1. Call to Order: 7:00 PM

2. Invocation: Mayor Walter C. Rocker, Jr.

3. Approval of Agenda

4. Approval of Minutes Attachment #1

   Council Meeting – March 18, 2019 at 7:00 PM

5. Public Comments

   Reading of Rules for Public Comments

6. Old Business:

   A. None.

7. New Business:

   A. Downtown Eatonton Report Attachment #7A

   B. City Marshal Report

   C. Semi-Annual Report from Downtown Development Authority

   D. Proposed Resolution to Amend the 2009 Urban Redevelopment Plan

   E. Request by Glenda Ridley to Close Certain City Streets for Dairy Festival and Parade on June 1, 2019 Attachment #7E

   F. Request by Tekeshia Hill to Close Certain City Streets for Juneteenth Parade on June 15, 2019 Attachment #7F
G. Request for Special Event Pouring License by Gatewood Schools *Attachment #7G*

H. Proposed Resolution Recognizing April 21 – 27, 2019 as Georgia Cities Week *Attachment #7H*

8. Zoning:

   A. None.

9. 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. Maria S. Jiménez*

10. Executive Session

11. Motion to Adjourn
City of Eatonton Council Meeting
March 18, 2019
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
  (Late) Councilman William (Bill) Mangum, Jr.

Elected Officials Absent:
  Councilwoman Janie B. Reid

Staff Members Present:
  City Administrator, Gary Sanders
  City Clerk, Maria S. Jimenez
  City Marshal, William Brown
  Main Street Director, Andrew Simpson

Staff Members Absent:
  City Attorney, Christopher Huskins

Mayor Walter C. Rocker, Jr. called the March 18, 2019 Council meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Invocation was given by Mayor Pro-Tem Walker.

Motion was made by Councilman Haley and seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Walker to approve the agenda. Motion carried by a unanimous vote of 5-0.

Motion was made by Councilwoman Doster and seconded by Councilman Gorley to approve the minutes from the February 18, 2019 Council meeting with any necessary corrections. Motion carried by a vote of 4-0. Mr. Haley abstained because he did not attend the meeting.
Public Comments: None.

Reading of the Rules for Public Comments: Omitted.

Old Business: None.

New Business:

City Marshal Report
Mr. Brown answered questions regarding the General Putnam Motel and the old Charlie Weeks building.

Councilman Gorley and Councilman Haley emphasized the need to prioritize dilapidated residential and commercial properties.

Discussion and Possible Action on 2020 Census Complete Count Committee Attachment #7B
Mr. Bob Landau, appointed by the Board of Commissioners as Chairman of the 2020 Census Complete Count Committee, requested that City Council consider participating in a joint City/County Complete Count Committee for the upcoming Census. The Commissioners have agreed to form a 21-person committee consisting of 15 members appointed by the County and 6 members appointed by the City (roughly equal to 1 committee member per 1,000 population).

The results of the Census will determine how much of an estimated $590 billion dollars will be allocated to Georgia (and to Eatonton) and the number of representatives Georgia will have in the U.S. House of Representatives. In 2010, Putnam County only had a 67% participation rate, which resulted in the loss of federal funds.

(Councilman Mangum arrived at 7:11 PM)

Mr. Sanders informed Council that the City has the option to form its own Complete Count Committee separate and apart from the County’s committee; it is not a requirement to form a joint committee.

Motion was made by Councilman Haley and seconded by Councilwoman Doster to join with the County in establishing a 2020 Census Complete Count Committee with 6 members appointed by the City Council and 15 members appointed by the County Commissioners. Motion carried by a unanimous vote of 6-0.

Discussion and Possible Action on Rescinding a Resolution to Submit an Application to the Georgia Department of Community Affairs under the Community Development Block Grant Program Adopted at the March 5, 2019 Council Meeting
Ms. Laura Mathis, Executive Director of the Middle Georgia Regional Commission, informed Council that, in order for the City’s Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) application to move forward, the resolution adopted at the March 5, 2019 meeting authorizing its submission
must be rescinded and a new resolution adopted. While a conflict of interest regarding a Councilmember living within the CDBG project area was properly disclosed, the Department of Community affairs requires the affected Councilmember to abstain from voting. During the vote to adopt the resolution, all Councilmembers participated.

Motion was made by Councilwoman Doster and seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Walker to rescind the resolution to submit an application to the Georgia Department of Community Affairs under the Community Development Block Grant Program adopted by Council at its March 5, 2019 meeting. Motion carried by a unanimous vote of 6-0.

**Proposed Resolution to Submit an Application to the Georgia Department of Community Affairs under the Community Development Block Grant Program Attachment #7D**

Ms. Mathis reviewed the proposed resolution that authorizes the submittal of an application for funding under the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program for an amount of up to $750,000 for drainage improvements in the area of Beech Avenue, Hogan Boulevard, Newsome Drive, South Jefferson Avenue, and Sunnyland Drive.

Ms. Mathis disclosed a conflict of interest regarding a public official residing within the project area. She publicly disclosed that Councilwoman Janie Reid resides within the CDBG project area and stated that Councilwoman Reid will not receive any greater benefit beyond that of other residents in the area.

Ms. Mathis also informed Council that the resolution commits up to $150,000 in cash match and leverage if the application is recommended for funding.

Motion was made by Councilman Gorley and seconded by Councilwoman Doster to approve the Proposed Resolution to submit an application to the Georgia Department of Community Affairs under the Community Development Block Grant Program and to authorize the Mayor to sign. Motion carried by a unanimous vote of 6-0. [Councilwoman Janie Reid was absent]

**Proposed Ratification of Proclamation Honoring Mr. Tom Franklin on the Occasion of His 100th Birthday Attachment #7E**

Motion was made by Councilman Haley and seconded by Councilman Gorley to ratify the action of the Mayor in signing a proclamation honoring Mr. Tom Franklin on the occasion of his 100th birthday. Motion carried by a unanimous vote of 6-0.

**Proposed Resolution to Recognize March 18 – 22, 2019 as Small Business Week Attachment #7F**

Motion was made by Councilwoman Doster and seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Walker to approve the Proposed Resolution recognizing March 18 – 22, 2019 as Small Business Week in the City of Eatonton and urging all residents to acknowledge and celebrate the achievements made by our local small businesses. Motion carried by a unanimous vote of 6-0.

**Zoning:** None.
Committee Reports:

Mayor Pro-Tem Walker informed Council that the Personnel and Finance Committee will meet soon.

Motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Walker and seconded by Councilman Haley to pay the bills if and when the funds become available. Motion carried by a unanimous vote of 6-0.

Councilman Butts inquired about Tri-County EMC franchise fees.

Councilwoman Doster instructed staff to proceed on matters pertaining to blighted properties.

Councilman Haley reminded Council that Councilwoman Reid is sponsoring a Women in History Month event on Friday, March 29 at 12:00 PM. He asked Mr. Sanders to email the details to Council.

Mr. Sanders informed Council that he and Mr. Huskins have recently discussed procedures for the blight tax process.

The County Commissioners held a meeting today with GDOT to receive updates on projects in Putnam County. The Highway 44 and 441 widening projects have been pushed off to the 2023/2024 timeframe for the commencement of construction. Also, the 441 Bypass will be resurfaced beginning in mid-April. Pittman Construction will be doing the work.

We held the pre-construction meeting for the Plaza project on March 15. The contractor plans to begin work next Monday, March 25. If all goes according to schedule, they hope to be finished by April 18.

Executive Session: None.

Mayor Rocker asked if there was any other business to be conducted for the good of the City. There being none, Mayor Rocker adjourned the meeting at 7:40 PM.

ATTEST:

Walter C. Rocker, Jr., Mayor

Maria S. Jimenez, City Clerk
Downtown Eatonton

Revitalizing Our Downtown

P.O. Box 4384 Eatonton, GA 30214  706.749.9150
A 501-c-3 Non-Profit Corp. Designated by the Georgia Dept. of Community Affairs for the City & County

Report for City Council Meeting Tuesday April 2, 2019 – March Recap

Organization

Downtown Eatonton Director/Project Manager attended Downtown Eatonton board meeting.

Downtown Eatonton Director/Project Manager attended the National Main Street Conference.

Downtown Eatonton Director/Project Manager attended the Women in History Luncheon.

Downtown Eatonton Director/Project Manager attended the adhoc design committee meeting.

Promotions

Social Media was updated for Georgia Small Business Week March 18 to March 22.

Design

Facade grant application was paid to Coletta McWhorter of Clothed N Majesty Boutique located at 117 S. Jefferson Ave.

The adhoc design committee is waiting on the purchase of planters from Hickory Hills for Spring.

Economic Vitality

Downtown Eatonton Director/Project Manager visited Papa John’s Pizza located at 102 W. Marion Street ribbon cutting on February 27. They opened officially on February 28. Their opening hours will be 10 to 10 during the week. On Saturday and Sunday, it is 11 to 11.

Attended the Clothed N Majesty Boutique located at 117 S. Jefferson Ave. soft ribbon cutting on Thursday March 7.

Met with Elaine Kassin & Randy Daniel regarding the old Smiths Coastal Grill building for possible use.

Followed up with John King at AmeriGas regarding the old Moore LP gas building current status.

Summary

The Community Easter Egg Hunt will take place on Saturday April 13 between 10am and Noon at the Putnam County Recreation Dept.

The Community Health Fair: Honoring Life Offering Hope Providing Peace, will take place on Saturday April 27 between Noon and 4pm.
The undersigned hereby submits an application to the City of Eatonton for a permit to parade within the corporate limits of the City of Eatonton for the purpose of Parade at Dairy Festival.

There will be 300 people in said parade.
There will be 50-200 vehicles in said parade.
There will be 0 animals in said parade.
There will be 20-3 marching units in said parade.
There will be 0 bands in said parade.
There will be 15 floats in said parade.
There will be 1-2 sound amplification in said parade.

The total length of said parade is not expected to exceed 2,400 feet.

And same will be conducted at 10 A.M. / P.M. on the 1st day of June in 2019.

Applicant Name (print) Glenda Ridley
Date: 3/8/19

Address:
428 Milledgeville Rd
Eatonton, GA 31024

Telephone Number: [Redacted]

Applicant is to attach a statement concerning unusual problems, if any, concerning police protection and traffic congestion.

* A COPY OF THE PARADE ROUTE MUST BE ATTACHED WITH A $25.00 PERMIT FEE*

Approved/Disapproved

Chief of Police

Mayor or City Administrator

Event Fee: $25.00
Administrative Fee: $  
Total Fee: $25.00
March 1, 2019

MEMORANDUM:

TO: Eatonton City Council

FROM: Irene Mitchell, President
Pilot Club of Eatonton, Inc.

SUBJECT: Annual Putnam County Dairy Festival

The Pilot Club would like to request permission to use certain streets for the annual Dairy Festival, June 1, 2019. The streets we request to use for arts, crafts and food vendors are Sumter Street from Jefferson Street to Washington Street and Madison Ave. from Sumter Street to Marion Street. Vendors begin arrival and setup on Friday, May 31, after 6:00 PM All vendors will be informed to have their exhibits closed and removed by 4:00 PM on June 1. Vendors are also informed that they cannot drive any stakes into the street or they will be fined. This is the same set-up we have used for several years.

We also request a permit for the annual parade on June 1, 2019 beginning at 10:00 AM from the Elementary School on Washington Street. The parade begins on the corner of Oak Street and Washington Street, curves on to Jefferson Street, travels to Wayne Street and turns left, to Madison Ave where it turns left and travels to the corner of Madison Ave. and Marion Street. At this corner, participants on the platform program disembark and other parade entries turn right on to Marion Street and to their final destinations.

The contact person for the Dairy Festival is Glenda Ridley. Any questions or issues concerning the festival can be addressed to her at cell phone 706-473-0763, home phone 706-485-6757 or e-mail glendaridley@bellsouth.net. We thank you for your consideration of our request and for the cooperation we have received in the past.

We are enclosing an application for the parade and check for $25.00 Event Fee.
The undersigned hereby submits an application to the City of Eatonton for a permit to conduct a parade within the corporate limits of the City of Eatonton for the purpose of celebrating Juneteenth.

There will be app. 300 people in said parade.

There will be app. 40 vehicles in said parade.

There will be app. 30 animals in said parade.

There will be app. 30 marching units in said parade.

There will be app. 4 bands in said parade.

There will be app. 35 floats in said parade.

There will be car stereo/small speaker sound amplification in said parade.

The total length of said parade is not expected to exceed 1,800 feet.

And same will be conducted at 10:00 A.M./P.M. on the 15th day of June in 2019.

Applicant Name (print): Tekeshia Hill

Date: March 20, 2019

Address:

309 Milledgeville Road, Eatonton GA 31024

4869 Madison Point Circle, Austell, GA 30106

Telephone Number: [Redacted]

Applicant is to attach a statement concerning unusual problems, if any, concerning police protection and traffic congestion.

* A COPY OF THE PARADE ROUTE MUST BE ATTACHED WITH A $25.00 PERMIT FEE*

INTERNAL USE ONLY

Approved/Disapproved: [Signature]

Chief/Police

[Signature]

Administration Fee:

Total Fee:

$ 25.00
RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION by the Board of Council of the City of Eatonton, Georgia, to approve a temporary alcoholic beverage pouring license for Gatewood Schools and for other purposes.

WHEREAS, Gatewood Schools wishes to offer for sale alcoholic beverages on May 4, 2019 during an event known as Jockeys and Juleps Kentucky Derby Gala at 200 S. Washington Avenue with the proceeds of such sales going to further the purposes of the school; and

WHEREAS, Gatewood Schools has met the prescribed conditions in a timely manner, is a 501 (c) (3) tax exempt organization, and has paid the requisite fee for such temporary pouring license; and

WHEREAS, the City of Eatonton wishes to support the activities of Gatewood Schools.

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

WITH THE CONDITIONS BEING MET AND THE FEES BEING PAID, GATEWOOD SCHOOLS IS HEREBY GRANTED A TEMPORARY ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE POURING LICENSE FOR CONSUMPTION ON THE PREMISES ON MAY 4, 2019. ALL OTHER CONDITIONS AS TO OPENING AND CLOSING TIMES, AGE LIMITS, AND OTHER NOTICES, PROHIBITIONS, AND REQUIREMENTS SHALL APPLY.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED by the Council of the City of Eatonton, Georgia on this 2nd day of April, 2019.

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

ATTEST:

Clerk, City of Eatonton, Georgia
RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION by the Council of the City of Eatonton, Georgia, recognizing Georgia Cities Week, April 21 – 27, 2019 and encouraging all citizens to support the celebration and for other purposes.

WHEREAS, City government is the closest to most citizens, and the one with the most direct daily impact upon its residents; and

WHEREAS, City government is administered for and by its citizens, and is dependent upon public commitment to and understanding of its many responsibilities; and

WHEREAS, City government officials and employees share the responsibility to pass along their understanding of public services and their benefits; and

WHEREAS, Georgia Cities Week is a very important time to recognize the important role played by City government in our lives; and

WHEREAS, this week offers an important opportunity to spread the word to all the citizens of Georgia that they can shape and influence this branch of government which is closest to the people; and

WHEREAS, the Georgia Municipal Association and its member Cities have joined together to teach students and other citizens about municipal government through a variety of different projects and information; and

WHEREAS, Georgia Cities Week offers an important opportunity to convey to all the citizens of Georgia that they can shape and influence government through their civic involvement.

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

THE CITY OF EATONTON DECLARES APRIL 21 – 27, 2019 AS GEORGIA CITIES WEEK. ALL CITIZENS, CITY GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS, AND EMPLOYEES ARE ENCOURAGED TO DO EVERYTHING POSSIBLE TO ENSURE THAT THIS WEEK IS RECOGNIZED AND CELEBRATED ACCORDINGLY.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED by the Council of the City of Eatonton, Georgia on this 2nd day of April, 2019.

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

ATTEST:

Clerk, City of Eatonton, Georgia