrol vehicles. He also asked about the square hole in the pavement on Brittany Court. Seth was waiting on Murray County's assistance to fill the hole with asphalt but will just fill the hole with concrete.

Council Member Ridley asked about the status of the infrastructure grant. Mayor Cantrell stated the State has not made a decision to date.

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BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR CONTINUED

Patti Martin asked if the Council had considered split-payments for property taxes with half due in December and the other half due at a later date. Mayor Cantrell explained Eton wanted to get away from December due dates if possible.

Terri Parks reported the stored cross ties at the First Avenue railroad crossing were blocking the north view. Mayor Cantrell stated the cross ties belong to CSX. Clerk Hall will send a letter asking that the cross ties be relocated. Ms. Parks also informed the Mayor and Council that her niece, Nicole Wilson, had published three books and they were available for purchase on Amazon.

Council Member Rankin asked that GDOT be contacted about the pothole on the bridge on Highway 411 in Eton.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business for consideration, Council Member Dooley made the motion to adjourn at 7:50 p.m. Upon second from Council Member Rankin and a unanimous vote, the meeting was adjourned.

