Mayor Pro-Tem Harvey “Chip” Walker, Jr. called the June 6, 2017 Council meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Councilman Alvin Butts gave the Invocation.

Motion was made by Doster and seconded by Mangum to approve the minutes of the last meeting held on May 15, 2017. Motion carried by a vote of 3-0. Councilman Alvin Butts and Councilman Charles R. Haley abstained because they were not present at the last meeting.
**Public Comments:** Terrence Waller

Motion was made by Haley and seconded by Butts to hear public comments from Mr. Terrence Waller. Motion carried by a unanimous vote of 5-0.

**Reading of the Rules for Public Comments**
City Administrator Gary Sanders read the rules for Public Comments.

Mr. Terrence Waller spoke in reference to the mural on the outside wall of Nina’s Fashion and Beauty Supply Store, located on the corner of South Jefferson Avenue and East Sumter Street. Mr. Waller advised he would like to see the mural taken down because it is not fair to the people of this town. They do not need to be reminded of the 1950’s and 1960’s and he had asked Mr. Larry Moore to remove the mural. Therefore, he asked Council to get involved in getting mural removed. Mr. Waller made his comments in accordance with the rules for public comments.

**Old Business:** None

**New Business:**

**Main Street Report for City Council Meeting Tuesday June 6 2017 - May Recap**

**Organization**

The Main Street board appointed Tommy Cook as Treasurer.

Eatonton Main Street held its Strategic Planning/Budget meeting for the financial year 2017/18.

The Eatonton Main Street Board vacancies were advertised in the Eatonton Messenger.

**Promotion**

Eatonton Main Street received $3000 worth of sponsorship funds from The People's Bank and The People's Agency for Summer Concerts.

The Jazz Concert for Saturday May 20 was cancelled. The acts will be incorporated in the Briar Patch Arts Festival.

United States and Armed Forces Service Flags were displayed in the center of town for Memorial Day weekend.

**Design**

Dan Lowery has asked for a paint donation for his recently purchased building of 122 N. Jefferson Ave.

Adrian Staniou has still not completed the painting of his 106 N. Jefferson Ave property as promised.

**Economic Vitality**
Downtown Eatonton continues to attract interest in bringing merchants into the Downtown. However, buildings like Moore LP Gas (107 N. Jefferson Avenue), Communicomm/Charter Building (104 E. Marion St) and 112 W. Marion Street prevent a vibrant Downtown from putting down roots and taking hold and are off-putting for new businesses.

Spicy Southern Bistro announced they would be closing on Thursday June 1.

**Summary**

Main Street is seeking to expand the boundaries of its Tier 2 area as of the next financial year. The Main Street Director will be meeting with businesses in the proposed expansion area to see whether they wish to be part of the Downtown Eatonton revised area from October 1.

Eatonton Main Street partnering with the Putnam County Charter School System, UGA's Willson Center for Humanities and Arts, the Georgia Writers Museum and the Butler-Baker Alumni Project, Inc. are working together for a public local history event. The event will be funded by a small grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities.

The event will be recording the oral histories of Putnam County by its citizens, and is currently scheduled for the Briar Patch Arts and Crafts Festival on September 30. There are currently two locations scheduled for the recordings. On the Courthouse Lawn and at the Georgia Writers Museum. Further locations may be provided depending on response. A reception/information session for the community will precede the event on Saturday, August 26. (Every month I will be providing an update to City council regarding the progress of this program with more details).

**Proposed Resolution to Appoint a Member to the Eatonton Historic Preservation Commission Attachment #6B**

Motion was made by Haley and seconded Doster to approve the proposed Resolution to fill a vacancy on the Historic Preservation Commission by accepting the application of Mr. Colby Hunter and appointing him to the Eatonton Historic Preservation Commission for a full 3-year term expiring on May 31, 2020 and authorize Mayor Rocker to sign the Resolution. Motion carried by a unanimous vote of 5-0.

**Proposed Resolution to Authorize a Natural Gas Rebate Program Attachment #6C**

Mr. Steve Edwards, Customer Service Representative of the Municipal Gas Authority of Georgia, gave an overview of the proposed Natural Gas Rebate Program. Mr. Edwards advised the rebate program is being offered to residents as an incentive to use natural gas and to encourage them to switch over their appliances to natural gas. Also, this program is part of a strategy to help the City retain its customer base.

Councilman Butts advised meeting with the Public Utility Committee members and they recommend approval of implementing the proposed rebate program for City of Eatonton Gas customers. Butts recommended an initial gas rebate budget of $5,000.00. The City of Eatonton gas customers have declined from 2,200 down to around 1,800.
Motion was made by Butts and seconded by Mangum to approve the proposed Resolution authorizing the City of Eatonton to implement a **Natural Gas Rebate Program** consistent with “Exhibit A.” All rebates will be subject to change or termination without notice as determined by the City. Funds made available through the Rebate Program will be subject to annual Budget appropriations. Motion carried by a unanimous vote of 5-0.

### Eatonton Natural Gas Rebate Offers

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**Second Reading and Possible Adoption of Proposed Eatonton-Putnam County Media Production Permit Ordinance Attachment #6D**

City Attorney Christopher Huskins read the second reading of the Proposed Eatonton/Putnam County Media Production Permit Ordinance Chapter 44, Section 44-1 through 44-14.

Sec. 44-1 Short Title
Sec. 44-2 Definitions
Sec. 44-3 Application of Ordinance; Filming Location
Sec. 44-4 Exemptions
Sec. 44-5 Permit Application
Sec. 44-6 Administrative Review
Sec. 44-7 Permit Conditions
Sec. 44-8 Fees and Waivers
Sec. 44-9 Revocation
Sec. 44-10 Notification of Affected Businesses and Residents
Sec. 44-11 General Standards
Sec. 44-12 High Impact Activity Standards
Sec. 44-13 Special Effects, Explosives and Similar Devices
Sec. 44-14 Penalties

Motion was made by Doster and seconded by Haley to approve the Proposed Resolution and adopt the **Eatonton-Putnam County Media Production Permit Ordinance** regulating media production within the incorporated areas of Putnam County, and authorize Mayor Rocker to sign. Motion carried by a unanimous vote of 5-0.
Councilwoman Doster advised this Media Production Permit Ordinance is the same ordinance adopted by the county.
City Attorney Huskins advised he would reach out to the County to be sure they advise the City when changes and updates are proposed and implemented.

**Proposed Resolution to Ratify the Action of the Mayor in Endorsing the Final Plat for the Sumter Street Station Apartment Attachment #6E**

City Administrator Sanders advised the Planning and Zoning Commission and Planning Director met on May 25th and approved the final plat for Sumter Street Station Apartments. Mayor Rocker signed the plat on May 26th. A surety bond was not required by the Planning and Zoning Commission for construction, installation or maintenance of improvements.

Motion was made by Doster and seconded by Haley to approve the proposed Resolution ratifying the action taken by the Mayor in endorsing the Final Plat for the Sumter Street Station Apartments. Motion carried by a unanimous vote of 5-0.

**Request for Occupational License by Saurabhkumar J. Patel d/b/a Lucky Lotto Store to Operate a Convenience Store and Sell Beer and Wine at 820 Oak Street, Eatonton, Georgia Attachment #6F**

Motion was made by Doster and seconded by Haley to approve the Occupational License requested by Saurabhkumar J. Patel d/b/a Lucky Lotto Store to operate a convenience store, sell beer and wine at 820 Oak Street, Eatonton, Georgia. Motion carried by a unanimous vote of 5-0.

**Zoning: None**

**Committee Reports:**
Mayor Pro-Tem Walker expressed words of thanks for a job well done to all who were involved and helped with the Annual Dairy Festival.
Also, Mayor Pro-Tem Walker expressed words of appreciations for the work that Committees are doing on the upcoming FY Budget for 2018.

Motion was made by Doster and seconded by Mangum to pay the bills if and when the funds become available. Motion carried by a unanimous vote of 5-0.

Councilman Alvin Butts expressed words of thanks to the Council for considering and approving the Natural Gas Rebate Program for the City’s gas customers.
Councilman Charles Haley expressed words of approval on the excel spread sheets that was prepared and presented to Council from City Marshal Dianne Veal. Councilwoman Stokes had questions in reference to the organization of the City Marshal’s report. City Administrator Sanders explained that the report was entered in the order and the date that the cases were worked.

Council reported that retired Putnam County Coach Al Reaves passed, and words of condolence were expressed for the family.

City Administrator Gary Sanders reported to Council:

1. Final engineering plans are complete for the CDBG project on Church Street. We expect details regarding advertisement and bid dates soon.

2. Notice to Proceed for the TE Project has been issued by GDOT and the contract between the City and Structural Resources is ready for the Mayor to sign. Construction is expected to begin mid- to late-July.

3. We need to move forward with the SPLOST #8 project of replacing the vehicle lifts at the City shop due to a broken floor bolt. We have received quotes and will come in well under the original $30,000 estimate. Please let me know if there are any objections; otherwise, we will move forward with this project.

4. I will be out of the office on Thursday, June 15th for the Regional Commission’s Leadership Program.

5. GMA Delegate/Proxy

City Administrator Sanders advised Council that Georgia Municipal Association asked that the City of Eatonton submit the Voting Delegates Form for the Annual Membership Business Meeting by June 9, 2017.

Motion was made by Haley and seconded by Mangum to add Georgia Municipal Association Annual Membership Business Meeting Voting Delegate to the Agenda. Motion carried by a unanimous vote of 5-0.

Motion was made by Haley and seconded by Doster to approve Mayor Walter C. Rocker, Jr. as the voting delegate and Boyd Austin, Georgia Municipal Association President as proxy for the Georgia Municipal Association Annual Membership Business Meeting to be held on Sunday, June 25, 2017 in Savannah International Trade and Convention Center, Savannah, Georgia. Motion carried by a unanimous vote of 5-0.
Councilwoman Stokes advised she have heard the concerns and objections of the citizens that were spoken of by Mr. Terrence Waller in reference to the mural on the wall of Nina’s Fashion. The mural does not represent a good meaning for the citizens of Eatonton; it is heartbreaking. Eatonton is good; but, this is not a great thing. Eatonton can be better. Councilman Mangum asked what are you opposed to. Councilwoman Stokes advised you must see the mural and form your own opinion.

City Attorney Huskins expressed words of gratitude to City Administrator Sanders and Street Supervisor Joe Hawkins for help with reserving parking spaces for use by his maintenance contractor who was replacing heat pumps at his office.

Mayor Pro-Tem asked if there was any more business to be discussed. There being no other business; motion was made by Haley and seconded by Doster to adjourn. Motion carried by a unanimous vote of 5-0. Meeting adjourned at 7:41 P.M.

Harvey “Chip” Walker, Jr., Mayor Pro-Tem

ATTEST:

Sarah E. Abrams, City Clerk