City of Eatonton Council Meeting  
Monday, November 20, 2017  
Putnam County Commissioners’ Meeting Room, #203  
117 Putnam Drive  
Eatonton, Georgia 31024  
(706) 485-3311

Elected Officials Present:  
Mayor Walter C. Rocker, Jr.  
Mayor Pro-Tem Harvey (Chip) Walker, Jr.  
Councilwoman Teresa Doster  
Councilman William Mangum, Jr.  
Councilwoman Alma Stokes

Elected Officials Absent:  
Councilman Alvin Butts  
Councilman Charles R. Haley  
Councilman James A. Gorley

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

Mayor Walter C. Rocker, Jr. called the November 20, 2017 Council meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Invocation was given by Mayor Pro-Tem Harvey (Chip) Walker, Jr.

Motion was made by Doster and seconded by Mangum to approve the minutes from November 6, 2017 Council meeting. Motion carried by a unanimous vote 4-0.  
Public Comments: None

Reading of the Rules for Public Comments: Omitted
Old Business: None

New Business:

Discussion and Possible Action on LED Roadway Lights Authorization Attachment #6A
City Administrator Sanders advised the Utility Committee met on November 16th to discuss converting the roadway lights to LED. The Committee’s primary reason for considering the conversion was for roadway and pedestrian safety. Operating costs of the lighting will increase by approximately $230.00 per month. The Committee recommended approval of the proposal to the full Council.

Motion was made by Mangum and seconded by Walker to approve converting the City’s roadway lighting to LED lights and authorize the Mayor to sign the LED Roadway Lights Authorization forms. Motion carried by a unanimous vote of 4-0.

Councilwoman Doster asked for a location where the lights have been changed to LED lights. City Administrator Sanders advised the lights around the Putnam County Courthouse Square and the City of Gray have changed their lights to LED.

Proposed Resolution to Appoint Members to the Eatonton Housing Authority Attachment #6B
Motion was made by Stokes and seconded by Walker to approve the proposed resolution appointing Ms. Patricia McQuaig, Mr. Randy Bowen, and Mr. William Terry Reid to the Eatonton Housing Authority and authorize Mayor Rocker to sign the resolution. Motion carried by a unanimous vote of 4-0.

Eatonton Housing Authority Board Members
Patricia McQuaig – Term of 4 years to expire on November 30, 2021
Randy Bowen – Term of 4 years to expire on November 30, 2021
William Terry Reid – Term of 1 year to expire on November 30, 2018

Proposed Resolution to Authorize the Mayor to Sign a Probation Services Agreement Attachment #6C
Motion was made by Walker and seconded by Doster to approve the proposed resolution and authorize the Mayor to sign the Probation Service Agreement with Judicial Alternatives of Georgia, Inc. Motion carried by a unanimous vote of 4-0.

Proposed Resolution to Authorize the Disposal of Surplus Property Attachment #6D
Motion was made by Doster and seconded by Mangum to approve the proposed resolution authorizing the disposal of surplus property and authorize Mayor Rocker to sign. Motion carried by a unanimous vote of 4-0.
Surplus Property
2-Post Vehicle Lift (1)
1996 Freightliner FL-70 & Bucker (1)

Historic Preservation – Request by John Holmes for a Certificate of Appropriateness at
304 Wayne Street Attachment #6E
Motion was made by Doster and seconded by Walker to approve the Certificate of
Appropriateness requested by John Holmes at 304 Wayne Street in concurrence with the
recommendations of the Historic Preservation Committee. Motion carried by a unanimous vote
of 4-0.

Committee Reports
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 4-0.

Councilwoman Stokes advised receiving calls on ordinance in the paper (Blighted Property).
Stokes reported some callers were in favor of the newly adopted Blighted Property Ordinance.

City Administrator Sanders advised receiving calls in reference to the yard sale on Greensboro
Road, and he instructed City Marshal, Dianne Veal to check on this issue and follow the steps as
outlined in the ordinance.

City Administrator Sanders advised he would get with the City Marshal and the City Attorney to
bring recommendations before Council on blighted property for their consideration.

City Administrator Sanders Report to Council:
1. The Middle Georgia Transportation Roundtable will meet on Wednesday, December 13,
   2017 at 2:00 PM at the Regional Commission office to approve the investment list and to
   set an election date.

2. The pre-construction meeting for the CDBG project on Church Street has been set for
   Wednesday, November 29. (Sellers Contracting Services, LLC)

3. City Hall will be closed this Thursday, November 23 and Friday, November 24 for the
   Thanksgiving Holidays.

4. Christmas Eve and Christmas Day are Sunday and Monday this year. We will close City
   Hall on Monday, December 25 and Tuesday, December 26 in observance of these
   holidays. The State will also be closed these two days.
Councilman Mangum asked if railing will be installed on the new sidewalk being installed on North Jefferson Avenue. City Administrator Sanders advised that handrails will be installed as part of the project, as required by the ADA.

Mayor Rocker asked if there were any other business to be discussed before he called for the adjournment. There being no other business; motion was made by Doster and seconded by Walker to adjourn. Motion carried by a unanimous vote of 4-0. Meeting adjourned at 7:17 PM.

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Walter C. Rocker Jr., Mayor

ATTEST:

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Sarah E. Abrams, City Clerk