1. 7:00 PM Call to Order

2. Invocation: Councilman Charles R. Haley

3. Approval of Minutes: Attachment #1

4. Public Comments:
   Reading of Rules for Public Comments

5. Old Business:
   A.

6. New Business:
   A. Proposed Resolution to Recognize March 19-23, 2018 as Small Business Week Attachment #6A

   B. Proposed Resolution to Recognize April 22-28, 2018 as Georgia Cities Week Attachment #6B

   C. Request for Special Event Pouring License by the Georgia Writers Museum, 109 South Jefferson Avenue, Eatonton, Georgia Attachment #6C

   D. Proposed Intergovernmental Agreement for Public Ownership of Sewer Improvements Attachment #6D
7. Zoning:

8. Committee Reports:
   - Finance and Personnel – Council Member Harvey C. Walker, Jr.
   - Public Utilities – Council Member Alvin Butts
   - Streets, Buildings, and Grounds – Council Member William C. Mangum
   - Zoning and Ordinances - Council Member Teresa Doster
   - Environmental – Council Member Janie B. Reid
   - Community Development – Council Member Charles R. Haley
   - Public Safety – Council Member James A. Gorley
   - City Administrator – Gary Sanders
   - City Attorney – Christopher D. Huskins
   - City Clerk – Sarah Abrams

9. Executive Session:

10. Motion to Adjourn:
City of Eatonton Council Meeting
March 6, 2018 at 7:00 PM
Putnam County Commissioners’ Meeting Room, #203
117 Putnam Drive
Eatonton, Georgia 31024

Elected Officials Present:
   Mayor Walter C. Rocker, Jr.
   Mayor Pro-Tem Harvey (Chip) Walker, Jr.
   Councilman Alvin Butts
   Councilwoman Teresa Doster
   Councilman James A. Gorley
   Councilman Charles R. Haley
   Councilman William Mangum, Jr.
   Councilwoman Janie Reid

Elected Officials Absent:

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

Mayor Walter C. Rocker, Jr. called the March 6, 2018 Council meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Invocation was given by Councilman James A. Gorley.
Motion was made by Councilwoman Doster and seconded by Councilman Gorley to approve the minutes from the February 19, 2018 Council meeting. Motion carried by a vote of 6-0. Councilman Charles R. Haley abstained because he did not attend the meeting.

Public Comments: None

Reading of the Rule for Public Comments: Omitted

Old Business: None

New Business:
Main Street Report Attachment #6A
Organization
The Board did not have a board meeting for February.

I was able to secure a scholarship to attend the National Main Street conference in Kansas City in March.

Promotion
The Community Easter Egg Hunt will be held at the Recreation Dept. on Saturday March 24.

A new website was launched at www.downtowneatonton.com and a new downtown app called Distrx.

Design
Discount Tobacco has been sent a Façade Grant application.
Lyn Romine is also talking to Michael Vandeplanque about an awning for his location.
Kim Joris has been sent a Façade Grant application.

Economic Vitality
I met with Kim Joris and her Art emporium is set to open at the end of April.
Michael Vandeplanque is delaying the opening of his establishment to later in the year.

Summary
The Fire and Ice Festival was down in attendance on last year though there were more attractions for people and vendors. I believe the weather and the play at the Putnam County Courthouse were major factors in the amount of people at the event. I was able to meet with both the Main Street Manager’s from Macon and Milledgeville that attended.

I am continuing to make inquiries regarding the ownership status of the China Chef building.

Finally, I have seen more foot traffic over the month of February, which continues the trend that began in January. I hope to see this continue through the Spring especially with the completion of the sidewalk project.

Councilman Butts asked Main Street Director Simpson if he had an opportunity to look into Madison tourism. Main Street Director Simpson advised tourism is very important, and placing a billboard on Hwy 441 North will help impact our tourism along with the sidewalk project downtown. This will help make our community more walkable.
Presentation by Chamber of Commerce on Tourism Development Grant Award for Briar Patch Trail Park

Ms. Kaitlyn Parham of the Eatonton-Putnam Chamber of Commerce reported on a grant award received by the Chamber of Commerce for purchasing and placing critter sculptures in the Briar Patch Trail Park. Ms. Parham advised this project should be finished before the Dairy Festival in June. Council discussed with Ms. Parham the correct process to follow when applying for grant funds that will benefit the City or utilized to place items on City property. City Attorney Huskins was asked to check the deed/covenant to the Briar Patch Park to see if sculptures are allowed. Also, Mayor and Council expressed words of thanks to Ms. Parham for her work on the grant project.

Motion was made by Councilwoman Doster and seconded by Councilman Haley to approve and accept the request to use the grant for the purpose for which it was applied to place critter sculptures in the Trail Park contingent upon a review of the covenant/deed restrictions. Motion carried by a unanimous vote of 7-0.

Discussion and Possible Action on NJPA Cooperative Purchasing Agreement

Attachment #6C

Motion was made by Councilman Haley and seconded by Councilman Walker to approve enrollment in the National Joint Powers Alliance for cooperative purchasing pursuant to Minn. Stat.§ 123A.21 Subd. 7(23) with the City of Eatonton and authorize Mayor Rocker to sign. Motion carried by a unanimous vote of 7-0.

Proposed Resolution to Amend Chapter 75 (Zoning) of the Code of Ordinances

Attachment #6D

Motion was made by Councilwoman Doster and seconded by Councilman Walker to approve the proposed Resolution Amending Chapter 75-4, Sec. 75-111, Sec. 75-113, Sec. 75-131, Sec. 75-141, and Sec. 75-191 of the City of Eatonton Code of Ordinances adding Bed and Breakfasts as a permitted use and authorize Mayor Rocker to sign. Motion carried by a unanimous vote of 7-0.

Zoning: None

Committee Reports:

Motion was made by Councilman Walker and seconded by Councilman Gorley to pay the bills if and when the funds become available. Motion carried by unanimous vote of 7-0.

Councilwoman Doster advised there is an opening on the Downtown Development Authority Board, and she asked if anyone had submitted an application to serve on the Board. City Administrator Sanders advised the Board position is currently advertised in the paper, but no one has submitted an application.
Councilwoman Reid reported on over flow of items placed around clothing collection boxes located in the parking lot near the ice machine on South Jefferson Avenue and at the old Golden Pantry Store on Oak Street. Reid advised the vendor for the donation boxes should pick up donations in a timely manner.

Councilwoman Reid asked if new chairs could be purchased for the Hut Center at 400A West Marion Street. Also, Councilwoman Reid talked about providing enough trash containers for the Hut.

Councilman Haley advised he would present a list of events occurring in March and April at the next meeting. Councilman Haley asked Council members to email him if they have knowledge of any other events taking place in the community.

**City Administrator Sanders reported:**
We will finalize a date for a meeting between the Plaza, and the Streets, Buildings, and Grounds Committee in the coming days to discuss SPLOST expenditures.

The headwall and the first sections of pipe have been laid on the lower end of Church Street. We are currently coordinating with AT&T over their unmarked lines.

As previously mentioned, the chipper machine experienced a catastrophic failure and we are looking to replace it as quickly as possible.

**Executive Session: Litigation**

Motion was made by Councilman Harvey Walker, Jr.
That this Mayor and Council now enter into closed session as allowed by Chapter 14 of Title 50 of the Georgia Code and pursuant to advice by the City Attorney, for the purpose of discussing the following: litigation. Motion was seconded by: Councilwoman Teresa Doster. Motion Approved.

Those voting in favor of the motion for closure: Council Members Harvey Walker, Jr, Alvin Butts, Teresa Doster, James A. Gorley, Charley R. Haley, William Mangum and Janie Reid. Motion carried by a unanimous vote of 7-0.

Motion was made by Councilwoman Doster and seconded by Councilman Walker to return to Open Session. Motion carried by a vote of 7-0.

Motion was made by Councilman Walker and seconded by Councilman James A. Gorley that the following resolution be accepted and approved. Motion carried by a unanimous vote of 7-0.
Resolution by the Council of the City of Eatonton, Georgia

BE IT RESOLVED by the Eatonton City Council as follows: At the meeting held on the 6th day of March 2018, the Council entered into executive session for the purpose of discussing Litigation. At the close of the discussions upon this subject, the Council did vote to re-enter into open session and herewith takes the following action in open session:

(1) The actions of the Council and the discussions of the same regarding the matter set forth for closed session purposes are hereby ratified.

(2) Each member of this body does hereby confirm that to the best of his or her Knowledge based upon the advice of the City Attorney, the said subject matter of the meeting and of the closed session portion was devoted to matters within the specific relevant exception(s) as set forth above.

(3) The Mayor, or the presiding officer, is hereby authorized and directed to execute an affidavit, with full support of the members of this Council, in order to comply with O.C.G.A. §50-14-4(b).

(4) The affidavit shall be included and filed with the official minutes of the meeting and shall be in a form as required by the statute, which shall be substantially as follows:

Approved this 6th day of March, 2018.

Attest
City Clerk

Walter C. Rocker, Jr. Mayor

Open Session

In Open Session, motion was made by Councilwoman Doster and seconded by Councilwoman Reid to authorize the City Attorney to take legal action as discussed in Executive Session. Motion carried by a unanimous vote of 7-0.

Mayor Rocker asked if there was any other business to be conducted for the good of the City. There being none, motion was made by Councilwoman Doster and seconded by Councilman Haley to adjourn. Motion carried by a unanimous vote of 7-0. Meeting adjourned at 8:03 PM.

Walter C. Rocker, Jr., Mayor

ATTEST:

Sarah E. Abrams, City Clerk
CITY OF EATONTON

Before an officer duly authorized to administer oaths appeared Mayor Walter C. Rocker, Jr., who, after being duly sworn, deposes and on oath states the following:

(1) I am competent to make this Affidavit and have personal knowledge of the matters set forth herein.

(2) Pursuant to my duties as Mayor, I was the presiding officer of a meeting of the Eatonton City Council held on the 6th day of March 2018. A portion of said meeting was closed to the public.

(3) It is my understanding that O.C.G.A. § 50-14-4(b) provides as follows:

When any meeting of an agency is closed to the public pursuant to subsection (a) of this Code section, the person presiding over such meeting or, if the agency's policy so provides, each member of the governing body of the agency attending such meeting, shall execute and file with the official minutes of the meeting a notarized affidavit stating under oath that the subject matter of the meeting or the closed portion thereof was devoted to matters within the exceptions provided by law and identifying the specific relevant exceptions.

(4) The subject matter of said meeting, or the closed portion thereof, was devoted to matters within exceptions to public disclosure provided by law. Those specific relevant exceptions are identified as follows: Meeting closed to discuss or deliberate upon the appointment, employment compensation, hiring, disciplinary action or dismissal or periodic evaluation or rating of a public officer or employee as provided in Georgia Code section 50-14-2(1). Litigation.

This affidavit is executed for the purpose of complying with the mandate of O.C.G.A. §50-14-4(b) and; is to be filed with the official minutes for the aforementioned meeting.

This 6th day of March 2018

Mayor Walter C. Rocker, Jr.

Sworn to and subscribed before me

This _____day of __________, _____

Notary Public
City of Eatonton Special Council Meeting  
Wednesday, March 14, 2018  
6:00 PM  
The Hut  
400-A West Marion Street  
Eatonton, Georgia 31024  

Elected Officials Present:  
Mayor Walter C. Rocker, Jr.  
Mayor Pro-Tem Harvey (Chip) Walker, Jr.  
Councilman Alvin Butts  
Councilwoman Teresa Doster  
Councilman William Mangum, Jr.  
Councilwoman Janie Reid  

Elected Officials Absent:  
Councilman James A. Gorley  
Councilman Charles R. Haley  

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

Mayor Walter C. Rocker, Jr. called the March 14, 2018 Special Council meeting to Order at 6:00 PM.  

Invocation was given by Mayor Walter C. Rocker, Jr.  

New Business  
Presentation of Service Delivery Strategy Analysis and Finding by SDA Consultants, LLC  
Mr. Corbitt passed out a copy of his analysis which identified Putnam County government services that were provided from their FY2016 Audit. The analysis identified each service and expenditure amount and a description of the source of funding for each service.

Mr. Corbitt advised that O.C.G.A. §36-70-24(3)(A) requires the strategy shall ensure that the cost of any service which a county provide primarily for the benefit of the unincorporated area of the county shall be borne by the unincorporated area residents, individuals, and property owners who receive the service. And O.C.G.A. §36-70-24(3)(B) requires that such funding shall be derived from special service districts created by the county in which property taxes, insurance premium taxes, assessments, or user fees are levied or imposed or through such other mechanism agreed upon by the effected parties.

The presentation showed that the County directly rolled back their property tax rate with insurance premium tax revenues.

Discussion and Possible Action on Recommendations from SDS Consultants, LLC
Mr. Corbitt recommended that Council move forward with alternate dispute resolution. City Attorney Huskins was advised to look over the proposed alternate dispute resolution agreement and get back with Mr. Corbitt.

After listening to the presentation and discussing how to proceed, Council took no action. The agreement will be considered by Council at the April 3 meeting.

Motion was made by Councilman Mangum and seconded by Councilman Walker to adjourn. Motion carried by a unanimous vote of 5-0.

Meeting adjourned at 7:14 PM
A RESOLUTION by the Council of the City of Eatonton, Georgia, to recognize March 19 – 23, 2018 as Small Business Week and for other purposes.

WHEREAS, the City of Eatonton recognizes and values the dedication and entrepreneurial spirit within our community and the State of Georgia; and

WHEREAS, small businesses keep our community’s, the state’s, and the country’s economies growing strong; and

WHEREAS, there are more than 650,000 registered establishments in Georgia, representing a majority of the total number of businesses with employees in the state; and

WHEREAS, numerous entities are committed to helping our businesses grow and create new jobs in our community by providing exemplary workforce training, financial assistance programs, research, and technical assistance; and

WHEREAS, in 2017, Georgia was named the No. 1 state in the nation in which to do business for the fifth year in a row. Additionally, Georgia was named No. 2 in the country for fastest growth of women-owned businesses, top-five for black-owned businesses, and scored an “A” for Small Business Friendliness. These accolades are evidence of the achievements of small businesses throughout our community and state; and

WHEREAS, Georgia has proclaimed March 19-23, 2018 as GEORGIA SMALL BUSINESS WEEK to show support of and appreciation for the small business community.

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

THE CITY OF EATONTON DECLARES MARCH 19 – 23, 2018 AS SMALL BUSINESS WEEK IN THE CITY OF EATONTON AND URGES ALL RESIDENTS TO ACKNOWLEDGE AND CELEBRATE THE ACHIEVEMENTS MADE BY OUR LOCAL SMALL BUSINESSES.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED by the Council of the City of Eatonton, Georgia on this 19th day of March, 2018.

Walter C. Rocker, Jr., Mayor
City of Eatonton, Georgia

ATTEST:

Clerk, City of Eatonton, Georgia
RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION by the Council of the City of Eatonton, Georgia, recognizing Georgia Cities Week, April 22 – 28, 2018 and encouraging all citizens to support the celebration and for other purposes.

WHEREAS, City government is the closest to most citizens, and the one with the most direct daily impact upon its residents; and

WHEREAS, City government is administered for and by its citizens, and is dependent upon public commitment to and understanding of its many responsibilities; and

WHEREAS, City government officials and employees share the responsibility to pass along their understanding of public services and their benefits; and

WHEREAS, Georgia Cities Week is a very important time to recognize the important role played by City government in our lives; and

WHEREAS, this week offers an important opportunity to spread the word to all the citizens of Georgia that they can shape and influence this branch of government which is closest to the people; and

WHEREAS, the Georgia Municipal Association and its member Cities have joined together to teach students and other citizens about municipal government through a variety of different projects and information; and

WHEREAS, Georgia Cities Week offers an important opportunity to convey to all the citizens of Georgia that they can shape and influence government through their civic involvement.

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

THE CITY OF EATONTON DECLARES APRIL 22 – 28, 2018 AS GEORGIA CITIES WEEK. ALL CITIZENS, CITY GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS, AND EMPLOYEES ARE ENCOURAGED TO DO EVERYTHING POSSIBLE TO ENSURE THAT THIS WEEK IS RECOGNIZED AND CELEBRATED ACCORDINGLY.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED by the Council of the City of Eatonton, Georgia on this 19th day of March, 2018.

________________________________________
Walter C. Rocker, Jr., Mayor
City of Eatonton, Georgia

ATTEST:

________________________________________
Clerk, City of Eatonton, Georgia
City of Eatonton
P.O. Box 3820
Eatonton, GA 31024
(706) 485-3311

Special Event Pouring License

SINGLE POUR EVENT $25.00

DATE OF EVENT 4/12/18

EVENT MEET THE AUTHOR - KATHryn SMITH, AUTHOR OF "THE GATEKeePER"
GEORGIA WRITERS MUSEUM

ADDRESS OF EVENT 109 S. JEFFERSON
Eatonton, GA 31024

CHECK # CASH $25.00

PAID $ 25.00

DATE PAID 3/12/18

Authorized Signature

City of Eatonton Ordinance Section 6-168 Temporary License

Approved: Chief of Police

Approved: Chief of Police
INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT
FOR PUBLIC OWNERSHIP OF SEWER IMPROVEMENTS
FOR LEGACY HOUSING, LTD.

This Agreement, entered into between Putnam County (Lead Applicant), the City of Eatonton and the Eatonton-Putnam Water and Sewer Authority (EPWSA), does hereby provide for the public ownership, and the transfer of that public ownership, for sewer improvements, including a new lift station, gravity line and force main to accommodate Legacy Housing, LTD.

A portion of the financing to construct the sewer improvements was funded with Employment Incentive Program (EIP) funds, reference EIP grant #18q-z-117-1-5910, through the Georgia Department of Community Affairs. These funds are provided from the federal budget by the Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Department. Since, the EPWSA is not an eligible applicant for EIP funds this agreement provides for the commitment of all parties to transfer ownership after the grant has been awarded and the proposed improvements are constructed and ready for use.

Putnam County (Lead Applicant) & the City of Eatonton hereby agree to transfer any right to public ownership of the proposed sewer improvements to the Eatonton-Putnam Water and Sewer Authority (EPWSA). The Eatonton-Putnam Water and Sewer Authority (EPWSA) hereby agrees to accept the transfer for public ownership of the sewer improvements (See Exhibit "A" – drawing of improvements) for perpetuity from the date of this agreement and as may be referenced in the EIP Special Conditions of the Putnam County (Lead Applicant) & the City of Eatonton's Grant Award Package dated March 2, 2017.

Putnam County (Lead Applicant) & the City of Eatonton and the Eatonton-Putnam Water and Sewer Authority (EPWSA) do mutually agree that all maintenance and operation of the sewer improvements will be the responsibility of the EPWSA

Adopted by the Putnam County (Lead Applicant):

DATE: ________________________________

By: ________________________________

Alan Foster, Vice Chairman
(Typed name of chief elected official)

SEAL

Attest:

By: ________________________________

Lynn Butterworth, County Clerk
(Typed name of clerk or other authorized official)

Adopted by the City of Eatonton:

DATE: ________________________________

By: ________________________________

Walter Rocker, Mayor
(Typed name of chief elected official)

SEAL

Attest:

By: ________________________________

Sarah Abrams, City Clerk
(Typed name of clerk or other authorized official)

Adopted by the Eatonton-Putnam Water and Sewer Authority (EPWSA):

DATE: ________________________________

By: ________________________________

Stephen Hersey, Vice Chairman
(Typed name of chief elected official)

SEAL

Attest:

By: ________________________________

Christy Burgess, Secretary
(Typed name of clerk or other authorized official)
Hello Sarah,

Please see attached Intergovernmental Agreement for the EIP Sewer Project for Legacy Housing.
Place on your March 19th Council Meeting Agenda and ask either Mayor Rocker or Mayor Pro-Tem Chip Walker to sign. (You may change the name on the form depending on who is available to sign.)
Please provide the original Agreement to Lynn Butterworth for their March 20th Commission Meeting. Lynn will then provide the original to Donna for EPWSA’s approval.
Once complete, we will get a fully executed copy to all for your files – and to the Auditor.

Thank you so much for your help!

Keeley

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