Mayor Walter C. Rocker, Jr. called the February 6, 2018 Council meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Invocation was given by Councilman Alvin Butts.

Motion was made by Councilman Walker and seconded by Councilman Mangum to approve the minutes from the January 16, 2018 Council meeting. Motion carried by a vote of 5-0. Councilman Alvin Butts abstained because he did not attend the last meeting.
Motion was made by Councilman Walker and seconded by Councilman Haley to hear Public Comments. Motion carried by a unanimous vote of 6-0.

Public Comments: Bradley Griffin - Introduction

Reading of the Rule for Public Comments: Omitted

Mr. Bradley Griffin made a public comment to introduced himself to Council and to advise that he is a candidate for U.S. Representative from the 10th Congressional District.

Old Business: None

New Business:

Main Street Report Attachment #6A

A 501-c-3 Non-Profit Corp. Designated by the Georgia Dept. of Community Affairs for the City & County

Report for City Council Meeting Tuesday February 6 2018 - January 2018 Recap

Organization

The Board has elected new officers. Tommy Cook is the new Chair, Sara Tomson Hooper the new Vice Chair and Colby Hunter is the Treasurer.

Main Street 101 and Main Street 201 courses are now online. The committee structure has been replaced by ad hoc committees.

I attended the Region 6 Manager’s meeting in Milledgeville.

The Opportunity Zone Report was submitted to the Department of Community Affairs.

Promotion

The Fire and Ice Festival is on Saturday February 10 at the Plaza Art Center. Posters were distributed. A radio interview was recorded. Print Ads were also organized. A banner will be placed behind the Courthouse on Feb 2.

A new website was launched at www.downtowneatonton.com

Design

Lyn Romine has spoken to Discount Tobacco about a revamp for their store. Lyn Romine is also talking to Michael Vandeplanque about an awning for his location.

Economic Vitality

Smith’s Coastal Grill closed. Adam Smith agreed to meet with me at a time and date of his choosing to discuss future plans for the location. He did ask that all potential renters of the location be referred to him.

Summary
January saw the continued build of the Downtown Eatonton website and app. An increased social media presence is key in bringing people to Downtown Eatonton. I have spoken to Tommy Cook at the Chamber about recording short promo videos for our downtown merchants and placing them on the Eatonton Main Street-Downtown Eatonton social media channels.

The Fire and Ice Festival is on Saturday February 10 between 5pm and 9pm at the Plaza Arts Center. I would like to encourage everyone to attend.

January is traditionally a quiet month for retail, but I have seen many people in downtown merchants and one of our retailers stated to me it was their best month yet.

I would also like to thank the Eatonton Messenger for featuring our downtown retailers in special articles.

**Update on TE/Streetscape Project**

Engineer Paul Simonton updated Council on the TE/Streetscape Project. Mr. Simonton discussed the handrails and the anticipated paving that is scheduled for Thursday of this week. This will be followed by striping if weather conditions permit. One tree is included in the plans and it will be planted in the project area. Also, signs are on order. In the next couple of weeks, the contractor will start at the corner of North Jefferson Avenue and move down East Marion Street toward the parking lot.

Councilwoman Reid asked that no one be allowed to placed signs in the planters.

City Administrator Sanders advised the Regional T-SPLOST referendum will be on the May 2018 ballot. If approved, the sidewalk on the west side of Jefferson Avenue will receive funding.

**Proposed Ratification on Arbor Day Proclamation Attachment #6C**

Motion was made by Councilman Gorley and seconded by Councilman Walker to ratify the action of Mayor Rocker in signing the Arbor Day Proclamation proclaiming February 16, 2018 as Arbor Day. Motion carried by a unanimous vote of 6-0.

**Resolution to Propose Amendments to Chapter 75 (Zoning) of the Code of Ordinances Attachment #6D**

Motion was made by Councilman Walker and seconded by Councilman Haley to approve the Resolution proposing Amendments to Chapter 75 (Zoning) of the City of Eatonton Code of Ordinances, and submit such amendments to Planning and Zoning Commission for review and recommendation. Motion carried by a unanimous vote of 6-0.

**Proposed Amendments to Chapter 75 Code of Ordinances**

To add the following definition to Sec. 75-4 (Definitions):

*Bed and Breakfast* means a single-family dwelling, other than a hotel, motel or boardinghouse, or portion thereof, providing eight or fewer rooms for rent where short-term lodging and meals are provided to registered guests for compensation. The operator of the bed and breakfast must live on the premises.
To add the following use to Sec. 75-111 (Uses allowed) (A-1):

   *Lodging (temporary):*
   
   Bed and Breakfast

To add the following use to Sec. 75-113 (Uses allowed) (A-2):

   *Lodging (temporary):*
   
   Bed and Breakfast

To add the following use to Sec. 75-131 (Uses allowed) (R-1):

   *Lodging (temporary)*
   
   Bed and Breakfast

To add the following use to Sec. 75-141 (Uses allowed) (R-2):

   *Lodging (temporary):*
   
   Bed and Breakfast

To add the following use to Sec. 75-191 (Uses allowed) (R-3):

   *Lodging (temporary):*
   
   Bed and Breakfast

**Proposed Resolution to Authorize the Disposal of Surplus Property** *Attachment #6E*

Motion was made by Councilman Haley and seconded by Councilman Mangum to approve the Proposed Resolution authorizing the disposal of surplus City property pursuant to O.C.G.A. §36-37-6 and authorize Mayor Rocker to sign. Motion carried by a unanimous vote of 6-0.

**City of Eatonton Surplus Property**

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**Addition to Agenda**

Motion was made by Councilman Walker and seconded by Councilman Haley to add to the agenda Balldevbhai Somdas Patel d/b/a Discount Mart - Request for license to sell beer and wine in original packages for consumption off the premises at 820 Oak Street, Eatonton, GA. Motion carried by a unanimous vote of 6-0.

Motion was made by Councilman Haley and seconded by Councilman Butts to approve the request made by Balldevbhai Somdas Patel d/b/a Discount Mart for license to sell beer and wine in original packages for consumption off the premises at 820 Oak Street, Eatonton, GA. Motion carried by a unanimous vote of 6-0.

**Zoning:** None
Committee Reports:

Motion was made by Councilman Walker and seconded by Councilman Haley to pay the bills if and when the funds become available. Motion carried by a unanimous vote of 6-0.

Councilman Butts reported Georgia Power started converting the streetlights on Madison Avenue to the new LED streetlights today.

Councilwoman Reid advised having two things to address on streets. They are the flower pots issue with people putting signs in the planter as discussed tonight, and loose and leaning street signs. Councilwoman Reid asked that street signs be straighten to an upright position and tightened.

Councilman Haley discussed blight property. Haley identified the old Charlie Weeks building on East Marion Street as blight property.

City Attorney Huskins advised he is working on identifying blight property within the City.

Councilman Haley asked Mayor Rocker and Council members to support various events taking place in our community. Events are posted in the Eatonton Messenger weekly.

Councilman Gorley advised the BWC Grant for the Eatonton Police Department was approved by Department of Justice.

City Administrator Gary Sanders advised Council:

We will begin advertising for members of the Downtown Development Authority this week to fill expiring terms. Council may consider these appointments at your March 19 meeting.

Georgia Power will be in town over the next several weeks installing the new LED streetlight fixtures.

The CDBG project on Church Street has entered the construction phase. You will notice that the contractor is gearing up to break ground. Expect traffic delays in the area. Notice to proceed was issued for January 2, with completion date of July 1.

City Administrator Sanders advised Main Street Director Andrew Simpson expressed concerns about rain on Saturday. The Fire and Ice Festival is scheduled at the Plaza Arts Center on Saturday from 5 PM - 9 PM.

Councilwoman Reid asked if there is a time line in the City of Eatonton Code of Ordinance to repair or clean up a building after receiving structure damage. Councilwoman Reid inquired when the owner of would repair the burned bike shop at 817A Oak Street.

Councilwoman Reid advised a Black History celebration would be held on Saturday, February 24, 2018 at the Hut at 12 noon.
City Clerk Abrams advised Council that their State of Georgia Personal Financial Disclosure Statement are due by July 1, 2018.

Mayor Rocker asked if there was any more business to be discuss before we adjourn. Being no other business; motion was made by Walker and seconded by Haley to adjourn. Motion carried by a unanimous vote of 6-0.

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Walter C. Rocker, Jr., Mayor

ATTEST:

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Sarah E. Abrams, City Clerk