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

Mayor Walter Rocker, Jr. gave the invocation.

Motion was made by Haley and seconded by Gorley to approve the minutes of the last meeting with any necessary corrections. Motion carried by a unanimous vote of 7-0.

Public Comments: None

Reading of the Rules for Public Comments: Omitted

Special Recognition of Firefighters for Outstanding Services Rendered on March 19, 2016

Fire Chief Eugene Hubert introduced Derick Powers as the newly hired full time firefighter with his department. Hubert then recognized and presented firefighters with a certificate for outstanding service performed in putting out a house fire and helping to save a life on March 19, 2016 at the home of 86 year old Mrs. Annie Johnson, who lived
at 326 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive. Public Safety Committee members Gorley, Butts, and Walker congratulated and thanked the firefighters for an outstanding job well done.

Old Business:

New Business:

Proposed Resolution to Authorize the Mayor to Apply for a Safety and Liability Management Grant offered by Georgia Municipal Association  Attachment #6A
Motion was made by Gorley and seconded by Doster to approve the Resolution authorizing Mayor Rocker to apply for a 2016 Safety and Liability Management Grant offered by Georgia Municipal Association. Motion carried by a unanimous vote of 7-0.

Proposed Resolution to Authorize the Continued Use of Certain Unmarked City Vehicles  Attachment #6B
Motion was made by Walker and seconded by Haley to approve the proposed Resolution to authorize the Continued Use of Certain Unmarked City Vehicles and authorize Mayor Rocker to sign. Motion carried by a unanimous vote of 7-0.

Proposed Resolution to Authorize the Mayor to sign Amendment #2 to the Area Agency on Aging Contract for SFY 2016  Attachment 6C
Motion was made by Stokes and seconded by Gorley to approve the proposed Resolution and authorize Mayor Rocker to Sign Amendment #2 to the Area Agency Contract for SFY 2016 between the Middle Georgia Regional Commission Area Agency on Aging and the City of Eatonton. Motion carried by a unanimous vote of 7-0.

Committees’ Reports
Councilman Walker expressed words of thanks to the firefighters and safety officials. Motion was made by Walker and seconded by Doster to pay the bills if and when funds become available. Motion carried by a unanimous vote of 7-0.

Councilman Mangum advised the Streets, Buildings, and Grounds Committee met on Monday at City Hall and he thanked the committee members and Mr. Sanders for their input. The committee discussed streets in need of repair and adding other local streets besides the three streets already named (MLK, Lower Harmony Road and Oconee) which have been designated for the LMIG funding put into escrow in 2016 and 2017. The committee was focused on paving and resurfacing streets; therefore, it was suggested they ride and look at other neighborhood streets with similar issues. Other items discussed were revising the ordinance and policies on renaming streets and bridges. The Committee approved taking out and replacing the culvert on Highland Drive when school is out.

City Administrator Sanders advised that the Streets, Buildings, and Grounds Committee met and supports the plan to move forward with purchasing a dump truck (in the amount
of $35,000.00) and an infrared asphalt heater ($20,000.00) for the public works department. The dump truck will replace one facing costly repairs and the asphalt heater will substantially reduce the cost in time and materials for patching streets. Street Supervisor Joseph Hawkins has inspected the dump truck and has tested an asphalt heater on our streets. These appropriations for expenditures will come from SPLOST.

Councilman Mangum discussed a request received from the Chamber of Commerce to move Mainstreet from the Plaza because they need the additional space. Mangum asked Mayor Rocker to intervene in the move. Council asked Mainstreet Director Andrew Simpson his opinion on moving from the Plaza. Simpson advised he would like to remain at the Plaza to be near the Chamber of Commerce. Councilwoman Doster suggested meeting with the Chamber of Commerce to discuss Mainstreet moving issue.

Councilwoman Doster requested a Zoning and Ordinances Committee meeting next week on Tuesday or Thursday regarding the Code of Ordinances.

Councilman Gorley expressed words of appreciation toward the firefighters in setting a good example of city and county government working together for the good of our community.

City Administrator Sanders advised the City’s Hotel-Motel Tax Legislation passed the General Assembly and was sent to the Governor for his signature on March 28.

The Area Agency approved the City’s proposal for Congregate and Home Delivered Meals programs for the 2017-2020 cycle. The contract amount will be determined once AAA receives the SFY 2017 planning budget.

The GMA Gas Section is hosting a pipeline safety seminar in Macon this week. Mr. Sanders advised he would attend the seminar on Wednesday and Thursday.

Sanders advised the budget status report for February is your seats.

City Attorney Huskins advised the City’s property deeded to the DDA at the last meeting was recorded last week and the lease executed.

Mayor Rocker asked if there was any more business; there being none, motion was made by Haley and seconded by Walker to adjourn. Motion carried by a unanimous vote of 7-0.

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Walter C. Rocker, Jr., Mayor

ATTEST:

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Sarah E. Abrams, City Clerk