1. 7:00 PM Call to Order

2. Invocation: Councilman Alvin Butts

3. Approval of Minutes: *Attachment #1*

4. Public Comments:
   Reading of Rules for Public Comments:

5. Old Business:
   
   A. 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*

6. New Business:

   A. Discussion and Possible Action regarding Adding Clients to the Meals on Wheels Program.

   B. Proposed Text Amendment to Section 2-213 of the Code of Ordinances regarding Zoning Commission Meetings. *Attachment #3*

   C. Proposed Resolution recognizing National Public Works Week. *Attachment #4*
City of Eatonton Council Meeting
Tuesday, April 20, 2015 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.
  Councilwoman Teresa Doster
  Councilman James A. Gorley
  Councilman Charles R. Haley
  Councilman William Mangum, Jr.
  Councilwoman Alma Stokes

Elected Officials Absent:
  Councilman Alvin Butts

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

Mayor John Reid called the Council meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.
Councilwoman Stokes called for a Moment of Silence for the invocation.
Motion was made by Gorley and seconded by Haley to adopt the minutes from last
meeting with the inclusion of the Boy Scouts names who attended the meeting. Motion
carried by a unanimous vote of 4-0.
Councilman Harvey Walker, Jr. and Councilwoman Teresa Doster abstained.

Public Comments: None

Old Business:
Councilman Mangum and Councilman Haley discussed action taken by Council at the
last meeting on the request for 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. City Administrator Sanders advised e-mailing Rusi Patel at GMA for
legal advice and will wait to hear from him.

Mayor Reid advised Council this item is not on the agenda for discussion tonight, but can
be put on the next agenda.
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:
Main Street received 2015 National Accreditation

Oconee Area Center for Advocacy reported Not Your Mama's Garden Tour was their best yet with 90 attendees and raising $1300 for the organization. Director, Brittany Curry, reported some groups from Atlanta that said they had never been to Eatonton.

Community Easter Egg Hunt was great success! Around 250 attendees. Looking forward to an even bigger event next year.

Attended National Main Streets Conference in Atlanta on March 30 - April 2.

Attended Georgia Downtown Association Meeting on March 29.

Attended GDEcD Leadership program, March 17.

Maintaining weekly blog posts on website and sharing through social media. Please follow and like us on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter. The more likes and share we get the more further reach Eatonton will have.

Clean-up event on Saturday April 18. Cleaned windows, picked up trash, put out pine straw and planted flowers in downtown area.

Provided coloring sheet and Eatonton-specific word search and crayons to Downtown restaurants for Georgia Cities Week.

May 28 - Main Street and Historic Preservation Commission hosting event for National Historic Preservation Month. 5:30 at Plaza Arts Center Banquet Room. Joe Smith, Architect on library renovation, speaking on importance of historic preservation in Eatonton and discussing the library project.

June 4 - Main Street holding its first quarterly round table discussion, based off conversation topics from our January Town Hall Meeting. 5:30pm, Plaza Arts Center Banquet Room. Topic: Community Events

Thank you to the city for putting out the new Spring plantings, for changing out the pole banners and for putting up (and taking down) the egg hunt banner. Also - thank you to the police department for attendance at the egg hunt! And thank you to Gary for representing the City of Eatonton at the Community Clean-up!
Proposed Resolution to appoint a delegate and alternate delegate to the Municipal Gas Authority of Georgia’s Election Committee Attachment #2

Motion was made by Doster and seconded by Gorley to adopt the proposed Resolution appointing City Administrator Gary Sanders as the voting delegate on the Municipal Gas Authority of Georgia’s Election Committee, with authorization to cast all votes to which this City is entitled and Councilman Alvin Butts as alternate voting delegate, and authorized Mayor John Reid to sign. Motion carried by unanimous vote of 6-0.

Proposed Resolution to ratify the action taken by the Mayor in requesting grant writing assistance from Middle Georgia Regional Commission Attachment #3

Motion was made by Gorley and seconded by Walker to approve the proposed Resolution ratifying the action of the Mayor in requesting grant writing assistance from Middle Georgia Regional Commission for a 2015 Bullet Proof Vest Grant and authorize Mayor Reid to sign all contacts, letters, and such supporting and collateral material as shall be necessary for proper application, receipts and implementation of such grant as may be received. Motion carried by unanimous vote of 6-0.

Mayor Reid advised receiving a request from Farmers & Merchants Bank to hold the 37th 10K Annual Road Race.

Motion was made by Walker and seconded by Mangum to add request to hold the 37th Annual 10K Torture Trail Road Race to the agenda. Motion carried by a unanimous vote of 6-0.

Councilman Gorley advised this request to hold the Annual Road Race is a part of our Community and we should not have to put this request to a vote each year, it should be automatic. City Attorney Huskins advised it is best to put this request to a vote because this Council cannot bind future Board of Councils to such an agreement.

Motion was made by Walker and seconded by Doster to approve the request made by the Committee for the 10K Torture Trail and Lil’ Torture Trail 37th Annual Road Race to be held on June 6, 2015. Motion carried by a unanimous vote of 6-0.

Committee Reports

Councilman Walker advised Josh Bell, Director of the Eatonton Putnam Library is pleased with the work at the Library. Also the new parking lot is being used and is a good addition to the City.

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

Councilwoman Doster advised the Committee will re-bid the stage potion of the parking lot project. The bids came in over budget. Doster expressed words of thanks to Joe
Hawkins, Street Supervisor for the work he did on the parking lot project. Doster also advised the paving crew will return and repave the entrance and exits at the back of the parking lot.

Council discussed the City Streetscape Project which is set to start in the fall and having the parking lot available for customers parking behind the businesses during the duration of the project.

Councilman Gorley advised receiving a letter from Police Chief William Lawrence addressed to Ms. Lisa Jackson in reference to moving the Planning and Zoning Commission meeting held on the 2nd Monday of the month from the Eatonton Police Department to the Hut because of public safety issues.

**City Administrator Gary Sanders reported to Council:**

- City Administrator Sanders advised Wednesday afternoon, the Street Department investigated a sink hole that was developing at the culvert on Highland Drive near Crestview Drive. Probing the hole revealed that a leaking water main had washed away a section of roadbed. EPWSA responded and installed a clamp to stop the leak. The hole was filled with gravel and steel plates were placed over the affected sections.

  Administrator Sanders asked that the Streets, Buildings, and Grounds Committee consider meeting this week, if possible, to discuss how they would like to proceed with the repair. We have an estimate to replace the culvert and section of road for between $30,000 - $50,000. Both water and sewer lines are in conflict, so we will need to coordinate with EPWSA.

- Administrator Sanders advised weather permitting; we plan to begin the gas line expansion on Harmony Road next Monday (April 27th). The materials have been ordered and delivered to the shop. The gas superintendent will review the project with the contractor (C&H Pipeline) this week in anticipation of starting next week.

- Administrator Sanders advised Main Street held a downtown cleanup this past Saturday (April 18th) from 9:00AM -12:00 PM to kick off Georgia Cities Week. Volunteers picked up trash, washed windows, spread pine straw, replanted flower boxes and planted a few seedlings around the parking lot. I would like to thank Main Street for coordinating the event and everyone who attended.

- Administrator Sanders advised Police Chief Lawrence has requested that City Council consider moving the Zoning meetings from the Police Department to the Hut due to public safety issues. Zoning meeting are currently held on the
2nd Monday of each month. You have a copy of his request at your seat. Mayor Reid advised request from Chief Lawrence can be placed on the next agenda.

- Administrator Sanders advised there is an old brick gate post at the Hut that we are planning to remove if no one has any objections. The county removed the post on the opposite side of the driveway and the remaining post no longer serves any purpose. *Council voiced no objection to the old post gate removal.*

- Administrator Sanders advised attending Session 3 of the Economic Development Academy in Smarr tomorrow, April 21, from 8:30 AM -3:30 PM.

- City Administrator Sanders discussed the possibility of holding another trash clean up/amnesty week which was an item discussed at the GICH meeting last week. It has been asked that Council consider holding this event during the first week of May, or sometimes soon thereafter. Councilwoman Stokes agreed and supported the City holding another clean up week. Mayor Reid discussed citizens cleaning up before the Dairy Festival.

City Attorney Huskins expressed words of thanks to the Street Department for taking down a dead tree on West Marion Street in front of the Huskins Law Firm. Huskins also reported advanced Disposal snapped the axle on his fifth garbage cart. Mayor Reid advised talking to the owner/manager of the garbage company in reference to service provided by the company.

Motion was made by Walker and seconded by Stokes 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
CITY OF EATONTON  
P. O. BOX 3820  
EATONTON, GA 31024  

APPLICATION FOR BUSINESS OR PROFESSIONAL OCCUPATIONAL CERTIFICATE  
FOR THE YEAR 2015  

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I (We) do hereby certify that the information for my business or profession as reported herein is true and correct, and that I am familiar with the city ordinance providing for penalties and revocation of my (our) certificate for making false or fraudulent statements in this application. I (We) have read and understand Section 18.30 of the Occupational Tax Ordinance as shown on reverse side.

(Signed):  
Signature of Applicant  
Date: 2/13/2015
§ 3-3-21. Sales of alcoholic beverages near churches, school buildings, or other sites

(e) (1) As used in this subsection, the term "housing authority property" means any property containing 300 housing units or fewer owned or operated by a housing authority created by Article 1 of Chapter 3 of Title 8, the "Housing Authorities Law."

(2) No person knowingly and intentionally may sell any alcoholic beverages for consumption on the premises within 100 yards of any housing authority property. This subsection shall not apply at any location for which a license has been issued prior to July 1, 2000, nor to the renewal of such license. Nor shall this subsection apply at any location for which a new license is applied for if the sale of alcoholic beverages for consumption on the premises was lawful at such location at any time during the 12 months immediately preceding such application.

Resolution to Amend Chapter 2, Section 213
Board appointments and boards

BE IT RESOLVED, that Section 2-213 of the Code of Ordinances, City of Eatonton, Georgia is amended to read as follows:

(b) Brief description of standing city boards:

(8) Zoning commission: Five members.

Duties: Acts in an advisory capacity to the city council in zoning and land use matters such as rezoning, variances and conditional use requests. Site plans and subdivisions may be approved by board if no variances are required.

Meetings: Second Monday of each month, 6:00 p.m. old American Legion Hut, 400A West Marion Street or other such place as may be designated by the city council. State mandated training required.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED by the Council of the City of Eatonton, Georgia on this 5th day of May, 2015.

__________________________________________________________________________
John Reid, Mayor
City of Eatonton, Georgia

ATTEST:

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Clerk, City of Eatonton, Georgia
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(Added text is shown by underline. Deleted text is shown by strike through.)
April 10, 2015

TO: Lisa Jackson City Counsel

CC: Gary Sanders City of Eatonton Administrator

This letter is in reference to Ms. Jackson holding the city zoning meeting here at the Eatonton Police Department on the 2nd Monday of every month.

Due to the attendance of the meeting every month, I, Chief Lawrence feel like this is going to become a public safety issue due to the police department bringing in the violators in handcuffs and etc. I feel like The Hut would be a more appropriate and safer place for Ms. Jackson to hold the zoning meetings that are open to the public to attend.

If you have any questions please feel free to call me at any time.

Thank you,

Chief Kent Lawrence

[Signature]
RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION by the Council of the City of Eatonton, Georgia, recognizing May 17 – 23, 2015 as National Public Works Week and for other purposes.

WHEREAS, public works infrastructure, facilities, and services are of vital importance to sustainable communities and to the health, safety, and well-being of the people of the City of Eatonton; and

WHEREAS, such facilities and services could not be provided without the dedicated efforts of public works professionals, engineers, managers, and employees from State and local units of Government and the private sector, who are responsible for and must plan, design, build, operate, and maintain the transportation, water supply, water treatment and solid waste systems, public buildings, and other structures and facilities essential to serve our citizens; and

WHEREAS, it is in the public interest for the citizens, civic leaders and children in the United States to gain knowledge of and to maintain a progressive interest and understand the importance of public works and public works programs in their respective communities; and

WHEREAS, the year 2015 marks the 55th annual National Public Works Week sponsored by the American Public Works Association.

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

THE CITY OF EATONTON DOES HEREBY DESIGNATE THE WEEK OF MAY 17-23, 2015 AS NATIONAL PUBLIC WORKS WEEK AND URGES ALL CITIZENS, CITY GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS, AND EMPLOYEES TO JOIN WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF THE AMERICAN PUBLIC WORKS ASSOCIATION AND OTHER GOVERNMENT AGENCIES IN PAYING TRIBUTE TO OUR PUBLIC WORKS PROFESSIONALS, ENGINEERS, MANAGERS, AND EMPLOYEES AND TO RECOGNIZE THE SUBSTANTIAL CONTRIBUTIONS THEY HAVE MADE TO OUR NATIONAL HEALTH, SAFETY, WELFARE, AND QUALITY OF LIFE.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED by the Council of the City of Eatonton, Georgia on this 5th day of May, 2015.

John Reid, Mayor
City of Eatonton, Georgia

ATTEST:

Clerk, City of Eatonton, Georgia