Mayor Walter C. Rocker called the Council meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Councilman Alvin Butts gave the invocation.

Motion was made by Butts and seconded by Walker to approve the minutes of the last meeting with any necessary corrections. Motion carried by a unanimous vote of 4-0.

Public Comments: Janet Kelhoffer – After School Arts Program Summary

Reading of the Rules for Public Comments: Omitted

Ms. Janet Kelhoffer presented the following report on the After School Arts Program 2015-16 School Year - Summary Report

Program Description
- Free program funded by Plaza Arts and benefiting children in grades K – 8.
• Primary Students come the 1st or 2nd Tuesday of the month, Elementary and Middle School students come the 3rd Tuesday of the month.

• Meets during the months of September, October, November, January, February, March, and April.

• Program runs from 3:15 – 5:15 PM.

• Registered students are bused to Plaza Community Center by Putman County busses. They are picked up by family members to return home. Some private school and homeschooled children attend After School Art and are brought by families.

• Upon arrival, they are fed a snack

• Students work on 3-4 projects per meeting, ranging from pottery, painting, holiday and other craft activities. They are often read a story during the session relating to the theme for the month or an art topic, e.g. Impressionism.

Putnam County Primary School Attendance – 407
Putnam County Elementary School Attendance – 125
Putnam County Middle School Attendance – 51
Total – 583 students served
Putnam County High School High School student volunteer hours – 48
Adult Volunteer hours – 270 (approximately)
Respectfully submitted,
Janet Kelhoffer, Director Plaza Arts

Old Business:
Second Reading and Possible Action on Proposed Article V (Naming or Renaming City-Owned Property or Facility) of Chapter 58 of the Code of Ordinances
Attachment #5-A

City Attorney Christopher Huskins read the second reading of the Proposed Article V (Naming or Renaming City-Owned Property or Facility) of Chapter 58 of the Code of Ordinances. Motion was made by Mangum and second by Walker to adopt Article V (Naming and Renaming City-Owned Property or Facility) of Chapter 58 sections 201 through 206. Motion carried by a unanimous vote of 4-0.

New Business:

Main Street Director Andrew Simpson presented the Main Street Report.

Organization
The Eatonton Main Street Board supported the idea of having a Pilot Club member on the Board.
The Board has set aside their June Meeting for Community Transformation Strategies and Finance.

Eatonton Main Street Director attended complete streets training in Winterville.

**Promotion**
Main Street Director met with the Pilot Club and both will work in partnership going forward.

Main Street Director met with Tom Rossiter from Kiwanis regarding Patriotism Day.

The Movie on The Court House Lawn is Finding Nemo, set for Friday June 3 at dark.

Leadership Putnam continues to seek funds regarding the painting of the downtown Water Tower.

**Design**
The Design Committee is in the process of revamping the facade grant application to be more concise.

Jones Master Cuts/SNJ Environmental Awnings are up. A Barbers Pole is to follow.

Maggie Lane has taken a Facade Grant Application.

**Economic Vitality**
The Eatonton Cotton Warehouse has a provisional opening date of June 18.

I have not received a response from Underground Treasures regarding an opening date.

The Reid Center has moved out of 108 N Jefferson Avenue and relocated to 202 N Jefferson Avenue.

Smith's Sweets is asking $1700 to rent the coffee/ice cream shop.

104 W. Marion St. will be undergoing renovation starting in June.

I have written to the LP Moore Gas (119 N. Jefferson Ave), old Communicomm Building (104 E. Marion St.), China Chef (104 N. Jefferson Avenue), and Probation Office (105 S. Jefferson Avenue) landlords about their future plans for the buildings that they own. On June 1, I will send certified letters if no response.

**Summary**
Eatonton Main Street is continuing to seek partnerships with clubs and organizations in and outside Putnam County, to promote downtown events. The Facade Grant application has been revamped and the Design Committee is looking to see how to improve the facades and window displays of downtown buildings with their owners’ permission. One suggestion is to seek sponsors for the planters around town.

*The Event Stage is to have a ribbon cutting at 10 am on Monday May 16 all are invited*
Council discussed the L. P. Moore and the Old Communicomm buildings and asked Simpson what are the future plans for these buildings. Simpson advised the building have black mold and are in a state of disrepair. Letters were mailed asking the owners to repair the buildings. Councilman Gorley asked if City Marshal Veal communicated with the property owners to repair their buildings. Administrator Sanders advised City Marshal Veal has returned from a week trip and will begin focusing on the business district. Also, Sanders advised the Main Street Office moved into City Hall last week.

**Proposed Appointment to the Historic Preservation Commission Attachment 6-B**

Motion was made by Gorley and seconded by Mangum to approve the appointment of Ms. Nancy Marshall to the Historic Preservation Commission. Motion carried by unanimous vote of 4-0.

**Designation of Voting Delegate and Proxy for 2016 GMA Annual Membership Meeting Attachment #6-C**

Motion was made by Gorley and seconded by Walker to appoint Mayor Walter C. Rocker Jr. as the Voting Delegate for 2016 GMA Annual Membership Meeting. Motion carried by a unanimous vote of 4-0.

Motion was made by Gorley and seconded by Walker to appoint Mike Bodker, GMA President as Proxy for the 2016 GMA Annual Membership Meeting. Motion carried by a unanimous vote of 4-0.

**Election of GMA District 6 Officers Attachment 6-D**

Motion was made by Walker and seconded by Mangum to approve the slate of officers nominated to serve as GMA District 6 Officers for 2016-2017. Motion carried by a unanimous vote of 4-0.

*The following City officials have been nominated by the current district officers as GMA’s District 6 Officers for 2016-2017*

President: Dr. Collinda Lee, Mayor Pro Tem, Milledgeville
First Vice President: Cameron Andrews, Councilmember, Centerville
Second Vice President: Barbara Williams, Mayor, Fort Valley
Third Vice President: Ed Barbee, Mayor Pro Tem, Gray

**Request for Retail Package Sales of Beer and Wine License by Family General, Inc. d/b/a Piggly Wiggly #4198, 228 North Jefferson Avenue, Eatonton, GA**

Attachment # 6-E

Motion was made by Walker and seconded by Butts to approve the Retail Package Sales of Beer and Wine License requested by Family General, Inc d/b/a Piggly Wiggly #498, 228 North Jefferson Avenue, Eatonton, GA. Motion carried by a unanimous vote of 4-0.
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 4-0.

Councilman Walker advised he would schedule a Finance and Personnel Committee meeting for next week; members of the committee would be notified.

Councilman Gorley reminded all to vote in the election.

Police Chief William Lawrence introduced Officer Charles Stone. Stone has been designated to attend and be on duty during the Council meetings. Stone expressed words of appreciation to Mayor and Council for his job.

City Administrator Gary Sanders advised the Pilot Club would like to put ribbons on the lamp posts in the downtown area for the Dairy Festival. Does anyone have any objections? Council had no objections to the placement of the ribbons.

Administrator Sanders advised Waterworks Drive is currently closed due to a sinkhole that developed in the road above the metal culvert. We received a quote from Peachstate Construction for the necessary repair and passed that information along to each of you. Until the repair is made, the old Senior Citizens building will not be available to rent and the road will remain closed.

Sanders advised we are still working on details regarding the TE project landscape design issue.

Administrator Sanders advised the Tri-County solar energy project is quickly moving toward completion. They hope to receive some power out of the array by the first week in June, with power being supplied to customers by July. A commissioning event will be held in mid to late-June. Details about the event are forthcoming.

Sanders advised the Sumter Street Station apartments have a tentative project completion in the October/November timeframe. In the coming weeks, applications will be made available by the developer for interested individuals.

Administrator Sanders will be attending the Municipal Gas Authority’s Annual Meeting this Wednesday through Friday, May 18-20, 2016 at St. Simons.

Councilman Gorley asked if the City could have language included in the billboard agreement to allow the ability to replant a tree in the event a tree dies in the downtown area of the billboard. Sanders advised he would discuss modifying the agreement to include language on replanting of trees in the event of a tree dying.
City Attorney Huskins advised talking to County Manager Paul Van Haute in reference to working together as a team on a Blight Tax for the City and County. Huskins reported the discussion went well.

Mayor Rocker discussed the 5 lots donated to the City of Eatonton on Enterprise Hill. Talked to Maurice with Habitat who advised they require a warranty deed to accept the property. Attorney Huskins advised he could do a title search; looking back about 50 years.

Mayor Rocker asked if there was any more business to come before the Council. There being no further business; Motion was made by Walker and seconded by Gorley to adjourn. Motion carried by a unanimous vote of 4.0

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Walter C. Rocker, Jr. Mayor

ATTEST:

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Sarah E. Abrams, City Clerk