Monday, March 21, 2011 at 7:00 p.m.

Eatonton City Hall, 201 North Jefferson Avenue, Eatonton, Georgia 31024

Present: Mayor John Reid
Mayor Pro-tem Chip Walker, Jr.
Councilman Alvin Butts
Councilwoman Teresa Doster
Councilman James Gorley
Councilman Jim Hall, Jr.
Councilman William Mangum, Jr.
Councilwoman Alma Stokes
City Attorney Chris Huskins
City Administrator, Dan Elmore

Mayor John Reid called the Council meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Councilman Jim Hall gave the invocation.

Motion was made by Doster and seconded by Butts to approve the minutes of the last meeting with any necessary corrections. Motion carried by a vote of 6-0. Councilman Mangum abstained.

**Public Comments:** No one signed in to address Council.

**Old Business**:
Motion was made by Walker and seconded by Hall to approve Occupational Tax Certificate requested by Howard McMichael, Jr. and Howard McMichael, Sr. d/b/a 4th Quarter Package, LLC at 880 Oak Street, Eatonton, GA. Motion carried by a vote of 5-0. Doster and Mangum abstained.

Motion was made by Walker and seconded by Gorley to approve a Certificate of Appropriateness requested by Judd and Teresa Doster for driveway repair with expansion of concrete pad and surrounding wall at 202 North Washington Avenue. Motion carried by a vote of 5-0. Doster and Mangum abstained.

Administrator Elmore advised Mainstreet Director Katy Smith has been hospitalized and would submit her report at a later date.

Judge Dave Ridgeway swore in William C. Mangum, Jr. Mangum, he will represent Ward I and will fill out the unexpired term of Joseph Derek Hudson whose term ends December 31, 2013.

Motion was made by Gorley and seconded by Doster to approve a Resolution by the City Council of the City of Eatonton, Georgia to authorize the Mayor to engage Associate In Local Government Assistance to prepare and submit the proper application for the Community Development Block Grant offered by the Georgia Department of Community

Affairs and to sign applications and such supporting and collateral material as shall be necessary. Motion carried by a unanimous vote of 7-0.

Motion was made by Butts and seconded by Stokes to approve Resolution by the City of Eatonton, Georgia to provide incentive for new customers along the Natural Gas line on Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive and Boswell Drive and authorize the Mayor to sign. Motion carried by a unanimous vote of 7-0. Incentive agreement shall end June 30, 2011.

Motion was made by Gorley and seconded by Butts to approve a Resolution by the City Council of the City of Eatonton, Georgia to submit an unconstrained list of projects to the Middle Georgia Regional Commission for consideration by the Regional Roundtable and authorize Mayor Reid to sign letters, applications and such supporting and collateral material as shall be necessary for proper application and disbursement of any and all funds collected by any such tax as approved by referendum as called for by HB 277. Motion carried by a unanimous vote of 7-0.

**City of Eatonton HB 277 Priorities**

Roadway Capital

1. Hwy 441 N. Widening
2. NE Eatonton Bypass
3. SE Eatonton Bypass
4. Hwy 129 Widening

Safety and Traffic Operations

1. Hwy 16/44 Intersection Improvement at Hospital
2. S. Jefferson /441 business Intersection Improvement

Mayor Reid advised no new assignment or changes were made to the 2011 Committee structure except to replace Derek Hudson position with newly elected Mangum who will serve as the Chair of Solid Waste.

Council members welcomed William Mangum to the City Council.

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

Councilwoman Doster thanked Police Chief Kent Lawrence and the Police Department for helping with the Gatewood Road Race on Sunday afternoon. Doster advised the (DDA) Downtown Development Authority sold one house on the Aluminum Mill Hill for $500.00. The DDA attended training last week and will meet Tuesday in City Hall at 5:15 p.m.

Councilwoman Stokes advised Council she received an invitation to attend a Wine and Cheese Reception at the Plaza Arts Center to meet the newly elected board members at 5 p.m. on Tuesday, March 22, 2011. Stokes advised Council she also received an invitation from the Pilot Club to participate in the Annual Dairy Festival in June.

Mayor Reid advised that Council will not be meeting or conducting City business on Tuesday at the Plaza, this is a reception to meet the Plaza Board members.

Councilman Hall advised he was glad the SPLOST passed, because Georgia Power will not be giving the City as much in Franchise Taxes in the future due to the close down of two units at the plant. Hall requested officials talk to legislators about Georgia Power Plant closing down.

Police Chief Lawrence reported one fatality at Eagle One Truck Center intersection on Friday night.

City Administrator Dan Elmore advised he would be attending a DOT meeting in Tennille on Tuesday, March 22, 2011 and attending the City Managers Conference in Athens on Wednesday, March 23rd through Friday, March 25th.

Clerk Abrams advised Council that the City of Eatonton utility customers can pay and view their utility bill on line through Express Bill Pay by linking to www.eatontonga.us . Abrams provided Council with a copy of the new utility bill which will be mailed to customers at the end of the month. Customer's bills will be enclosed in an envelope to comply with the Privacy Act.

Motion was made by Walker and seconded by Stokes to adjourn. Motion carried by a unanimous vote of 7-0.

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John Reid, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Sarah E. Abrams, City Clerk