Council Agenda
City of Eatonton
201 North Jefferson Avenue
Eatonton, Georgia 31024
(706) 485-3311
April 20, 2015

1. 7:00 PM Call to Order

2. Invocation: Councilwoman Alma Stokes

3. Approval of Minutes: Attachment #1

4. Public Comments:

   Reading of Rules for Public Comments:

5. Old Business:

   A.

6. New Business:

   A. Main Street Report

   B. Proposed Resolution to appoint a delegate and alternate
delegate to the Municipal Gas Authority of Georgia’s Election
Committee Attachment #2

   C. Proposed Resolution to ratify the action taken by the Mayor in
requesting grant writing assistance from the Middle Georgia
Regional Commission Attachment #3
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
Tuesday, April 7, 2015 at 7:00 pm
Eatonton City Hall, 201 North Jefferson Avenue, Eatonton, Georgia 31024

Elected Officials Present:
   Mayor John Reid
   Councilman Alvin Butts
   Councilman James A. Gorley
   Councilman Charles R. Haley
   Councilman William Mangum, Jr.
   Councilwoman Alma Stokes

Elected Officials Absent:
   Mayor Pro-Tem Harvey (Chip) Walker, Jr.
   Councilwoman Teresa Doster

Staff Members Present:
   City Administrator, Gary Sanders
   City Attorney, Christopher Huskins
   City Clerk, Sarah Abrams
   Police Chief, William K. Lawrence

Mayor John Reid called the Council meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.
Invocation was given by Councilman William Mangum, Jr.
Motion was made by Stokes and seconded by Mangum to adopt the minutes from last meeting with any necessary corrections. Motion carried by a unanimous vote of 5-0.

**Public Comments:** None

**Old Business:**

Liquor by the Drink, Beer and Wine Pouring License – Edward Hudson of EDH E&L Enterprises, LLC d/b/a Xscape, 106 Oconee Street, Eatonton, GA  Attachment #2 Motion was made by Mangum that based on the current State law to deny the liquor by the drink, beer and wine pouring license requested by Edward Hudson of EDH E&L Enterprises, LLC d/b/a Xscape, 106 Oconee Street, Eatonton, GA. Motion failed for lack of a second.
Mayor Reid encouraged Council to look at other ways to explore the issue with the pouring license, such as a state variance because this situation may come up again. GMA Legal Department can take a look as well.

Motion was made by Haley and seconded by Butts to table request for liquor by the drink, beer and wine pouring license requested by Edward Hudson of EDH E&L Enterprise, LLC D/B/A Xscape at 106 Oconee Street, Eatonton, GA until the attorney for Georgia Municipal Association can look at the State’s law to see if the State has a variance which allow consumption of alcohol on property located within 100 yards of any housing authority property. Motion carried by a vote 4-1. Councilman Mangum voted against the motion.

Boy Scout Master Willie Frank Thompkins presented 3 Boy Scouts who are working on their Citizenship Merit Badge. Thompkins advised the Scouts must attend and observe a Council meeting before earning their badge.

Mayor Reid expressed words of appreciation to Scout Master Thompkins and the Scouts for attending the meeting.

**New Business:**
Eatonton-Putnam Senior Services Update

Mrs. Janie Reid presented an update on the Senior Meals Program.

Mrs. Reid advised receiving grant funding for Title III C-1 congregate meal/senior services in Putnam County in the amount of $57,651.00 with an implementation date of July 1, 2015. This grant will serve about 29 persons. Mrs. Reid expressed the need of a van for transportation to take the seniors on outings. The last outing was through the use of a Putnam County Board of Education school bus. Mrs. Reid also stated how proud she was over the partnership between the City, County and the Board of Education.

Councilman Gorley thanked Mrs. Reid for serving as the volunteer Director for the Senior Citizen Program and congratulated her on writing and receiving the grant award.
MEALS ON WHEELS

- Currently serving 48 clients.
- Serving 3 Private Pay
- Both routes cover approximately 500 miles weekly, 2000 monthly
- Still have a waiting list. I am meeting with Middle Flint to discuss hiring an additional driver, per AAA.
- Beginning July 1, 2014 – March 31, 2015 we delivered 8,678 meals
- You now have a policy in place for operation of a meals program that’s been approved by AAA.
- You now have a food service permit issued buy the Putnam County Health Department.
- All equipment and other operational necessities have met guidelines and are up to standards.
- AAA is currently reimbursing us at $5.51 per meal, previously $5.43 (last report).
- There were some findings during the program audit. All have been corrected, with the exception of one (bringing on an additional driver so that meals will be delivered in a timely manner).
- All reports are up to date and have been submitted for reimbursement.
- A detailed financial audit will be done before June 30th.

CONGREGATE PROGRAM

- An average of 25 actively participating, however we have 52 applicants.
- Still continue to feed them each day (pot luck, community organizations, donations, etc.)
- Active Computer Class on site taught each Wednesday.
- Active Low Impact Aerobic Class on site taught by a certified personal trainer from BodyPlex twice a month.
- Active Line Dancing Class taught on site twice a month by a trained instructor.
- Several in-county field trips – transportation provided by Putnam Transit (if and when transit is available). In February went on an out of county field trip to Macon. Transportation was provided by Putnam County Board of Education.
Pilot Club Parade request for Dairy Festival Attachment #3
Motion was made by Gorley and seconded by Haley to approve request made by the Pilot Club of Eatonton, Inc. to hold the Annual Putnam County Dairy Festival. Motion carried by a unanimous vote of 5-0.

Proposed Resolution to authorize the Continued Use of Unmarked City Vehicles Attachment #4
Motion was made by Haley and seconded by Butts to approve the Continued Use of Unmarked City Vehicles Resolution which provide for official vehicles used by the Mayor of the City of Eatonton and the City Administrator of Eatonton to remain unmarked as provided by O.C.G.A. §36-80-20 and authorizes the Mayor to sign. Motion carried by a unanimous vote of 5-0.

Proposed Resolution to ratify the action taken by the Mayor and the Personnel and Finance Committee in adopting Dental and Life Insurance Plans Attachment #5
Motion was made by Gorley and seconded by Butts to approve the proposed Resolution ratifying the action taken by the Mayor and the Finance and Personnel Committee in accepting the Dental and Life Insurance Plans offered by Principal Financial Group for the term beginning April 1, 2015 and authorize the Mayor to sign contracts, letters and other supporting documents as may be necessary to provide this coverage to City Employees.

Proposed Resolution to clarify procedure for the additional Ad Valorem Tax Exemptions for Homestead Properties Attachment #6
Motion was made by Haley and seconded by Mangum to adopt the proposed Resolution clarifying procedures for the additional Ad Valorem Tax Exemptions for homestead properties and authorize the Mayor to sign. Motion carried by a unanimous vote of 5-0.

Committee Reports:
Councilman Haley asked who will contact GMA Legal Department on behalf of the pouring license for Sheila Williams d/b/a Xscape. City Administrator Sanders advised Haley he would contact GMA legal department for advice in reference to the pouring license or a State variance.

Councilwoman Stokes advised the Women’s in History program was a huge success and she expressed words of gratitude to Putnam County staff for their assistance and to persons who donated items to help make the event possible.

Councilman Gorley reported the unveiling of Officer Noel Hawk’s name on the wall was well attended by his family and members of the community on Monday evening. The Fire Department passed out bike helmets to children and has some left over to give out. Councilman Haley advised Mike Rainey’s car burned in the Methodist Church parking lot and the fire Department did an outstanding job of putting out the fire.
Police Chief Lawrence thanked all for attending the unveiling of Officer Noel Hawk’s name on the Memorial Wall. Lawrence introduced his most recent hired Police Officer Elijah James. Officer James expressed words of thanks to Mayor and City Council for allowing him the opportunity to work and serve the citizens of Eatonton as a police officer.
Council members extended words of welcome to Officer James.

Police Chief Lawrence advised City Administrator Sanders that he would be applying for bullet proof vests through a grant application this year. The vests are good for about 4 years.

City Administrator Sanders reported:
Crews with TMI Services have painted stop bars, crosswalks, and highway/railroad crossings over the last couple of weeks. The weather will play a significant role in determining when they will resume painting streets and replacing signage.

The Board of Commissioners approved the City’s request to revise the location of the gas line along Harmony Road at their meeting on March 17. Ground should be broken in the next few weeks to install approximately 3,300 feet of gas main.

Substantial progress on the wheelchair ramp at the Hut has been made. Some concrete work will be required when weather permits to transition the base of the ramp to the parking lot. This project is being funded with a $4,200 polling place accessibility grant awarded by the Secretary of State’s office.

The contractor for the final 2015 LMIG project, paving on Imperial Lakeview Drive and Imperial Avenue, has been waiting on the Buckhead asphalt plant to open to begin the project. The plant has been down for maintenance and should be open soon.

Mainstreet is coordinating a downtown cleanup day for April 18. Please let the City or Carrie know if you know of any projects that should be included.

The Community Easter Egg Hunt was a big success. Thanks to all who were involved. The January and February Budget Status Report are at your seat.

Sanders advised Councilwoman Doster asked him to report the DDA rejected the bid of $129,000.00 for the construction of the stage, and will re-bid the project. Also the garden tour which was held over the week end was very successful.

Clerk Abrams asked Council to sign up if they planned to attend the GMA Spring District Listening Session in Perry Georgia on April 22, 2015. Clerk Abrams and City Administrator Sanders talked to Council members about filing a Campaign Contribution Disclosure Report if the report applies to them; otherwise they have an affidavit on file.
Mayor Reid thanked the Boy Scouts for attending the City Council meeting and wished them the best with their future endeavors. Scouts were asked to stand and introduce themselves to Council which they did comply.

Motion was made by Stokes and seconded by Haley to adjourn. Motion carried by a unanimous vote of 5-0.

John Reid, Mayor

ATTEST:

Sarah E. Abrams, City Clerk
RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Eatonton, Georgia that Mr. Gary M. Sanders is hereby appointed to serve as this City's voting delegate on the Municipal Gas Authority of Georgia's Election Committee, with authority to cast all votes to which this City is entitled. Mr. Alvin Butts is appointed as alternate voting delegate.

This 20th day of April, 2015.

John Reid, Mayor
City of Eatonton, Georgia

ATTEST:

Clerk, City of Eatonton, Georgia
TO: Municipal Gas Authority of Georgia Members

FROM: Terry Horton, Election Committee Chairman

DATE: March 31, 2015

RE: 2015 Municipal Gas Authority of Georgia Annual Election

The 2015 Gas Authority Annual Election will be held in conjunction with the Gas Authority's Annual Membership Meeting at Legacy Lodge & Conference Center in Buford, Georgia. The Election Meeting will be held on Friday, May 15, 2015, at 10:30 a.m. in the Grand Ballrooms.

Three board terms are expiring at the Annual Membership Meeting, positions currently held by H. Carter Crawford, Christopher Michael Hobby, Sr., and Douglas B. White.

If your delegate or alternate is listed for your City, a certified copy of a resolution naming a delegate and an alternate should be delivered, on or before Tuesday, May 12, 2015, to the following address:

Peter K. Floyd, Esq.
Alston & Bird LLP
One Atlantic Center
1201 West Peachtree Street
Atlanta, Georgia 30309-3424

Otherwise, your delegate should bring the resolution to the meeting and hand it to Della Wells, Peter Floyd, or me before the meeting is called to order. A sample resolution is attached for your convenience. Please check the attached delegate list to verify that your City's voting delegate and alternate are current.

The statute provides that nominations are taken from the floor at the Election Committee meeting. If you would like to nominate a person to one of the open positions, please have your delegate or alternate present at the meeting prepared to do so. You are also welcome to contact other Election Committee members (other Members' voting delegates) to advise them of your planned nominations in advance of the election.

As you know, we need 67% of the weighted vote for a quorum. Please be sure that your delegate will be present on time at the meeting. And, please remember that each delegate may represent only one city. Therefore, each city must appoint a separate delegate to the Election Committee.

Also, attached is a list showing the distribution of votes for your information along with a form to be completed by each Member indicating its intent to send a delegate to the Election to help us with planning the meeting and gathering a quorum. Please contact Della Wells at (404) 881-7891 or della.wells@alston.com, Peter Floyd at (404) 881-4510 or peter.floyd@alston.com, or me at (478) 719-8320 with any questions.

cc: Mr. Arthur C. Corbin and Gas Authority Board Members
## MEMBERS
MUNICIPAL GAS AUTHORITY
MEMBERSHIP ELECTION COMMITTEE
(Last Revised February 26, 2015)

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RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION by the Council of the City of Eatonton, Georgia, to ratify the action taken by the Mayor in requesting grant writing assistance from the Middle Georgia Regional Commission and for other purposes.

WHEREAS, The Bureau of Justice Assistance has announced that the 2015 Bulletproof Vest Partnership Grant Act of 1998 application period commenced on April 1, 2015 and concludes on May 13, 2015; and

WHEREAS, to participate in this program, the City must enroll and follow the Bureau of Justice Assistance’s reasonable guidelines; and

WHEREAS, the City wishes to fully employ all sources of funding for use by our local law enforcement agency; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor of the City of Eatonton determined that the application period for this grant to be such that immediate action was necessary in order to allow the Middle Georgia Regional Commission enough time to complete a competitive grant application.

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

attachment

The action of the Mayor of the City of Eatonton in requesting grant writing assistance from the Middle Georgia Regional Commission for a 2015 Bullet Proof Vest Partnership grant has been found necessary and prudent and such action hereby is ratified. Additionally, the Mayor is authorized to sign contracts, letters, and such supporting and collateral material as shall be necessary for the proper application, receipt and implementation of such grants as may be received.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED by the Council of the City of Eatonton, Georgia on this 20th day of April, 2015.

John Reid, Mayor
City of Eatonton, Georgia

ATTEST:

Clerk, City of Eatonton, Georgia
April 13, 2015

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 an application for a Bulletproof Vest Partnership grant administered through the Bureau of Justice Assistance. The application period is April 1, 2015 through May 13, 2015.

The contact person for this grant is Police Chief Kent Lawrence. Mr. Lawrence may be reached at (706) 485-3551.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

John Reid  
Mayor