Mayor John Reid called the Council meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.
Councilwoman Teresa Doster called for a Moment of Silence for the Invocation.

Motion was made by Doster and seconded by Mangum to adopt the minutes from last meeting with any necessary corrections. Motion carried by a unanimous vote of 7-0.

Public Comments: None

Reading of the Rules for Public Comments: Omitted

Old Business: None

New Business:

Main Street Report

Main Street report submitted by Carrie Vanderver, Eatonton Main Street Director/Project Manager
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.

Briar Patch Pop Up Informational Meeting TOMORROW: Tuesday 9/22. 5:30 at Plaza Arts Center. Meeting for anyone interested in becoming a vendor in shop.

Pop Up Shop slated to be open Friday, October 30 - Saturday, December 19. Located at 121 S Jefferson Ave (Pex Theater Building - Yarborough's Jewelers Entrance)

Hours: Tuesday - Saturday, 10A - 5P

Art Blitz in the Briar Patch NEXT WEEK: Monday 9/28 - Friday 10/2. Scarecrows, Manhole covers, Large hay bales pained by Putnam County High and Gatewood students, artwork in vacant storefronts.

Main Street Design Committee cleaning and priming manhole covers on Saturday 9/26

Hay Bales being set in place on Friday 9/25 - students to paint after placement Artisans Village already been cleaning vacant windows and getting displays ready.

Art Blitz Ladies Night in Adelle Theater at Blackwell Furniture on Thursday 10.1.

All ladies invited to attend!


$10 Cover at the door (includes one drink ticket).

Chamber of Commerce sponsoring the bar.

Round Table Discussion at Plaza Arts Center on Thursday 10.8 at 5:30 PM
Topic- Lighter, Quicker, Cheaper: Downtown Beautification

Annual Assessment for the Georgia Main Street Program is almost complete. Due by end of calendar year, but we have fulfilled all but one point category (Historic Preservation). Should be in good shape by the end of December.
Attending State-wide, mandatory, managers’ meeting in Macon on Thursday 9/24.

Ordered clear plastic cups with Welcome to the Briar Patch logo to be used by restaurants during City Center Parking Lot events. Using these cups will allow easier monitoring and insurance that beverages consumed in the parking lot are coming from properly permitted businesses.

Don’t forget the 10.30 Fifth Friday in the Briar Patch and 10.31 Briar Patch Arts Festival are my final weekend serving the Briar Patch! Please come help me celebrate by making these events a huge success!
**Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Pop-up Retail**

The Pop-up Retail Program will be coordinated with Eatonton Main Street. At the old Pex Theatre, there will be six (6) spots available for renting. Beginning October 30th thru December 19th, various vendors will be able to rent a booth for $300.00. Main Street will pay $600.00 per month for rent and utilities to building owner. Main Street is asking the City to exempt vendors from having to purchase a business license. Pop-up vendors will need to complete an application and be screened for being a legitimate business.

Motion was made by Doster and seconded by Gorley to allow no purchase of a business license for the pop-up vendors. Motion carried by a unanimous vote of 7-0.

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**Proposed Resolution to Allow a Temporary Alcoholic Beverage Pouring License**

Attachment #2

Motion was made by Walker and seconded Doster to approve the Pouring License for the Eatonton-Putnam Chamber of Commerce provided the area is 100 yards from the First Baptist Church. Motion carried by a unanimous vote of 7-0.

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**Proposed Resolution to Authorize the Mayor to Sign an Agreement with the Department of Human Services to Participate in the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program**

Attachment #3

No discussion. Motion was made by Haley and seconded by Walker. Motion carried by a unanimous vote of 7-0.

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**Proposed Resolution to Authorize the Mayor to Execute a Memorandum of Understanding with the Downtown Development Authority**

Attachment #4

No discussion. Motion was made by Haley and seconded by Mangum. Motion carried by a unanimous vote of 7-0.

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**Proposed Resolution to Authorize the Mayor to Execute a Contract with the Eatonton-Putnam Arts Foundation**

Attachment #5

Motion made by Doster and seconded by Haley. Motion carried by a vote of 5-2. Butts and Stokes opposed.

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**Proposed Resolution to Authorize the Mayor to Execute a Contract with the Chamber of Commerce**

Attachment #6

Motion made by Doster and seconded by Mangum. Motion carried by a unanimous vote 7-0.
Committee Report:

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

Councilwoman Doster thanked Mr. Sanders & Joe Hawkins for getting the cutting of the median done on Hwy 441 by DOT.

Councilwoman Stokes told about the October 8th celebration the Georgia Regional Commission will be hosting.

Councilman Gorley asked that the shrubs on Alice Walker Dr. be cut down. The sign is blocked by the overgrown shrubs. Also Councilman Haley advised the shrubs at the Dairy Queen are dead and need to be removed.

City Administrator Gary Sanders reminded council about the deadline for the Main Street director ends on Friday September 25th. He and Ms. Sarah will attend the Worker’s Comp seminar in Macon on September 29th. On October 5th, the DRE machine training will be held provided the supplies for the DRE machine are received. The ballots have been received.

Mayor Reid asked City Attorney Christopher Huskins the status on transferring the property to the city formally used by Mr. Ulysses Rice, for his old funeral home on MLK Jr. Dr.

Councilman Walker made motion to go into Executive Session for personnel discussion & was seconded by Doster. Motion carried by a unanimous vote 7-0.

Councilman Walker made motion to return from Executive session & was seconded by Councilwoman Doster. Motion carried by a unanimous vote 7-0.

In Open Session
Motion to reappoint all department heads excluding Clerk was made by Councilman Walker & seconded by Councilman Gorley. Motion carried by a unanimous vote 7-0.

Motion was made by Councilman Walker and seconded by Councilman Haley to reappoint the City Clerk. Councilman Gorley abstained. Motion carried by a vote of 6-0.

Motion was made to appoint Eugene Hubert as permanent Fire Chief. Motion was made by Councilman Gorley and seconded by Councilman Haley. Motion carried by a unanimous vote 7-0.

Mayor Reid asked if there was any other business to be conducted for the good of the City.
Motion was made by Councilwoman Stokes and seconded by Councilman Haley to adjourn meeting at 8:30pm. Motion carried by unanimous vote of 7-0.

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John Reid, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Lisa Yates, Payroll Clerk
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 Teresa Doster. Motion Approved.

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

Motion was made by Councilman Walker and seconded by Councilwoman Doster that the Resolution by the Council of the City of Eatonton, Georgia to enter into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing personnel be approved and authorize Mayor Reid to sign. 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 21st day of September, 2015, 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 21st day of September, 2015

Attest ___________________     ___________________
Affidavit

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 21st day of September 2015. 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) 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 21st day of September 2015

Mayor John Reid

Sworn to and subscribed before me

This ______day of __________, ______

Notary Public