

**CITY OF ETON, GEORGIA
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
AUGUST 4, 2020**

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The Eton Council met August 4, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. with Mayor Cantrell presiding.

Council Members Present: Anthony Ridley, Traci Rankin, Jim Bartley, Joan Dooley

Staff Present: Kim Hall, City Clerk
Terry Miller, City Attorney
Todd Pasley, Police Chief
Clinton Flood, Street Dept.

CALL TO ORDER

Following the Call to Order by Mayor Cantrell, Council Member Bartley made the motion to accept the July 7, 2020 Council Meeting Minutes as submitted in writing by the Clerk. Council Member Rankin seconded the motion, and all were in favor.

NEW BUSINESS

NATHAN LENTS - ZONING VARIANCES REQUEST.....

Council Member Dooley made the motion to approve the following variance requests submitted by Nathan Lents:

1. Variance on minimum square footage from 1200 to 840
2. Variance on minimum dwelling width from 24' to 14'
3. Subdivided lots, variance on minimum lot area from 12,000 sq. ft. to 5,250.

Council Member Bartley seconded, and all were in favor.

LAKULISH WINE & SPIRIT - ALCOHOL LICENSE APPROVAL.....

Council Member Dooley made the motion to approve an Alcohol License for Lakulish Wine & Spirit at the Mountain Spirits location. This approval is contingent upon the owners of Lakulish Wine & Spirit providing proof to Clerk Hall that the purchase has been finalized and they have taken possession of this address. Upon second from Council Member Bartley and a unanimous vote, the motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

ETON ALCOHOL ORDINANCE 2020-9 - SECOND READING.....

Council Member Dooley made the motion to adopt the Eton Alcohol Ordinance 2020-9. Upon second from Council Member Bartley and a unanimous vote, the motion carried.

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CENSUS UPDATE.....

The Mayor and Council reviewed an email from Pearl Gardner regarding Census 2020 response rates in Eton. Clerk Hall was also informed Census workers will go door to door in approximately two weeks.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Clerk Report.....

Budget Report given by Clerk Hall.

Police Report.....

Full police report given by Chief Pasley is attached. 47 calls, 50 citations, 6 arrests with 3 being drug related, 2 DUIs, 4790 miles patrolled, and \$13,420.44 fines assessed. Following discussion by the Mayor and Council, Chief Pasley will provide quotes for a new patrol car, or SUV, or truck at the next Council Meeting.

Fire Report.....

Fire report submitted by Chief Flood is attached.

Street Report.....

Street report given by Superintendent Flood. Eric Hastings will be absent from work from August 18th to August 28th for surgery. Clerk Hall will contact a temporary staffing company for labor during these two weeks.

MAYOR'S REPORT

The Mayor explained the Georgia Cares Coronavirus Relief Fund provided to all cities and counties in the State of Georgia and asked the Council to adopt a Resolution authorizing Eton to execute the Coronavirus Relief Fund Agreement and accept grant payments. Council Member Rankin made the motion to adopt this Resolution. Council Member Dooley seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in favor.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT

None

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BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR

Joey Torres, Eton taxpayer, asked the Mayor and Council why the Eton Fire Department was now closed on the weekends and if the Mayor thought fireworks were more important than the safety of Eton citizens. The Mayor stated for budgetary reasons, it was necessary to temporarily furlough Eton's part-time firemen on the weekends, however, Murray County was covering all Eton calls during the weekends and the safety of Eton citizens is not at risk. He stated this furlough will be reviewed every 30 days and the weekend hours will be restored when the budget permits. Mr. Torres also made the comment that the Mayor has been trying to get rid of the Eton Fire Department for years and Commissioner Hogan had confirmed as such. The Mayor stated this is absolutely untrue and he has had no intentions of doing away with the Eton Fire Department.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Council Member Dooley made the motion to enter Executive Session to discuss personnel matters. Council Member Bartley seconded the motion, and all were in favor.

Council Member Dooley made the motion to adjourn Executive Session and reconvene regular Council Meeting. Council Member Bartley 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 9:05 p.m. Upon second from Council Member Bartley and a unanimous vote, the meeting was adjourned.

