City of Eatonton
Public Hearing
Tuesday, January 20, 2015 at 6:45 pm
Eatonton City Hall, 201 North Jefferson Avenue, Eatonton, Georgia 31024

Elected Officials Present:
  Mayor John Reid
  Councilman James A. Gorley
  Councilman Charles Haley
  Councilman William Mangum, Jr.

Elected Official Absent:
  Mayor Pro-Tem Harvey (Chip) Walker, Jr.
  Councilman Alvin Butts
  Councilwoman Teresa Doster
  Councilwoman Alma Stokes

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

Mayor John Reid called the Public Hearing to order at 6:50 P.M.

Public Comments: None

City Administrator Sanders advised the Public Hearing is to address the City of Eatonton Proposed Amendment #2 to the CFY 2014 Budget. Because of a short fall in the LOST Revenues in General Fund a transfer from the Gas Department in the amount of $305,690.00 is needed to balance the budget. This Budget did not have a transfer at the time of approval but the CFY 2015 Budget has a $250,000 transfer included.

Mayor Reid closed the Public Hearing at 7:05 P.M.

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John Reid, Mayor

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Sarah E. Abrams, City Clerk
Mayor Reid stated he was waiting to see if a quorum of the Council members would attend the meeting before calling the regular Council meeting to order.

Mayor Reid stated that Councilman Butts is in route and should be here shortly; he would make a quorum of the Council members. Mayor Reid then called on Police Chief Lawrence for a Special Presentation.

Police Chief William K. Lawrence recognized Police Officer Jacob Strock for heroic actions in rescuing Mrs. Mattie Welch from her burning home on January 13, 2015.

Mayor Reid and Police Chief Lawrence thanked Office Jacob Strock and presented him with a Certificate of Appreciation from the City of Eatonton.

Mayor Reid called on Mrs. Carrie Vanderver, Director on MainStreet.

Mrs. Carrie Vanderver presented the following Mainstreet Report.

Eatonton Main Street Report  
January 2015

2014 End of Year Assessment for DCA complete.

Town Hall Meeting scheduled for Thursday, Jan 22, 5:50 pm at The Plaza Arts Center.

Held planning meeting with Downtown Merchants' Association on Wednesday, Jan 14 to lock in their joint event schedule for 2015.

Hosting garden tour on April 4 from 10a-4p.

Memorandum of Understanding between Eatonton and Georgia DCA is due, needs signatures.

Attended community New Year dinner at Oconee Springs Park.

Thank you to Jody Hawkins and his crew for removing decorations from Christmas tree on Courthouse lawn for us!
City of Eatonton Council Meeting
Tuesday, January 20, 2015 at 7:30 pm
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   Councilman Alvin Butts
   Councilman James A. Gorley
   Councilman Charles Haley
   Councilman William Mangum, Jr.

Council Members Absent:
   Mayor Pro Tem Chip Walker
   Councilwoman Teresa Doster
   Councilwoman Alma Stokes

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

Mayor John Reid called the Council meeting to order at 7:30 P.M. after the arrival of Councilman Alvin Butts.

Mayor John Reid called for a moment of silence for the Invocation.

Mayor Reid advised the meeting was delayed in order for a quorum of Council members to be present.

Motion was made by Haley and seconded by Gorley to adopt the minutes from January 6, 2015 Council meeting with any necessary corrections. Motion carried by a unanimous vote of 4-0.

Public Comments: None

Alcohol License by Babu Singh d/b/a Shell Express & Eastside Package Store, 204 East Sumter Street, Eatonton, GA.
Motion was made by Haley and seconded by Mangum to approved Alcohol License requested by Babu Singh d/b/a Shell Express & Eastside Package Store at 204 East Sumter Street, Eatonton, GA. Motion carried by a unanimous vote of 4-0.
Request by Gatewood Schools to Close Streets for Swamp Stomp 5-K Walk/Run Event.
Motion was made by Gorley and seconded by Haley to approve the request made by Gatewood Schools to hold a 5-K Swamp Stomp Walk/Run Event on March 15 at 2:30 p.m. Motion carried by a unanimous vote of 4-0.

Proposed Resolution to Authorize the Mayor to Sign a Memorandum of Understanding with DCA for Participation in the Georgia Classic Main Streets Program for 2015
Motion was made by Haley and seconded by Mangum to approve the Resolution and authorize Mayor Reid to sign the Memorandum of Understanding with DCA for participation in the Georgia Classic Main Streets Program for 2015. Motion carried by a unanimous vote of 4-0.

Proposed Resolution to abandon a portion of Baynes Street, Tract B
City Attorney Huskins advised notifying all property owners that the City has declared their intent of abandoning a portion of Baynes Street known as Tract B.
Motion was made by Haley and seconded by Gorley to adopt the Resolution to abandon a portion of Baynes Street known as Tract B and also authorize the Mayor to sign all documents. Motion carried by a unanimous vote of 4-0.

Motion was made by Gorley and seconded by Haley to pay the bills if and when the funds become available. Motion carried by a unanimous vote of 4-0.

Councilman Haley advised in reference to the monopole which is to be constructed at a Georgia Power substation on Glenwood Springs Road; Mrs. Fagan advised the property in the area can not be declared historic. GMA Legal Council has been contacted and the Knowles’ family living in the area will also be informed of the plans.

Councilman Gorley advised receiving an invitation to a Family Connection Breakfast at 10 a.m. Wednesday, January 21 at the Central Georgia Technical College and Mayor and Council will attend GMA Mayor’s Day in Atlanta on Friday, January 23 through Monday, January 26.

Gorley advised it is always good to receive good news from our Eatonton Police Department; who is very dedicated to their job in serving our community.

Gorley advised the Fire Department continues working on the ISO rating for their upcoming inspection. They are requesting some needed equipment for the truck that is not in the Budget. Interim Fire Chief Hubert advised searching for a grant to purchase a new or reconditioned equipment/camera.

City Administrator Sanders reported:

1. Work on the Willie Bailey Street is progressing and the end is in sight. Last week, the Water Authority relocated some of its lines after discovering a leaking
valve. While this added some time to the project, it is protecting our investment by moving the lines and valves out of conflict. We hope to finish the drainage infrastructure this week and do road work and dressing next week depending on the weather. There have been a number of conflicts throughout the project with water mains and sewer lines that have resulted in the addition of extra boxes and pipe. We also discovered and repaired a gas leak.

2. The gas line at Imperial Lakeview Drive and Quail Ridge is nearing completion. The line should be ready for pressure testing tomorrow or Thursday, with the final tie-in completed by early to mid-week and will last approximately 3-4 days. During this time, several PSC inspectors, along with their black SUVs, will be at the shop and maybe at City Hall.

3. The application period for the SAFER Grant will be February 9-March 6, 2015. A letter was mailed to the Regional Commission last week requesting technical assistance in preparing the grant application.

4. The budget status report for November is at your seats.

5. Mayor has signed a letter of support & resolution regarding the renaming of the Rooty Creek Bridge on Hwy. 16. Scanned copies provided to Rep. Kidd’s office on Friday and originals will be provided tomorrow.

City Attorney Huskins updated Council on Vizitech Loan which requires a Letter of Credit from the City. Gas Funds pledge can be used as security for the Letter of Credit.

City Clerk Abrams advised the Qualifying Notice was published in the Eatonton Messenger last week, and the new Accounts Payable Clerk, Mrs. LuAnn Smith started today.

Motion was made by Haley and seconded by Mangum to adjourn. Motion carried by a unanimous vote of 4-0.

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John Reid, Mayor

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Sarah E. Abrams
City Clerk