City of Eatonton Council Meeting
Tuesday, January 17, 2017 at 7:00 PM

City Hut
400-A West Marion Street
Eatonton, Georgia 31024

Elected Officials Present:
  Mayor Walter C. Rocker, Jr.
  Councilwoman Teresa Doster
  Councilman James A. Gorley
  Councilman Charles R. Haley
  Councilman William C. Mangum, Jr.

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

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

Mayor Walter Rocker called the January 17, 2017 Council meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Invocation was given by Councilman Charles R. Haley.

Approval of the Minutes

Motion was made by Doster and seconded by Gorley to table approving the minutes from the January 3, 2017 Council meeting due to not having a quorum of the Council members present who attended the meeting. Motion carried by a unanimous vote of 4-0.

Councilman James Gorley and Councilman William Mangum did not attend the January 3rd Council meeting.
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Public Comments: None
Reading of the Rules for Public Comments: Omitted

Old Business: None

New Business:

Proposed Resolution to Appoint a Member to the Putnam County Board of Health
Attachment #6A

Motion was made by Councilwoman Doster and seconded by Councilman Gorley to approve the proposed Resolution appointing Mrs. Charlotte Green to serve on the Putnam County Board of Health as the Municipal member for a term of six years to expire on December 31, 2022 and authorize Mayor Rocker to sign the resolution. Motion carried by a unanimous vote of 4-0.

Proposed Resolution to Authorize the Mayor to Sign Letters of Support for the Eatonton Housing Authority Attachment #6B

Motion was made by Councilman Gorley and seconded by Councilman Haley to approve the proposed Resolution and authorize Mayor Rocker to sign letters of support on behalf of the Eatonton Housing Authority and its efforts to secure tax credits and funding to transform the Public Housing stock in the City of Eatonton, Georgia. Motion carried by a unanimous vote of 4-0.

Proclamation Recognizing February 9, 2017 as Alice Walker Day Attachment #6C

Motion was made by Councilwoman Doster and seconded by Councilman Haley to approve the Alice Walker Day Proclamation naming February 9, 2017 as Alice Walker Day throughout the City of Eatonton, Georgia and authorize Mayor Rocker and Council members to sign. Motion carried by a unanimous vote of 4-0.

Zoning: None

Committee Reports

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

Councilman Mangum asked what the status on the Transportation Grant. City Administrator Sanders advised Council the project received one bid and it came in over the budgeted amount. Paul Simonton will re-bid the project and Council will be notified when the public opening will take place. Councilman Haley asked to receive his notification by email.

Councilwoman Doster advised Downtown Development Authority next scheduled meeting is January 24, 2017.
Councilman Gorley advised Mayors’ Day Conference will take place on Friday, January 20 through Monday, January 23 in Atlanta, Georgia. Gorley also thanked Mayor and Council for approving and signing off on the body-worn camera grant for the Police Department at the last Council meeting.

City Administrator Gary Sanders reported crews from IPR were in town today to begin rehabbing the storm drain on Highland Drive. The road is in the immediate project area and will be completed tomorrow morning. Over the next few weeks, work will continue on the demolition and construction of a new headwall and leveling and repairing the road.

City Administrator Sanders advised the next pre-disaster mitigation plan update meeting will be Tuesday, January 31 at 3:00 PM followed by the Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee at 4:30 PM at the Putnam County Administration Building.

Mayor Rocker reported meeting today with Tish Johnson and EPWSA to discuss installing a water line to provide water to the Sumter Street Apartment complex.

City Attorney Christopher Huskins reported receiving $800.00 cash from Adam Smith for arcade video equipment sold. Money will be deposited in Huskins escrow account and then turned over to the City to be applied toward Smith’s Revolving Loan.

Councilman Haley asked for an update on the property deeded to the City. City Attorney Huskins advised the deed has been executed and will be delivered to the City.

City Clerk Abrams advised placing a Personal Financial Disclosure Statement at each Councilperson seat. This report should be filed no later than July 1, 2017 for elected officials not in an election year. Elected officials in an election year shall be filed no later than the 15th day after qualifying for office.

Mayor Rocker asked if there was anymore business to be conducted tonight. Being no further business, motion was made by Gorley and seconded by Haley to adjourn. Motion carried by a unanimous vote of 4-0. Meeting adjourned at 7:15 PM.