City of Eatonton Council Meeting
Monday, November 3, 2014 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 William Mangum, Jr.
  Councilwoman Alma Stokes

Elected Official Absent
  Councilman Charles R. Haley

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 meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Councilman Chip Walker called for a Moment of Silence for the invocation.

Motion was made by Stokes and seconded by Doster to approve the minutes from the last Council meeting with any necessary corrections. Motion carried by a unanimous vote of 6-0.

Public Comments:
Shelagh Fagan - Briar Patch Arts Festival

Motion was made by Walker and seconded by Doster to hear from Ms. Shelagh Fagan. Motion carried by a unanimous vote of 6-0.

Reading of Rules for Public Comments: Mayor Reid advised the reading of the rules for making Public Comments would be excluded for Mrs. Fagan’s comments; this is a City Program.

Ms. Shelagh Fagan expressed words of thanks to the City of Eatonton and especially to Police Chief Lawrence and Street Supervisor Joseph Hawkins for helping with the Arts Festival and helping to make it a success on Saturday, October 25. Also Fagan
expressed thanks to Street Supervisor Hawkins and crew for helping to move the parking lot project forward.

**Old Business: None**

**New Business:**

**Proposed Resolution to Name Signatories to City Bank Accounts Attachment #2**
Motion was made by Doster and seconded by Walker to adopt the proposed Resolution that individual holding the following designated office or title are authorized to serve as signatories to bank account for the City of Eatonton: Mayor, Mayor Pro-Tem, City Clerk, Assistant City Clerk, and City Administrator, and authorize the Mayor to sign the Resolution. Motion carried by a unanimous vote of 6-0.

**Construction Oversight Budget for Engineering Services for U.S. Highway 441 Gas Line Extension Attachment #3**
Council discussed oversight budget requested in the amount of $15,000 from Engineer Bruce Bagnasco of AMEC Environment & Infrastructure, Inc. for the U. S. Highway 441 gas line extension due to the extra amount of time put in on the project and additional items outside the scope of the project, including the new expansion project along Imperial Lakeview Drive and Quail Ridge. Request, if approved would double the original budget of $15,000 for engineering fees according to the agreement.
Motion was made by Butts and seconded by Stokes to approve an additional $15,000 allocation to be used as necessary for construction oversight for the U.S. Highway 441 Gas Line and Imperial Lakeview Drive/Quail Ridge Extension. Motion carried by a unanimous vote of 6-0.

**Committee Reports:**
Motion was made by Walker and seconded by Gorley to pay the bills if and when funds become available. Motion carried by a unanimous vote of 6-0.

Councilman Butts asked if the City was picking up new gas customers on U. S. Hwy 441. Administrator Sanders advised Butts not a lot of new customers are being added, but customers are getting gas turned back on for the winter.

Councilwoman Doster reported the contractor will start paving the parking lot on Wednesday. Street Supervisor Hawkins and his crew have done a great deal of work on the parking lot and the merchants are excited about the opening of the new parking lot.

Councilwoman Stokes advised receiving an invitation to the Veteran Memorial Wall dedication to be held on November 11, 2014 at 11 AM.
Councilwoman Stokes advised items for the Mayors’ Christmas Motorcade will be picked up at the next Council meeting in November; a box is available in the lobby of City Hall to deposit items for the patients.

Stokes reminded Council to attend GMA District 6th Fall Meeting in Milledgeville, Georgia on November 12, 2014; deadline to register is November 5th.

Stokes also advised the GICH Team will be sponsoring the Community Christmas Decorating Contest again this year. Registrations are due by December 12, 2014; the contest will be held on December 15, 2014.

Stokes acknowledged Police Chief William Kent Lawrence, the Eatonton Police Department and Street Supervisor Joseph Hawkins and his crew for helping with the Arts Festival and Halloween last week.

Councilman Gorley advised receiving the ISO Report and he would present it at a later date after meeting with the Fire Chief.

Police Chief Lawrence advised applying for a permit from Georgia DOT to block Hwy. 16 for the Veterans Wall dedication on November 11.

City Administrator Sanders reported: Approximately 12,500 feet of gas line has been installed along Highway 441. The first payment has been made to the contractor. The project is on schedule for substantial completion on November 21.

253 people voted during Advanced Voting that ended this past Friday. An additional 13 ballots were mailed; 10 of those have been returned so far. Election Day is tomorrow; the Hut will be open from 7:00 AM to 7:00 PM.

Sanders advised Middle Georgia Regional Commission has made excellent progress on the website; the unveiling of the City’s new site will take place soon.

The parking lot and East Marion Street are scheduled to be paved tomorrow, November 4. Also, we received our allotment of LMIG funding today in the amount of $71,923.29.

Registration is now underway for the 2015 Mayors’ Day Conference, which will be held January 23-26 in Atlanta. Please advise the City Clerk if you plan to attend.

The SPLOST Report is at each seat.

The Uncle Remus Library System is seeking $100,000 in matching funding from the County and City to leverage an additional $100,000 from the State for repurposing/renovating the Eatonton-Putnam County Library. This project would redesign the entrances and floor plan of the library. The Library Board met this afternoon to discuss this possibility.
Sanders also advised there is a question in reference to ownership of library which he would check out; all questions pertaining to the matching funding should be addressed to the Library Board.
Councilman Mangum recommended Council supporting and meeting the need of the Library; because the community uses this library.

City Attorney Huskins reported the Brown Dog Loan is ready; waiting on collateral from Mr. Adams Smith and the Vizitech Loan is running smoothly.

Clerk Abrams advised the Special Election will be held Tuesday, November 4, at the Hut. Voting will take place from 7:00AM to 7:00 PM.

Mayor Reid advised receiving request for the Mayor to do a Letter of Support for Putnam County Head Start Program. The Mayor read the letter to Council because he included Council as being in support. Council approved of the Letter of Support for Putnam County Head Start Program.

Motion was made by Walker and seconded by Doster 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