Mayor John Reid called the Council meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

Invocation was given by Deacon Larry Maddox of Greater High Hope Christian Center.

Motion was made by Haley and seconded by Butts to adopt the minutes from last meeting with any necessary corrections. Motion carried by a vote of 6-0. Councilman Harvey Walker, Jr. abstained.

Public Comments:
Shelagh Fagan - Historic Preservation Commission Comments on Library
Carolyn Dallas - Congressman Jody Hice Rep.
Stewart Rodeheaver - Vizitech USA LLC Rural Economic Development Loan

Motion was made by Gorley and seconded by Doster to hear from all. Motion carried by a unanimous vote of 7-0.

City Administrator Gary Sanders read the rules for making Public Comments.

Mayor Reid asked each person to speak in the order that they registered.

Mrs. Shelagh Fagan speaking on behalf of the Eatonton Historic Preservation Commission, advised the Eatonton Historic Preservation Commission reviewed plans for modifications to the Eatonton Putnam Library located at 309 North Madison Avenue on
March 9, 2015 and was please to comment that the plans are appropriate to the historic character of the building and will not have adverse effect on the Plaza Historic District. Also the original 1916 /1917 Carnegie section will not be impacted and that significant Architectural details discovered from later additions will also be kept intact.

Ms. Carolyn Dallas introduced herself as a staff member of Congressman Jody Hice, Representative of Congressional District number 10 of Georgia. Ms. Dallas advised Congressman Hice wants to be of service to the local governments.

Mr. Stewart Rodeheaver, owner of Vizitech USA, advised his company continues to grow and double in its sales; the Virginia office is doing well and he is looking to open a new office in Texas. Also continuing to work on the Rural Economic Development Loan and hoping to close on the loan soon.

Mr. Rodeheaver advised his company has developed some new technology and invited members of Council to stop by his business at 103 East Sumter Street to view this product.

Mayor Reid advised the new technology is outstanding and having viewed the product at Middle Georgia Regional Commission.

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 Doster and seconded by Walker 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 Planning and Development receive a response from their Attorney in reference to what other actions can be taken to allow consumption of alcohol on property located within 100 yards of any housing authority property. Motion carried by a unanimous vote of 7-0.

New Business:
Mrs. Carrie Vanderver, Manager of MainStreet presented the following report:
Eatonton Main Street Report for February/March 2015

1. Main Street work plans are complete. Submitted to DCA and copies of each plan attached to this report.

2. Garden Tour on April 4th will be held by Oconee Area Citizen Advocacy. Group hosted previous tour in 2013. Main Street to serve as sponsor for the event.

3. Community Easter Egg Hunt, Saturday, April 4th at Putnam County Recreation Department. Event co-sponsored by Main Street, Recreation Department, Pilot Club, Lion Club, Elks and Kiwanis.
4. Eatonton Spring Fling, Saturday, April 4th. Downtown Merchants hosting open house event in shops with specials and snacks.

5. Attended two mentoring meetings with Carlee Schulte, Milledgeville Main Street/DDA. One included Kendrick Ward, Greensboro Main Street/DDA. Mentor program is optional program through DCA that encourages networking and learning opportunity among new and more established Main Street Managers. Participation in program rewards extra points on yearly accreditation assessment.


7. Began weekly blog post on website and shared through social media.

8. Planning Downtown Clean-up Event as Kick-off Georgia Cities Week on Saturday, April 18.

9. Distributing coloring sheet and Eatonton-specific word search (copy attached) to downtown restaurants and after school programs for Georgia Cities Week.

10. Main Street Board took walking tour of downtown area March 12.

11. Attended GA Downtown Day at the Capitol with Main Street Chair, Lisa Jackson on March 10th.

Alcohol Package Sales License – Sohail Ali of Suhan Inc. d/b/a busta’s Pantry, 107 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive, Eatonton GA Attachment #3
Motion was made by Walker and seconded by Haley to approve Alcohol Package Sales License for beer and wine requested made by Sohail Ali of Suhan Inc. d/b/a Buster’s Pantry located at 107 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive, Eatonton, GA Motion carried by a unanimous vote of 7-0.

Proposed Resolution Recognizing Georgia Cities Week Attachment #4
Motion was made by Haley and seconded by Gorley to approve the proposed Resolution recognizing Georgia Cities Week, April 19-25, 2015. Motion carried by a unanimous vote of 7-0.

Zoning
Request by Anica S. Richardson for Conditional Use Permit for a Family Day Care Home at 322 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive. Attachment #5
Motion was made by Gorley and seconded by Stokes to accept and approve the recommendation from the Planning and Zoning Commission which approved the Conditional Use Permit requested by Anica S. Richardson for a Family Day Care Home at 322 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive. Motion carried by a unanimous vote of 7-0.
Committee Reports:
Councilman Walker advised he would schedule a Personnel and Finance Committee meeting in a week or so and members will be notified.

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 7-0.

Councilman Butts advised the City proposed to install a gas line on Harmony Road but must get approval from the County. City Administrator Sanders advised the Board of Commissioners will consider a request to revise the location of the proposed gas line along Harmony Road. The original drawings show the gas main in the County’s right-of-way along the east side of the road to Scott Road. We are proposing moving into the right-of-way on the west side of Harmony Road. Item will be heard by Putnam County Commissioners on Tuesday evening.

Councilwoman Doster thanked the Chief and the Police Department for help with the road race on Sunday.

Councilwoman Stokes advised the month of March is designated National Women in History Month. The celebration honoring local women will take place at Putnam County Annex Building on March 27th at 12 noon. Councilwoman Stokes also asked for donations to help sponsor the event.

Councilwoman Stokes advised Mayor Reid that a picture of him speaking to the Macon Youth Council was in last month’s Georgia Cities Magazine.

Councilman Gorley advised the Fire Department ISO Inspection was on March 10th and it appears the City ISO rating will be going down. In conclusion Gorley added this is an ongoing report and must be maintained. City Administrator Sanders advised ISO Field Rep. Michael Stokes visited the Fire Department on Tuesday, March 10th to conduct the ISO rating review. Chief Hubert advised the visit lasted about 2 hours and went very well. Mr. Stokes was impressed with how prepared we were. It may be between 2-6 months before the City receives the summary report.

City Administrator Gary Sanders presented the following report:
1. Work on the striping grant has been visible during the past couple of weeks. Crews with TMI Services have finished painting the thermoplastic lines on the major streets. We expect work to resume on painting the remaining streets in approximately two weeks. A subcontractor will then install the new signs.

2. Included in this year’s budget, we have $25,000 allocated for the purchase of a mini excavator for the Streets and Gas Departments. Vermeer Sales & Services brought a used machine for a demonstration last week and has it priced at $20,000. We plan to move forward with this purchase.
3. Have a number of upcoming events over the next couple of weeks. Tomorrow, will be attending the Georgia Economic Development Academy in Smarr. It is scheduled for 8:00 AM -3:45 PM. This Wednesday, March 18, will be attending a Georgia DOT seminar regarding right-of way acquisition. This is mandatory training for all federal funding. It is scheduled for 9:00 AM-5:00 PM in Forsyth. Finally, will be attending the GCCMA Conference in Athens March 25-27th.

4. Applications will be accepted until 5:00 PM this Friday, March 20 for the Accounts Payable Clerk position.

5. The City FY 2014 Audit is at your seat.

City Clerk Abrams advised receiving requests for auto/truck carwash license which is allowed in C-2 General Commercial District but the principal structure shall be 50 feet from all property lines. Because of the size of each lot the businesses do not meet the ordinance requirements as written. Abrams asked Council to review City Code of Ordinance on Auto/truck carwash service.

Mayor Reid called for other business of the City. There being no further business; Motion was made by Walker and seconded by Doster to adjourn. Motion carried by unanimous vote of 7-0.

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John Reid, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Sarah E. Abrams, City Clerk