City Council Meeting
Monday, August 18, 2014 at 7:00 pm
Eatonton City Hall, 201 North Jefferson Avenue, Eatonton, Georgia 31024

Present:

Mayor John Reid
Mayor Pro-tem Harvey (Chip) Walker, Jr.
Councilman Alvin Butts
Councilman James A Gorley
Councilman Charles R. Haley
Councilman William Mangum, Jr.
Councilwoman Alma Stokes

(Absent) Councilwoman Teresa Doster

Staff Members Present:
City Administrator, Gary Sanders
City Attorney Chris Huskins
Assistant City Clerk Barbara Trubey (Jackson)
Police Chief William K Lawrence

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

Invocation: Councilwoman Stokes called for a Moment of Silence.

Motion was made by Councilman Haley and seconded by Councilwoman Stokes to adopt the minutes of the last meeting with the necessary correction to be made. Motion carried by a unanimous vote of 6-0.

Public Comments:

Motion made by Councilman Gorley seconded by Councilman Mangum to hear from those who signed in to speak.

Austin Mechan- Constituent Services Representative/ Paul Brown
Presented the opening of a new Milledgeville Office.

Old Business:
Discussion of repurposing request. Nothing has taken place that would require discussion at this time.

Proposed Resolution to authorize Mayor to sign Letter of Conditions for REDLG Loan. Discussion was made by Attorney Huskins. Council had a few questions as to the terms and conditions outlined. Motion was made by Councilman Walker seconded by Councilman Mangum to authorize the Mayor to sign Letter of Conditions for REDLG Loan. Motion Carried by a unanimous vote of 6 to 0.
Mainstreet Report
Carrie Vanderver Eatonton Main Street Director/Project Manager presented the following report to Council:

Eatonton Main Street Report
AUGUST 2014

Façade Grant money given to Pex Theater for repainting concrete, doors, trim and underneath marquis. Project complete.

Attended Main Street Manager’s training on crowdfunding 8.5.

Attended GA Main Street Program Mid-year update webinar regarding monthly reporting. Eatonton in good standing and up-to-date on all reporting.

Received 5 replacement plantings for Downtown plantings that were not looking their best. Thank you to the City for switching them out.

Movies in the Briar Patch 7.26 was successful. 78 in attendance. Plan to host two more movie events in 2014.

Main Street steadily recruiting vendors for BriarPatch Arts festival.

Downtown Holiday Event Date change: Merchant Christmas Open House moved to Friday November 21 and Saturday November 22.

Eatonton General Store re-opening, under new ownership of Dan Lowery, held Sat 8.16.

This & That closed doors Saturday 8.16

Simply Beautiful accessory store held Grand Opening Saturday 7.06

Chamber holding ribbon cutting for Jones Master Cuts and SNJ Environmental Consulting, Tuesday 8.19 at new location of 120 W Marion St.

Attended Tree Board Meeting 8-14.

Attended GA Bikes training in Milledgeville 8.15, hosted by GA Bikes and GADOT regarding Complete Streets Program and bike friendly communities.

Main Street and DDA scheduled to attend Georgia Downtown Conference 8.20-22 as well as DDA training 8.19. New DDA member Walt Rocker, also attending DDA training.

Co-hosting Trip Advisor informational meeting with Chamber Tourism and GA Dept of Economic Development for merchants and attractions, Fri 9.12: 1:00 pm at Central Georgia Technical College, Putnam Campus.

Eatonton Main Street Instagram (@EatontonMainStreet,) Twitter (@EatontonMainSt) and Facebook (Eatonton Mainstreet) - Please like, follow and share our posts to help market Downtown Eatonton

Resolution to adopt the City of Eatonton FY 2014 Budget Amendment Attachment #3 Motion was made by Councilman Walker and seconded by Councilman Gorley to
adopt the Resolution by the Council of the City of Eatonton, Georgia to amend the balanced budget for City Fiscal Year 2014 and for other purposes and to authorize Mayor Reid to sign. Motion carried by 6-0.

Resolution to adopt the City of Eatonton FY 2015 Budget. Attachment #4
Motion was made by Councilman Walker and seconded by Councilman Butts to adopt the City of Eatonton FY 2015 Budget and to authorize Mayor Reid to sign. Motion Carried by 6-0.

Resolution by the City Council of the City of Eatonton, Georgia, to accept a bid of response from TMI Services, Inc. for the Off-the –State-Route-System Safety Enhancement Project. Attachment #5
Motion was made by Councilman Mangum and seconded by Councilman Gorley to adopt Resolution by the City Council of the City of Eatonton, Georgia, to accept a bid of response from TMI Services, Inc. for the Off-the –State-Route-System Safety Enhancement Project and for other purposes and to authorize Mayor Reid to sign. Motion Carried by 6-0

Committees Report:
Councilman Walker advised he had several calls about the Veteran Wall and the condition of the sidewalk in front of it. He asked this matter be taken care of. He would like to see it fixed. Also sent compliments to City Administrator Sanders for a good job.

Motion was made by Councilman Walker and seconded by Councilman Mangum to pay City bills when funds are available. Motion carried 6-0.

Councilman Butts asked about the easements for property and how they were coming along.

Councilman Mangum had nothing pending.

Councilwoman Doster (absent)

Councilman Haley had nothing pending.

Councilwoman Stokes reminded everyone about the dinner the Pilot Club is having. She will not be able to attend.

Councilman Gorley reported that the fire hydrant number is down to 12 to be fixed. The next step is to get the painting done and also mentioned that there is a need for some Round-up.

City Administrator reported the DOT has advised that the City will receive $40,000 in LMIG Emergency Funds for use on the Willie Bailey St. drainage project. The total project is expected to cost $95,900.
The Streets, Buildings, and Grounds committee will need to meet soon to discuss the use of the balance of the regular LMIG Funds.

The DOT Railroad Safety Office will be sending a contract agreement to the City to realign the Rock Lane railroad crossing. The DOT will cover construction costs of about $230,000; the City will be responsible for relocation utilities. The project will require giving up about 15 feet of land at the old state prison to widen the road.

We are still working to get a couple of easements for the gas line to Rock Eagle.

Police Chief Williams K. Lawrence reported all is well and would like to see the road and the Veterans Wall fixed.

City Attorney Huskins had nothing pending.

Barbara Trubey (Jackson) had nothing pending.

City Clerk Abrams (absent)

**Executive Session: Personnel**

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: Personnel.

Motion Seconded By: Councilwoman Alma Stokes

**Motion Approved**

Those voting in favor of the motion for closure: Council Members Harvey Walker, Jr., Alvin Butts, James Gorley, Charles Haley, William Mangum and Alma Stokes.

Motion carried by a unanimous vote of 6-0.

Motion was made by Walker and seconded by Haley to return to Open Session. Motion carried by a unanimous vote of 6-0.

**Open Session:**
Motion was made by Walker and seconded by Haley that the following Resolution be adopted and authorized Mayor Reid to sign. Motion carried by a unanimous vote of 6-0.
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 18th day of August, 2014, the Council entered into executive session for the purpose of discussing Personnel. 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 18th. day of August, 2014

Attest: ____________________ ____________________
Assistant City Clerk Mayor John Reid

Motion was made by Walker and seconded by Haley to adjourn. Motion carried by a unanimous vote of 6-0.

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John Reid, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Barbara Trubey-Jackson
Assistant City Clerk
CITY OF EATONTON

Before an officer duly authorized to administer oaths appeared Mayor John Reid, 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 18th day of August 2014. 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 50-14-3(b)(2) The subject discussed was Personnel.

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 18th day of August 2014

Mayor John Reid

Sworn to and subscribed before me

This ______day of __________, ______

Notary Public