City of Eatonton Public Hearing
August 2, 2016
6:30 PM
Putnam County Commissioners’ Meeting Room, #203
117 Putnam Drive
Eatonton, Georgia 31024
(706) 485-3311

Proposed 2016 Budget Amendment #1

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

Elected Officials Absent:
Councilwoman Teresa Doster
Councilman James A. Gorley

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

Mayor Rocker called the Public Hearing on Proposed 2016 Budget Amendment #1 to order at 6:30 PM.

Mayor Rocker advised the purpose of this hearing is to give anyone an opportunity to make comments on the Proposed Budget Amendment #1 amending the City of Eatonton FY 2016 Budget.

Mayor Rocker asked if anyone signed in to speak on the proposed Amendment. No one signed in to speak regarding the proposed FY 2016 Budget Amendment #1.

Mayor Rocker closed the Public Hearing at 6:45 PM

__________________________
Walter C. Rocker, Jr., Mayor

ATTEST:

__________________________
Sarah E. Abrams
City of Eatonton Public Hearing  
August 2, 2016  
6:45 PM  
Putnam County Commissioners’ Meeting Room, #203  
117 Putnam Drive  
Eatonton, Georgia 31024  
(706) 485-3311

Proposed 2017 Budget

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

Elected Officials Absent:
Councilwoman Teresa Doster

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

Mayor Rocker called the Public Hearing on the proposed FY 2017 Budget to order at 6:45 PM.

Mayor Rocker advised the purpose of this Public Hearing is to give anyone an opportunity to make comments on the City of Eatonton Proposed FY 2017 Budget.

Mayor Rocker asked if anyone signed in to speak. No one signed in to speak.

Mayor Rocker closed the Public Hearing on the FY 2017 Budget at 7:00 PM

______________________________
Walter C. Rocker, Jr., Mayor

ATTEST:

______________________________
Sarah E. Abrams, City Clerk
Mayor Rocker called the Council meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

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

Motion was made by Haley and seconded by Mangum to approve the minutes of the Public Hearing and the Council meeting held on July 18, 2016. Motion carried by a vote of 3-0. Councilman James A. Gorley and Councilwoman Alma Stokes abstained, because they did not attend the hearing or the meeting.

Public Comments: Keith Rowell-Tire Store, Shelagh Fagan-Tire Store and Lynn Romine – Historic Preservation Commission

Motion was made by Walker and seconded by Haley to hear from all persons signed in to speak. Motion carried by a unanimous vote of 6-0.

Reading of Rules for Public Comments: Omitted
Mr. Keith Rowell talked to Council about the Tire Store (Los Compadres Automotive) located at 205 North Jefferson Avenue next to City Hall. Rowell requested Council do something about the amount of tires accumulating around the business due to the problems with mosquitoes. City Administrator Gary Sanders advised Council and Mr. Rowell that City Marshal Dianne Veal has already issued the owner of the business a citation.

Ms. Shelagh Fangan requested Council not grant another tire store a condition use permit to be at the 205 North Jefferson Avenue location.

Mrs. Lynn Romine introduced herself to Council and advised serving as the new Chairperson of the Historic Preservation Commission. Mrs. Romine expressed words of appreciation for the City personnel installing the new sign toppers in the Historic District. Also, Romine acknowledge the removal of 2 trailers from North Jefferson Avenue across from the Trail Park.

**Old Business:**

**TE/Streetscape Project Update by Engineer Paul Simonton**

Engineer Paul Simonton presented a drawing of the plans for the streetscape project. The project starts at East Marion Street and includes North Jefferson Avenue up to Willie Bailey Street on both sides of the street. The project will be funded by $250,000 TE Grant and $62,500 City funding, the total of the project will run over $400,000. This project has been in the works for the last 4 or 5 years. The project may be advertised in September with the contract being awarded in October. Construction should start around Christmas or early spring.

**New Business:**

**Eatonton-Putnam County Senior Services Program Report**

LaTasha Maddox, Director of Senior Services Program, reported on the Congregate Program and the Meal on Wheels. Ms. Maddox advised the congregate program currently has 26 participants enrolled in the meal program, an average of about 20 of the participants come on a regular basis along with an additional 12-15 clients that participate in the senior program. Looking to add additional 5-6 participants to the meals program in the coming month.

From July 2015-June 2016, approximately 4700 meals were delivered. Clients are encouraged to be active by participating in the various activities such as Tai Chi Classes, walking, line dancing, chair exercise, bingo, arts and crafts, nutrition oriented classes, Bible study, field trips and other sponsored activities.

The Meals on wheels currently have 35 clients and looking to add an additional 5 within the coming month. From July 2015 through June 2016 approximately 9882 meals were delivered.
Ms. Maddox advised Council the program needs two 15-passenger vans for travel and two 11x14 size plaques for signage on the building, one defibrillator, and completion of sitting area, website and logo.

Mayor Rocker thanked Ms. Maddox for her report.

**Proposed Resolution to Establish Notification Requirements Following Disciplinary Action against Certain Alcoholic Beverage Licensees**  
**Attachment #6B**
City Administrator Sanders advised the Georgia General Assembly adopted House Bill 152 at its 2015 session amending certain provisions of the Code of Georgia pertaining to alcoholic beverages that requires local governments by resolution to adopt policy and implement a process by which any disciplinary actions taken by such local government against a licensee is reported to Georgia Department of Revenue.

Motion was made by Haley and seconded by Walker to approve the proposed Resolution to Establish Notification Requirements following disciplinary action against certain Alcoholic Beverage Licensees and authorize Mayor Rocker to sign. Motion carried by a unanimous vote of 6-0.

**Zoning: None**

**Committee Reports:**
Motion was made by Walker and seconded by Gorley to pay the bills if and when the funds become available. Motion carried by a unanimous vote of 6-0.

Councilman Walker reminded Council of the 2 upcoming Budget meeting.

Councilman Haley advised he was glad to see the City Marshall issuing citations and sending letters to property owners to maintain their property.

City Administrator Gary Sanders reported:
There will be public hearings on the millage rate this Thursday, August 4, at 9:00 AM and next Thursday, August 11 at 12:00 PM and at 6:00 PM here in the Commissioners’ Meeting Room 203.

The Middle Georgia Regional Commission will be facilitating the Pre-Disaster Mitigation Plan (PDMP) meeting on Wednesday, August 3, 2016 at 2:00 PM.
The Georgia Department of Transportation will hold a public information open house for the Highway 441 widening project from 4:00 PM – 7:00 PM this Thursday, August 4, at the Putnam County High School.

Sanders advised he will be attending training at the Regional Commission Office on Friday, August 12, 2016 from 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM.

City Attorney Christopher Huskins advised Council he did the title check on the property which was deeded to the City. The City needs to pay the property tax or if the property is donated to Habitat, they will have to pay the back property taxes.

Mayor Rocker asked if there was any more business to be discussed for the good of the City.

There being no other business; motion was made by Haley and seconded by Gorley to adjourn. Motion carried by a unanimous vote of 6-0.

________________________________
Walter C. Rocker, Jr., Mayor

ATTEST:

_________________________________
Sarah E. Abrams, City Clerk