City of Eatonton Council Meeting
Monday, May 18, 2015 at 7:00 pm
Eatonton City Hall, 201 North Jefferson Avenue, Eatonton, Georgia 31024

Elected Officials Present:
   Mayor John Reid
   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

Staff Members Present:
   City Administrator, Gary Sanders
   City Attorney, Christopher Huskins
   City Clerk, Sarah Abrams
   Chief of Police, William K. Lawrence

Mayor John Reid called the Council meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.
Councilwoman Teresa Doster called for a Moment of Silence for the Invocation.
Motion was made by Butts and seconded by Stokes to adopt the minutes from last meeting with any necessary corrections. Motion carried by a vote of 7-0.

Mayor Reid asked that a d be added to the word change on page 2, in the second paragraph of the minutes.

Public Comments:
Motion was made by Doster and seconded by Stokes to hear from those wishing to speak. Motion carried by a unanimous vote of 7-0.

William Kent Lawrence- Zoning
Charlotte Croom – Zoning
Lamar Lawrence- Zoning

Mayor Reid advised that Mr. Lawrence is on the Agenda tonight for zoning and all who have signed in for zoning would be recognized and allowed to speak at that time.

New Business:

Mrs. Carrie Vanderver, Eatonton Main Street Director/Project Manager presented the following report:
Attend GDEcD Leadership program, April 21. Final session tomorrow.

Maintaining weekly blog posts on website and sharing through social media. Please follow and like us on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter. The more likes and share we get the more further reach Eatonton will have.

May 28 - Main Street and Historic Preservation Commission hosting event for National Historic Preservation Month. 6:00 at Plaza Arts Center Banquet Room. Joe Smith, Architect on library renovation, speaking on importance of historic preservation in Eatonton and discussing the library project. Refreshments provided.

June 4 - Main Street holding its first quarterly round table discussion, based off conversation topics from our January Town Hall Meeting. 5:30pm, Plaza Arts Center Banquet Room. Topic: Community Events

Fifth Friday in the Briar Patch
2015: 5/29, 7/31 & 10/30
Downtown Eatonton
Music on the Courthouse Square. Movie in October.
Specials and Extended Hours in participating businesses
Cash Prize Scavenger Hunt in participating businesses

Movies in the Briar Patch
2015: Sat 6/13, Sat 7/11, Fri 10/30
Courthouse Square
See attached flier for details

Thursday, August 6:
5:30 PM
Round Table Discussion: Pop-up Retail
The Plaza Arts Center Banquet Room

The Main Street design committee is going to plan a date in June to assist with the Briar Patch Art Council's Manhole Cover project. We will be cleaning off the remaining designated covers for this project and priming them. Afterward we will announce a week-long event (September 28 - October 3) in which artists will be completing the manhole cover paintings and people are encouraged to come watch them working. More details to come on this!
Saturday, October 31:
10:00 AM - 4:00 PM
Briar Patch Arts Festival
Courthouse Square
NEW FESTIVAL LOGO -->

Thursday, October 8:
5:30 PM
Round Table Discussion: Lighter, Quicker, Cheaper - Downtown Beautification
The Plaza Arts Center Banquet Room

Friday, November 20:
5:00 PM - 8:00 PM
Merchants Christmas Open House
Specials and Extended Hours in participating businesses
Luminaries lining the streets
Carolining

Saturday, November 21:
Regular Business Hours
Merchants Christmas Open House
Specials in participating businesses
Carolining

Saturday, November 28
Small Business Saturday
Specials in participating businesses

Saturday, December 5
Christmas in the Briar Patch
3:00 PM - 8:00 PM
Craft Festival on Courthouse Lawn
Light Up the Night Christmas Parade @ 6:00 PM
Photos with Santa and Caroling after Parade
Specials and Extended Hours in participating businesses
Historic Preservation – Request by Jeffery and Rachel Lewis for a Certificate of Appropriateness at 419 North Madison Avenue Attachment #2
Motion was made by Doster and seconded by Haley to accept and approve the recommendation from the Historic Preservation Commission in approving the request made by Jeffery and Rachel Lewis for a Certificate of Appropriateness at 419 North Madison Avenue for installation of a fence in the backyard. Motion carried by a unanimous vote of 7-0.

Historic Preservation – Request by M. L. and Gale Prince for a Certificate of Appropriateness at 407 North Madison Avenue Attachment #3
Motion was made by Walker and seconded Gorley to accept and approve the recommendation from the Historic Preservation Commission in approving the request made by M. L. and Gale Prince for a Certificate of Appropriateness at 407 North Madison Avenue to add a 12x 9 foot addition on the back right side of the house for a laundry/mud room. Motion carried by a unanimous vote of 7-0.

Proposed Resolution to allow a Temporary Alcoholic Beverage Pouring License Attachment #4
Motion was made by Stokes and seconded by Doster to approve the Proposed Resolution to allow a Temporary Alcoholic Beverage Pouring License for the Masonic Lodge #170 and for other purposes. Motion carried by a vote of 6-0. Councilman James Gorley abstained.

Proposed Resolution to Approve a Revolving Loan (RLF) to Brown Dog Restaurants, LLC Attachment #5
City Administrator Sanders advised receiving an application from Adam Smith d/b/a (Smith’s Coastal Grill) Brown Dog Restaurants for a second Revolving Loan in the amount of $10,000. The Revolving Loan Committee reviewed the application and approved the request for a term of 10 years at 5% interest. The Loan is for the building capital and equipment.

City Attorney Huskins asked Council to modify the loans by combining the first loan of $50,000.00 with this request for an addition $10,000 for total $60,000 in Revolving Funds with the term of 5% interest for 10 years. Council was advised Smith placed 2 Life Insurance Policies valued at $50,000, 1 diamond ring, a vehicle title and $20,000 of equipment as collateral to secure the loan.

Motion was made by Doster and seconded by Walker to approve the Resolution and amend the existing loan by consolidating the $50,000 and the $10,000 Revolving Loan and authorize the Mayor to sign such loan agreement. Motion carried by a unanimous vote of 7-0.

**Election of GMA District 6 Officers Attachment #6**

Motion was made by Walker and seconded by Mangum to approve the slate of officers nominated as GMA’s District 6 Officers for 2015-2016. Motion carried by a unanimous vote of 7-0.

The following City officials nominated as GMA’s District 6 Officers for 2015-2016
President: Randall Walker, Councilmember, Perry
First Vice President: Dr. Collinda Lee, Mayor Pro Tem, Milledgeville
Second Vice President: Cameron Andrews, Councilmember, Centerville
Third Vice President: Barbara Williams, Mayor, Fort Valley

**Proposed Resolution to Authorize the Mayor to sign a Work Detail Agreement with the Georgia Department of Corrections Attachment #7**

Motion was made by Gorley and seconded by Mangum to approve the Proposed Resolution and authorized Mayor Reid to sign a Work Detail Agreement with the Georgia Department of Corrections for the State Fiscal Year 2016. Motion carried by a unanimous vote of 7-0.

*(Term of this agreement is for 2 details @ $39,500.00 each).*

Mayor Reid talked about opening the old Putnam Prison facility that was purchased as surplus property from the State. Reid advised talking to another elected official in reference to housing prisoners and was advised some new cities in the Atlanta area sends their prisoners to jail facilities in other towns and have decided to not build jails. Reid advised he would do more research on housing prisoners but the City’s first step is to have abatement done to remove the lead based paint and asbestos; funds were allocated for this in the 2014-15 budget.
Zoning
1. Request by William Kent Lawrence to Rezone 2 Acres on 792 Madison Road from R-2 to C-2 Attachment # 8

Motion was made by Mangum and seconded by Doster to accept and approve the recommendation from the City of Eatonton Planning and Zoning Commission to approve the request made by William Kent Lawrence to rezone 2 acres on 792 Madison Road from R-2 to C-2. Motion carried by a unanimous vote of 7-0.

2. Request by William Kent Lawrence to Rezone 1 Acre on 796 Madison Road from R-2 to C-2 Attachment # 9

Motion was made by Mangum and seconded by Walker to accept and approve the recommendation from the City of Eatonton Planning and Zoning Commission to approve the request made by William Kent Lawrence to rezone 1 acre on 796 Madison Road from R-2 to C-2. Motion carried by a unanimous vote of 7-0.

Committees Reports

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

Councilwoman Stokes advised the American Legion Auxiliary would have poppies; all donations are given to help disabled veterans. Stokes reminded Council to attend the Memorial Day event planned at the Memorial Wall on Monday, May 25, at 11:00 AM.

William Kent Lawrence, Chief of Police, advised his trip to Washington DC to see Officer Noel Hawk’s name placed on the Memorial Wall in Washington went well and the Police Department officers and staff will attend a Public Safety Memorial Ceremony on Wednesday, May 20th 2015 at 3:00 pm at the Georgia Public Safety Training Center in Forsyth to see Officer Noel Hawks’ name placed on their Memorial Wall. The Honorable Nathan Deal, Governor will deliver the Keynote address.
Lawrence advised all is welcome to attend the ceremony and to let him know; he and staff will depart Eatonton at 12:15 pm.

Chief Lawrence advised Thursday, May 21st is Celebrating Patriotism Day. The event will be held on the Courthouse lawn at 7 p.m. and Monday, May 25th is the Memorial Day Celebration which will be held at the Veteran Memorial Wall at 11:00 a.m. the Police Honor Guard will give a 21-gun salute at both of these events.

City Administrator Gary Sanders presented the following report to City Council:
The solicitation for bids for the preparation of meals for the congregate meal program is now running in the Eatonton Messenger. The bid period concludes at 10:00 a.m. on Monday, June 8, 2015. Bid packages are available for pickup at City Hall.
The heat pump condenser that comforts the museum and offices at the Plaza has gone bad and is in the process of being replaced. Oconee Climate Control performs their maintenance and is making the replacement.

This year’s Community Cleanup will be held next week, May 25-29. Citizens are encouraged to do what they can to beautify their yards by cutting grass, trimming bushes, and removing yard debris. Those with residential garbage service accounts may also dispose of their old appliances, furniture, general trash and debris by placing these items near the curb. We are also asking that citizens not put out bulk trash items and yard debris for collection during the week of June 1-5, 2015 (the Week before the Dairy Festival).

City Administrator Sanders will attend the final session of the Economic Development Academy tomorrow in Smarr from 8:30 AM – 3:30 PM.


Mayor Reid asked if there was any other business to be conducted for the good of the City. There being no further business, motion was made by Walker and seconded by Haley to adjourn. Motion carried by a unanimous vote of 7-0.

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John Reid, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Sarah E. Abrams, City Clerk