Council Agenda
City of Eatonton
201 North Jefferson Avenue
Eatonton, Georgia 31024
(706) 485-3311
Monday, November 17, 2014

1. 7:00 PM Called to Order

2. Invocation: Mayor John Reid

3. Approval of Minutes: Attachment #1

4. Public Comments:

   Reading of Rules for Public Comments:

5. Old Business:

   A.

6. New Business:

   A. Mainstreet Report

   B. Proposed Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Request the Middle Georgia Regional Commission to Complete an Application for a Congregate Meals Program Grant Attachment #2

   C. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding the Eatonton-Putnam County Library Board of Trustees’ Request for MR&R Project Funding Attachment #3

   D. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding a Request from Putnam County to Renegotiate Local Option Sales Tax Allocations
E. Proposed Resolution to Appoint Board Members to Housing Authority Attachment #4
   • Amy Lowery
   • Betty Gulley

7. Committees Report:
   • Finance and Personnel – Council Member Harvey C. Walker, Jr.
   • Public Utilities – Council Member Alvin Butts
   • Street, Building and Grounds – Council Member William C. Mangum
   • Zoning and Ordinances - Council Member Teresa Doster
   • Environmental – Council Member Charles R. Haley
   • Community Development – Council Member Alma Stokes
   • Public Safety – Council Member James A. Gorley
   • City Administrator – Gary Sanders
   • City Attorney – Christopher D. Huskins
   • City Clerk – Sarah Abrams

8. Executive Session:

9. Motion to Adjourn:
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 is 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 ar 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.

John Reid, Mayor

ATTEST:

Sarah E. Abrams, City Clerk
RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION by the Board of Council of the City of Eatonton, Georgia, to authorize the Mayor to request the Middle Georgia Regional Commission to complete an application for a congregate meals program grant and for other purposes.

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the City of Eatonton, Georgia, have found grants administered by the Area Agency on Aging to be a necessary and desirable funding option in order to provide a congregate meal program to residents of the City of Eatonton and Putnam County; and

WHEREAS, the City of Eatonton desires to promote better physical and mental health for older people through the provision of nutritious meals and opportunities for social contact; and

WHEREAS, the Middle Georgia Regional Commission offers grant preparation assistance to cities in the Middle Georgia Region,

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Council of the City of Eatonton, Georgia, that:

The Mayor of the City of Eatonton is authorized to request grant writing assistance from the Middle Georgia Regional Commission for a congregate meal program. Additionally, the Mayor is authorized to sign letters, applications, contracts, and other such supporting material as shall be necessary for the proper application for and execution of the grant for such program.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED by the Council of the City of Eatonton, Georgia on this 17th day of November, 2014.

John Reid, Mayor
City of Eatonton, Georgia

ATTEST:

Clerk, City of Eatonton, Georgia
November 17, 2014

Mr. Ralph Nix  
Executive Director  
Middle Georgia Regional Commission  
175 Emery Highway Suite C  
Macon, Georgia 31217

Dear Mr. Nix,

Please let this letter serve as an official request to have the Middle Georgia Regional Commission provide the City of Eatonton with technical assistance in preparing a grant application for our proposed congregate meal program. The contact person for this request and the Eatonton-Putnam Senior Services is Janie B. Reid. You may contact her by emailing seniors31024@att.net.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

John Reid, Mayor
MMR Grant for Repurposing the Eatonton-Putnam County Library

The Eatonton-Putnam County Library Board of Trustees requests $50,000 from the City of Eatonton to match State funding to repurpose (renovate) the Eatonton-Putnam County Library. The City’s portion must be received no later than August 31, 2016.

[Signature]
Director
Renovation Proposal for Eatonton – Putnam County Library

A project to “repurpose” existing space more efficiently and effectively without expanding the present building envelope.

1. Renovation project will revitalize the Library facility for considerably less expense than constructing a new Library

2. Renovation maintains historical significance while increasing usability

3. Opening up a parking lot entrance and reopening the Carnegie entrance provides easier access to the Library for both foot and car traffic

4. Shrinking the meeting room provides more space for day-to-day patron use while maintaining space for Library programming

5. Creation of Young Adult Section

6. Additional square footage from smaller meeting room allows for an increase in technology work area

7. New floor plan eliminates wasted space and unsafe blind spot in restroom hallway

8. Redesign and expand restrooms to be ADA compliant under present standards

9. Redesign Heritage Room to provide group study space for school children & CGTC students while maintaining space for genealogical research

10. ‘Office Nooks’ at current entrance/exit will actually be private study rooms
September 25, 2014

Honorable Mayor John Reid
City of Eatonton
P.O. Box 3820
Eatonton, Georgia 31024

RE: Commissioner Appointments

Dear Mayor Reid:

The following Commissioners with the Housing Authority have a term which will expire November 2014.

Ms. Betty Gulley - Resident Commissioner
Ms. Amy Lowery

Ms. Gulley is the Resident Commissioner and her appointment should be for one year. Ms. Lowery’s term is for a four year appointment. If any additional information or clarification is need, please advise.

Sincerely,

Vonda Gibson
Executive Director
A Resolution by the Board of Council of the City of Eatonton, Georgia to appoint a member to the Eatonton Housing Authority and for other purposes.

WHEREAS, the City of Eatonton seeks to provide quality affordable housing in the City; and

WHEREAS, the Eatonton Housing Authority was created to provide such housing; and

WHEREAS, the Eatonton Housing Authority has a board of Commissioners that serve staggered terms and has vacancies on the board of the Eatonton Housing Authority; and

WHEREAS, the City of Eatonton advertised and received applications from a prospective member that meets the mandated qualifications to serve on the Eatonton Housing Authority.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Eatonton, Georgia, that:

THE CITY OF EATONTON DOES HEREBY APPOINT AMY LOWERY TO THE EATONTON HOUSING AUTHORITY FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE ON NOVEMBER 30, 2018.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED by the Council of the City of Eatonton, Georgia on this 17th day of November, 2014.

John Reid, Mayor
City of Eatonton, Georgia

ATTEST:

Clerk, City of Eatonton, Georgia
Dear Mayor Reid,

I am writing this letter to express my interest in remaining on the board of the Eatonton Housing Authority. I hope that you will continue to allow me to serve and support the residence of the Housing Authority.

Sincerely,

Amy Lowery
Putnam County Charter Schools
School Social Worker
706-485-8547
A RESOLUTION by the Board of Council of the City of Eatonton, Georgia to appoint a resident member to the Eatonton Housing Authority and for other purposes.

WHEREAS, the City of Eatonton seeks to provide quality affordable housing in the City; and

WHEREAS, the Eatonton Housing Authority was created to provide such housing; and

WHEREAS, the Eatonton Housing Authority has a Board of Commissioners that serve staggered terms and has vacancies on the board of the Eatonton Housing Authority; and

WHEREAS, the City of Eatonton advertised and received applications from a prospective resident member that meets the mandated qualifications to serve on the Eatonton Housing Authority.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Eatonton, Georgia, that:

THE CITY OF EATONTON DOES HEREBY APPOINT BETTY GULLEY TO THE EATONTON HOUSING AUTHORITY FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE ON NOVEMBER 30, 2015.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED by the Council of the City of Eatonton, Georgia on this 17th day of November, 2014.

John Reid, Mayor
City of Eatonton, Georgia

ATTEST:

Clerk, City of Eatonton, Georgia
just a note

Mayor Reid City Council

I would like to continue to serve on Easton Housing Authority Board.

Betty Sullivan
107 Rock Ave Apt 615
Easton, PA, 18042

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