

**CITY OF ETON, GEORGIA
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 2, 2024**

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The Eton Council met January 2, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. with Mayor Cantrell presiding.

Council Members Present: Traci Rankin, Zach Hall, and Joan Dooley
Staff Present: Kim Hall, City Clerk
Media Patterson, Asst. 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 December 5, 2023, Council Meeting Minutes as submitted in writing by the Clerk. Council Member Dooley seconded the motion, and all were in favor.

OATH OF OFFICE

Attorney Miller administered the Oath of Office to newly elected Council Member Post 3, Zach Hall.

2024 APPOINTMENTS

Mayor Pro Tem:	Joan Dooley	Tree Board Chairman:	Jim Bartley
Judge Pro Tem:	Steve Hampton	Public Authority Seat 1:	OPEN
Attorney:	Terry Miller	DDA: Seat 6	Josh Blankenship
Auditor:	R.M. Dobbs	Seat 7	Billy Cantrell
City Clerk:	Kim Hall	Development Review:	Billy Cantrell
Police Chief:	Todd Pasley		Joan Dooley
Public Works Director:	Seth Kirby		Larry French

Council Member Dooley made the motion to approve the foregoing 2024 appointments. Upon second from Council Member Rankin and a unanimous vote, the motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Off Highway Vehicles Ordinance - First Reading.....

The Mayor and Council conducted the first reading of Ordinance 2024-1, establishing guidelines for operating "Multipurpose off-highway vehicles" on Eton streets under certain conditions.

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Cell Towers Ordinance.....

Attorney Miller will review Eton Ordinance 2019-10 regarding small cell towers and recommend any needed amendments.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Clerk Report.....

Budget Report given by Clerk Hall.

Police Report.....

Police report given by Chief Pasley as follows: 53 calls, 52 citations, 3 arrests with 2 being drug related, 0 DUIs, 4533 miles patrolled, and \$8,614.67 fines assessed. Chief Pasley and Director Kirby reported the truck route signs are in and will be installed this week or next.

Street Report.....

Street report given by Director Kirby.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mr. Rick Nixon recently submitted a request to close a portion of Hall Street. Following discussion, the Mayor asked for a motion and second to either keep this portion of Hall Street open or close it. No motion was heard therefore, Hall Street will remain open at this time.

The Mayor asked the Council to consider changing the deadline for property taxes from December 20th each year to the following year on February 20th. All feel this is a financial burden to Eton citizens during the holidays. Attorney Miller will research the legalities.

The Mayor and Council advised Clerk Hall to reserve a table at the annual Chamber Banquet.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Attorney Miller will arrange a meeting with an official from Engineered Flooring, the Mayor, and himself to walk through and observe the condition of the old Beaulieu building.

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BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR

Tammy Osborne stated she began looking for Welcome Hill cemetery in February of 2020. Terri Parks advised her this year that Welcome Hill cemetery was located in the woods behind the Old Eton Cemetery. Ms. Osborne reported access to the cemetery is now completely blocked by trees and brush. Eton personnel will research the location of the cemetery and the owner of the property.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Council Member Dooley made the motion to enter into Executive Session. Council Member Rankin seconded, and all were in favor.

Council Member Dooley made the motion to adjourn Executive Session and re-convene regular Council Meeting. Council Member Rankin seconded, and all were in favor. No action taken during Executive Session.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business for consideration, Council Member Dooley made the motion to adjourn at 8:00 p.m. Upon second from Council Member Rankin and a unanimous vote, the meeting was adjourned.

