City of Eatonton Council Meeting
Tuesday, February 3, 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 Haley
  Councilman William Mangum, Jr.

Council Members Absent:
  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 7:00 P.M.
Councilman James Gorley called for a moment of silence for the Invocation.

City Clerk Abrams introduced Mrs. LuAnne Harper Smith as the newly hired Account Payable Clerk. Mrs. LuAnne Smith expressed words of thanks to the Council for being given an opportunity to work for the City of Eatonton.

Motion was made by Gorley and seconded by Butts to adopt the minutes from January 20, 2015 Council meeting with any necessary corrections. Motion carried by a vote of 4-0. Councilman Harvey Walker and Councilwoman Teresa Doster abstained.

Public Comments
Mr. Rufus Adair – Opportunities

Motion was made by Walker and seconded by Haley to hear from Mr. Rufus Adair. Motion carried by a unanimous vote of 6-0.

Mayor Reid advised the reading of the Rules for making Public Comments would be suspended as long as Mr. Adair makes his comments within the 3 minutes permitted.
Mr. Rufus Adair advised Council the roads and streets look good and Public Works Director, Joseph Hawkins does a good job keeping them up. Also Hawkins unstopped building drain which was clogged with roofing grit. Drains are stopped and storm water has no place to go; the water will cause the building to cave in. Mr. Adair requested Council to take the opportunity to map underground utilities on Jefferson Avenue and Marion Street and get the Water Authority to do the same when work begin on the Street Project.

Council discussed storm water drain pipes which were sealed in the downtown business area about 15 years ago.

**Old Business**

**New Business**

**Proposed Resolution to Authorize the Mayor to Apply for a Safety and Liability Management Grant** Attachment #2

Motion was made by Doster and seconded by Gorley to approve the Resolution and authorize the Mayor to apply and sign such supporting and collateral material as shall be necessary for proper application and implementation of such grants as may be required for a Safety and Liability Management Grant from Georgia Municipal Association which is to improve employees safety and general public liability loss control. Motion carried by a unanimous vote of 6-0.

**Proposed Resolution to Authorize the Mayor to Sign a Library Services Agreement** Attachment #3

Motion was made by Doster and seconded by Walker to approve the Resolution and authorize the Mayor to sign the amended Service Agreement presented tonight with the inserted language clarification with the Uncle Remus Library System Board of Trustees and any related documents necessary to the consummation of the transactions contemplated by this resolution. Motion carried by a unanimous vote of 6-0.

**Amended language**

1. The Library will be funded in part by the City of Eatonton for 2015 and subsequent fiscal years, to support operational funding along with any funding or services provided by the State of Georgia and Putnam County.

**Proposed Resolution to Extend the Gas line along Harmony Road** Attachment #4

Motion was made by Butts and seconded by Haley to approve the proposed Resolution and authorize the Mayor to enter into a contract for the construction and installation of the natural gas pipeline expansion along Harmony Road to such areas deemed economically feasible. Mayor is authorized to sign contracts, letters and other supporting and related documents as necessary to accomplish the goal. Motion carried by a unanimous vote of 6-0.
Proposed Resolution to Authorize the Submission of a 2015 Community Development Block Grant Application Attachment #5

Motion was made by Doster and seconded by Gorley to approve the proposed Resolution and authorize the Mayor to submit to the 2015 Georgia Department of Community Affairs a Community Development Block Grant application and such supporting and collateral material as shall be necessary. Motion carried by a unanimous vote of 6-0.

Proposed Resolution to Amend the Balance Budget for City Fiscal Year 2014
Attachment #6

Motion was made by Walker and seconded by Haley to approve the proposed Resolution to amend and balanced the budget for the City of Eatonton Fiscal Year 2014 as required by Georgia Code. Motion carried by a unanimous vote of 6-0.

The FY 2014 Budget will be balanced with a transfer from the Gas Department to the General Fund in the amount of $305,690.

Committees’ Report

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 6-0.

Councilman Butts thanked Council for approving extending the gas line on Harmony Road.

Mayor Reid advised Councilwoman Stokes is visiting her daughter who is ill, but should be back this week.

Councilman Gorley advised Police Officer Womack is in the hospital and the Fire Department continue to work on the ISO- Survey.

City Administrator Gary Sanders reported:
1. We have reached the final stages of the Willie Bailey Street project. The cold weather and rain have prevented the asphalt work and final dressing from being done but we will complete it as soon as possible.

2. The gas line project on Imperial Lakeview Drive and Quail Ridge is finished. The appropriate testing and tie-ins have been completed and gas is flowing. There will be a little more final dressing and clean-up as weather permits.

3. The comprehensive gas inspection by the Public Service Commission was completed last week. During this time, PSC inspectors reviewed department records, manuals, operating and maintenance procedures, and conducted field inspections of the gas system, among other things. The inspectors could not have been more complimentary of our system and employees. To say they spoke very highly of our Gas Superintendent is an understatement.
4. Georgia Cities Week, which is an opportunity to showcase and celebrate cities and the services we provide, will be April 19 – 25. The theme of the event is “Destination Downtown.” Activities range from the very simple – such as passing a resolution – to the more complex. GMA will send us a resource kit.

City Attorney Christopher Huskins updated Council on the $50,000 Revolving Loan to Adam Smith d/b/a Brown Dog Restaurant. Attorney Huskins advised receiving Smith’s vehicle title as collateral for the loan and a disbursement of the final payment of $10,000 which was held in escrow has been released to Smith.

Motion was made by Walker and seconded by Haley to adjourn. Motion carried by a unanimous vote of 6-0.

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John Reid, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Sarah E. Abrams, City Clerk