City of Eatonton
Council Meeting Agenda
May 21, 2018
The Hut
400-A West Marion Street
Eatonton, Georgia 31024
(706) 485-3311

1. Call to Order: 7:00 PM
2. Invocation: Councilman Alvin Butts
3. Approval of Minutes: Attachment #1
4. Public Comments:
   Reading of Rules for Public Comments
5. Old Business:
   A.
6. New Business:
   A. Discussion and Possible Action on Election of GMA District 6 Officers for 2018-2019 Attachment #6A
   B. Proposed Resolution to Authorize the Mayor to Sign a Memorandum of Understanding and Trademark Sublicense Agreement with the Department of Community Affairs Attachment #6B
   C. Proposed Resolution to Apply for a Local Maintenance and Improvement Grant Attachment #6C
   D. Proposed Resolution to Authorize the Disposal of Surplus Property Attachment #6D
7. Zoning:

8. Committee Reports:

- Finance and Personnel – Councilmember Harvey C. Walker, Jr.
- Public Utilities – Councilmember Alvin Butts
- Streets, Buildings, and Grounds – Councilmember William C. Mangum, Jr.
- Zoning and Ordinances – Councilmember Teresa W. Doster
- Environmental – Councilmember Janie B. Reid
- Community Development – Councilmember Charles R. Haley
- Public Safety – Councilmember James A. Gorley
- City Administrator – Mr. Gary Sanders
- City Attorney – Mr. Christopher D. Huskins
- City Clerk – Ms. Sarah Abrams

9. Executive Session:

10. Motion to Adjourn:
City of Eatonton Council Meeting  
May 1, 2018 at 7:00 PM  
Putnam County Commissioners’ Meeting Room, #203  
117 Putnam Drive  
Eatonton, Georgia 31024

Elected Officials Present:  
Mayor Walter C. Rocker  
Mayor Pro-Tem Harvey (Chip) Walker, Jr.  
Councilwoman Teresa Doster  
Councilman Alvin Butts  
Councilman James A. Gorley  
Councilman Charles R. Haley  
Councilman William (Bill) Mangum, Jr.  
Councilwoman Janie B. Reid

Elected Officials Absent: 

Staff Members Present:  
City Administrator, Gary Sanders  
City Attorney, Christopher Huskins  
City Clerk, Sarah E. Abrams  
Main Street Manager, Andrew Simpson

Mayor Walter C. Rocker called the May 1, 2018 Council Meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Invocation was given by Councilwoman Janie B. Reid.

Motion was made by Councilwoman Doster and seconded by Councilman Haley to approve the minutes from the April 16, 2018 Council Meeting. Motion carried by a vote of 7-0.
Public Comments: None

Reading of the Rules for Public Comments: Omitted

Mayor Rocker asked that the agenda be amended by adding the following items:

- Change of venue for the May 21, 2018 Council Meeting due to a scheduling conflict;
- Authorize the Mayor to sign a letter requesting a joint meeting with the Putnam County Board of Commissioners on the Service Delivery Strategy.

Motion was made by Councilman Walker and seconded by Councilman Haley to add change of venue for the May 21, 2018 Council Meeting to the agenda. Motion carried by a unanimous vote of 7-0.

Motion was made by Councilman Haley and seconded by Councilman Mangum to add authorizing the Mayor to sign a letter requesting a joint meeting with Putnam County Board of Commissioners on the Service Delivery Strategy. Motion carried by a unanimous vote of 7-0.

Old Business: None

New Business:

Main Street Report Attachment #6A

Report for City Council Meeting Tuesday May 1, 2018 - April 2018 Recap

Organization

The Main Street Board set the date for the 2018 Strategic Planning meeting for 5:30pm Wednesday May 30 at the Eatonton Cotton Warehouse.

Main Street Director/Project Manager attended the Smart Cities Conference at Georgia Tech in Atlanta.

Main Street Director/Project Manager attended the Rural Zone Application workshop in Macon.

Main Street Director/Project Manager USDA Rural Workshop in Macon.

Promotion

Georgia Cities week April 22 to April 28 saw more involvement of local businesses this year, with Harmony Crossing being involved for the first time. We were able to highlight the Senior Program, The After-School Arts Program, The Lego Club, and other activities being held by businesses in Eatonton.

The Briar Patch Arts and Crafts Festival is starting to get a number of inquiries from interested vendors.
Work is continuing on the Walking Tour part of the Distrx app.

**Design**

The Planters arrived and are now in the boxes ready to bloom.

Facade grant applications that have been distributed but have yet to be received from Bernard's Family Funeral Care, Frilli Frocks Formals Boutique, and Heaven's Gate Bookstore and Gifts.

**Economic Vitality**

The Artisans Village Guild Art Gallery celebrated their first anniversary.

The FolksArt held their ribbon cutting/opening on Friday April 27.

The old Creamery building is for sale. I have taken photographs and sent them with the contact details to Terry Schwindler Executive Director at the Putnam Development Authority.

The Eatonton Kidney Center opened its doors.

**Summary**

Georgia Cities week is increasing year on year with events and businesses becoming involved to highlight Eatonton. The one-year anniversary of The Artisans Village Guild Art Gallery, the opening of the Folks Art and Eatonton Kidney Center continues to show investment and visitors to the Downtown.

**Special Presentation of Historic Preservation Awards**

Mrs. Lyn Romine introduced the Historic Preservation Committee members and gave a brief update on some historic structures which have been preserved in the community. Mrs. Romine presented Historic Preservation Awards to James and Tammy Hobbs for their efforts in preserving the Gregory Hobbs house at 404 W Harris Street and to the Uncle Remus Museum Board members and Ocmulgee Blacksmith Guild members for the re-creation of a blacksmith shop on the grounds of the museum.

**Proposed Resolution to Appoint a Member to the Putnam County Board of Health Attachment #6C**

Motion was made by Councilwoman Doster and seconded by Councilman Haley to approve the Resolution appointing Mrs. Glenda Ridley to the Putnam County Board of Health to fill an unexpired term expiring on December 31, 2022 and authorize Mayor Rocker to sign the resolution. Motion carried by a unanimous vote 7-0.

**Discussion and possible Action on Requesting Technical Assistance from the Middle Georgia Regional Commission in Identifying and Preparing Grant Applications for Eatonton Main Street Attachment #6D**

Motion was made by Councilman Haley and seconded by Councilman Gorley to approve requesting technical assistance from Middle Georgia Regional Commission to assist Eatonton Main Street, Inc. in identifying and preparing applications for eligible grants, but Main Street
must seek Council approval for technical assistance before each request. Motion carried by a unanimous vote of 7-0.

Discussion and Possible Action on Authorizing the Mayor or Designee to Execute a GEMA Recipient-Subrecipient Agreement Attachment #6E
City Administrator Sanders advised the City of Eatonton will receive reimbursement from GEMA for manhours and equipment usage for storm debris removal related to Hurricane Irma.

Motion was made by Councilman Haley and seconded by Councilwoman Doster to authorize Mayor Rocker or his designee to execute the GEMA Recipient-Subrecipient Agreement. Motion carried by a unanimous vote of 7-0.

Request for Retail Sales of Beer and wine License by Tyler Jamal Farley/Lakhani Creations Corp. d/b/a Sam’s Mart, 107 MLK Jr. Drive, Eatonton, GA Attachment #6F
Motion was made by Councilwoman Doster and seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Walker to approve the request for retail sales of beer and wine license by Tyler Jamal Farley/Lakhani Creations Corp. d/b/a Sam’s Mart, 107 MLK Jr. Drive, Eatonton, GA. Motion carried by a unanimous vote of 7-0.

Additional Items Added to the Agenda:
City Administrator Sanders advised May 22 is Election Day and this meeting room will be used as a polling place. Therefore, there is a conflict with the City using this meeting room.

Motion was made by Councilwoman Doster and seconded by Councilman Mangum to hold the Council meeting on Monday, May 21 at the City Hut, located at 400-A West Marion Street, Eatonton, GA. Motion carried by a unanimous vote of 7-0.

City Administrator Sanders advised that the next step in moving forward with the Service Delivery Strategy is to send a letter to the Putnam County Board of Commissioners requesting a joint meeting.

Motion was made by Councilman Haley and seconded by Councilman Mangum to authorize Mayor Rocker to sign a letter to request a joint meeting with Putnam County Board of Commissioners on Service Delivery Strategy. Motion carried by a unanimous vote of 7-0.

Zoning: None

Committee Reports
Mayor Pro-Tem Walker acknowledge the Fireman Andy Harris service with the City of Eatonton Fire Department. Also, Walker advised he would be calling a Finance and Personnel meeting to start on the budget soon.
Motion was made by Mayor-Pro Tem Walker and seconded by Councilman Gorley to pay the bills if and when the funds become available. Motion carried by a unanimous vote of 7-0.

Councilman Haley advised visitation for Firefighter Andrew “Andy” Harris will be held Friday, May 4th. His funeral will be Saturday at the Plaza. Haley also advised the following events are taking place in the community and asked Council to try to attend: Chamber of Commerce Annual Dinner - May 7th and Sunday at the Museum – lecturers.

Councilman Haley discussed the auditor letter he received on the City’s audit and the General Fund short fall. Haley advised Councilmembers to take the time to review the management letter.

Councilman Gorley advised Assistant Fire Chief Andy Harris had over 35 years of service with the City of Eatonton Fire Department and he was very professional in his job. Gorley asked that the family of Fireman Harris and the Eatonton Fire Department employees be kept in prayer.

City Administrator Sanders advised:
The FY2018 LMIG projects have been closed out and the FY2019 LMIG application will soon be available. The Committee will need to discuss project priorities.

Advance Voting began yesterday for the May 22 General Primary/Nonpartisan/Special Election. Please remember that the Regional T-SPLOST referendum is on the ballot.

Municipal Gas Authority Annual Meeting is tomorrow, May 2 through Friday, May 4 at St. Simon’s. Sanders advised he would be attending the meeting and Council can contact him by phone or email while he is away.

City Administrator Sanders extended his condolences to the family of Assistant Fire Chief Andy Harris. Sanders advised he is deeply saddened by the loss and his thoughts and prayers are with the family.

Mayor Rocker asked if there was any more business to be discussed before he called for the adjournment. Motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Walker and seconded by Councilman Gorley to adjourn. Motion carried by a unanimous vote of 7-0.

Walter C. Rocker, Jr. Mayor

ATTEST:

Sarah E. Abrams, City Clerk
ELECTION OF GMA’S DISTRICT 6 OFFICERS FOR 2018-2019

BALLOT

The following city officials have been nominated as GMA’s District 6 Officers for 2018-2019:

- President          Barbara Williams, Mayor, Fort Valley
- First Vice President Ed Barbee, Mayor, Gray
- Second Vice President Shelly Berryhill, Commissioner, Hawkinsville
- Third Vice President Mary Parham Copelan, Mayor, Milledgeville

*No additional nominations were received by the April 23, 2018 deadline.*

If your city is in favor of the proposed slate of officers, please check here: _____

If your city is opposed to the proposed slate of officers, please check here: _____

Please provide the following information:

City: ________________________________

Name of person submitting ballot: ________________________________

Signature: ________________________________

Please mail or email ballot by June 1, 2018 to:

Joel Wiggins, Georgia Municipal Association, P.O. Box 105377, Atlanta, GA 30348; Email: jwiggins@gmanet.com.
Attached is your city’s official ballot for the election of GMA’s District 6 Officers for the 2018-2019 year.

Listed on the ballot are the names of the city officials who have been nominated by the current district officers. (The current officers are charged with serving as a district nominating committee.) No additional nominations were received by the deadline of April 23, which means that the nominations are closed.

The ballot should be returned to the attention of Joel Wiggins by Friday, June 1. Please note that only one ballot may be submitted per city.

We will notify you of the results shortly after June 1. Final approval of GMA district officers, as well as the Association’s officers and Board of Directors, will occur at the membership business session to be held at the Annual Convention in Savannah on Sunday afternoon, June 24.

If you have any questions, please contact Joel Wiggins at (678) 686-6270 or jwiggins@gmanet.com.

C: District 6
Officers

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RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION by the Council of the City of Eatonton, Georgia, to authorize the Mayor to sign a Memorandum of Understanding with DCA for participation in the Georgia Classic Main Streets Program for 2018 and for other purposes.

WHEREAS, the City of Eatonton determined that it was desirable and necessary to activate Eatonton Main Street; and

WHEREAS, Eatonton Main Street seeks to promote and develop the City’s downtown district through economic development, organization, promotions and design and encourages preservation of the City’s historic and cultural character; and

WHEREAS, Eatonton Main Street presented to the City a memorandum of understanding and trademark sublicense agreement required by the Department of Community Affairs for its continued participation in the Georgia Classic Main Streets Program; and

WHEREAS, the City of Eatonton wishes to provide continued support of the Eatonton Main Street program and its downtown development strategies and events sponsorships.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Eatonton, Georgia, that:


APPROVED AND ADOPTED by the Council of the City of Eatonton, Georgia this 21st day of May, 2018.

Walter C. Rocker, Jr., Mayor
City of Eatonton, Georgia

ATTEST:

Clerk, City of Eatonton, Georgia
RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION by the City Council of the City of Eatonton, Georgia, to apply for a Local Maintenance and Improvement Grant (LMIG) from the Georgia Department of Transportation and for other purposes.

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the City of Eatonton, Georgia, have found the Local Maintenance and Improvement Grant (LMIG) from the Georgia Department of Transportation to be a necessary and desirable funding option in order to maintain non-state route streets in Eatonton, Georgia; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Transportation offers these grants to communities throughout Georgia; and

WHEREAS, the City of Eatonton desires to continue to maintain the streets inside the City of Eatonton; and

WHEREAS, the City of Eatonton has identified a list of priorities for the LMIG funding on Oconee Springs Road and Imperial Mill Road.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Eatonton, Georgia, that:


APPROVED AND ADOPTED by the Council of the City of Eatonton, Georgia on this 21st day of May, 2018.

Walter C. Rocker, Jr., Mayor
City of Eatonton, Georgia

ATTEST:

Clerk, City of Eatonton, Georgia
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RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION by the Council of the City of Eatonton, Georgia, to authorize the disposal of surplus property and for other purposes.

WHEREAS, the City of Eatonton has certain items of personal property which are no longer needed for public or municipal purposes; and

WHEREAS, §36-37-6 of the Official Code of Georgia authorizes a municipal governing body to dispose of unneeded personal property; and

WHEREAS, the City of Eatonton is desirous of selling or disposing said surplus property in an “as is” condition without express or implied warranties.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Eatonton, Georgia, that:

SECTION 1:

The following personal property owned by the City of Eatonton, Georgia, is not needed for public or municipal purposes:

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SECTION 2:

The Mayor (or his designee) is, hereby, authorized to dispose of the personal property owned by the City of Eatonton, Georgia as described above in Section 1 in a manner consistent with Georgia law.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED by the Council of the City of Eatonton, Georgia on this 21st day of May, 2018.
ATTEST:

Clerk, City of Eatonton, Georgia