City of Eatonton Council Meeting
Monday, April 17, 2017 at 7:00 PM
Putnam County Commissioners’ Meeting Room #203
117 Putnam Drive
Eatonton, Georgia 31024

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

Elected Officials Absent:

Staff Members Present:
   City Administrator, Gary Sanders
   City Attorney, Christopher Huskins
   City Clerk, Sarah Abrams

Mayor Walter C. Rocker, Jr. called the April 17, 2017 Council meeting to order at 7:00
PM.

Invocation was given by Mayor Walter C. Rocker, Jr.

Motion was made by Doster and seconded by Haley to approve the minutes from the
Public Hearing held on April 4, 2017 - Continued Use of Certain Unmarked City
Vehicles. Motion carried by a vote of 6-0. Councilman Butts abstained.

Motion was made by Doster and seconded by Gorley to approve the minutes of the
Council meeting held on April 4, 2017. Motion carried by a unanimous vote of 7-0.
Proposed Resolution to Authorize the Continued Use of Certain Unmarked City Vehicles Attachment #6A

Motion was made by Walker and seconded by Haley to approve the proposed Resolution authorizing the continued use of certain unmarked vehicles as provided in the Official Code of Georgia §36-80-20, which allows cities to exempt the marking of public vehicles and authorize Mayor Rocker to sign the Resolution. Motion carried by a unanimous vote of 7-0.

Proposed Resolution to Authorize the Mayor to Sign an Amendment to the Area Agency on Aging Contract for SFY 2017 Attachment #6B

Motion was made by Gorley and seconded by Doster to approve the proposed Resolution and Amendment #2 to the Area Agency on Aging Contract for SFY 2017 and authorize Mayor Rocker to sign the contract amendment between the Middle Georgia Regional Commission Area Agency on Aging and the City of Eatonton for SFY 2017 and other such supporting material as shall be necessary for the proper execution of the amendment. Motion carried by a unanimous vote of 7-0.

Proposed Resolution to Authorize the Mayor to Sign an Addendum to the Advanced Disposal Contract for Solid Waste Services Attachment #6C

City Administrator Sanders advised the Environmental Committee met on Wednesday to discuss the services pertaining to the collection of residential and commercial solid waste contract, which we have with Advanced Disposal Services Middle Georgia, LLC. This contract became effective June 1, 2012 and will terminate May 31, 2017. The original contracted rate was $5.73/cart per month and the new negotiated rate will be $6.48/cart per month; an increase of 75¢.

A survey of surrounding cities shows that the City of Eatonton’s rates will be in line with other communities in our area.

Mr. Steve Edwards of Advanced Disposal was available to answer any questions that Council might have.

Motion was made by Haley and seconded by Mangum to approve the first addendum to the Contract for solid waste services between the City of Eatonton and Advanced Disposal Services Middle Georgia, LLC extending the term to expire May 31, 2022, adjusting the monthly collection fee, and forgoing CPI rate increases as specified in the
agreement. Also, authorize Mayor Rocker to sign addendum between Advanced Disposal Services Middle Georgia, LLC and the City of Eatonton. Motion carried by a unanimous vote of 7-0.

**Proposed Resolution to Set Garbage Collection Fees**  
*Attachment #6D*

Councilman Haley advised the Environmental Committee will look at setting a universal collection fee for limbs/leaves/ and other yard debris in the near future.

Councilwoman Stokes advised in one of the GMA meetings she attended, other cities are adding garbage and trash services to the owners property tax bill.

Motion was made by Haley and seconded by Mangum to approve the proposed Resolution setting garbage collection fees for residential services at a rate of $11.00/cart per month and the commercial rate at $12.00/cart per month. The new rates are effective June 1, 2017. Also, Mayor Rocker is authorized to sign the Resolution modifying the garbage collection rates to more effectively cover the City’s cost of providing such garbage disposal services. Motion carried by a unanimous vote of 7-0.

**Zoning:** No items to discuss

**Committee Reports:**

Mayor Pro-Tem Harvey Walker recommended each committee call a meeting with their department heads and start with a zero balance, and look at the financial condition of their department. See if anything can be cut from their budget. Afterward, City Administrator Sanders and Council will call a work session to see what can be done to balance the budget by cutting other expenditures.

Motion was made by Walker and seconded by Doster to pay the bills if and when the funds become available. Motion carried by a unanimous vote of 7-0.

Councilwoman Teresa Doster advised Putnam County will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, April 18, 2017 at 6:30 on a new proposed zoning ordinance on film productions in the County. The hearing will be held here, in the County Commissioner’s meeting Room.

Councilman James Gorley advised the Police Department underwent a GCIC Audit on Wednesday, April 12, 2017 to assess compliance with applicable statutes, regulations and policies. The Police Department passed the audit and was in compliance in all areas evaluated during the audit.
City Administrator Gary Sanders advised the resurfacing projects on Lower Harmony Road and Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive have been completed and final striping is being scheduled. Sanders acknowledged and expressed words of thanks to the Public Works Department for their efforts in coordinating the project.

City Administrator Sanders reported the TSPLOST Projects have been submitted for review by the Executive Committee of the Regional Round Table. We will keep you up to date on the Roundtable process and schedule.

City Administrator Sanders advised he would be out of the office this Thursday, April 20, to attend the Regional Commission’s Leadership Program.

City Administrator Sanders advised EPTAH’s first mural will be unveiled on the side of the new location for the Georgia Writers Museum this Friday, April 21, at 3:30 PM. The Artisans Village Gallery will also be hosting a grand opening event that evening from 5:00 PM – 8:00 PM.

Mayor Rocker asked if there was any other business to be discussed tonight. There being no other business, motion was made by Walker and seconded by Doster to adjourn. Motion carried by a unanimous vote of 7-0.
Adjourned at 7:25 PM.

Walter C. Rocker, Jr. Mayor

ATTEST:

Sarah E. Abrams, City Clerk