Mayor John Reid called the Council meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.  
Councilman James Gorley called for a Moment of Silence for the Invocation.

Motion was made by Butts and seconded by Doster to adopt the minutes from last meeting with any necessary corrections. Motion carried by a vote of 7-0 with one correction. (*Page 7, 3rd paragraph Clarify I, for City Administrator Sanders*)

**Public Comments:**
- **Janet Kelhoffer – Sublease for Community Center**
- **Mylle Mangum – PCC Sublease**
- **Judith Martincic – Lake Oconee Community Church-Youth Alliance Special Event Pouring License**

Motion was made by Stokes and seconded by Mangum to add Public Comments items to the Agenda (Sublease for Community Center, PCC Sublease and Lake Oconee Community Church - Special Event Pouring License) Motion carried by a unanimous vote of 7-0.

Motion was made by Doster and seconded by Haley to hear from all who signed in to speak under Public Comments section. Motion carried by a unanimous vote of 7-0.
Mayor Reid advised, persons speaking on behalf of the school lease would be held in reserved and would be recognized to speak when the proposed Lease Agreement between Eatonton-Putnam Arts Foundation and the City of Eatonton for space to operate the Senior Citizens Program - Attachment #3 is discussed. Council would hear request from Lake Oconee Community Church for a Special Pouring License, afterward Council will enter into an Executive Session.

City Administrator Gary Sanders and City Attorney Christopher Huskins discussed Application received from Lake Oconee Community Church –Youth Alliance for a Special Event Pouring License for Sunday, June 7, 2015 at the Plaza Arts Center located at 305 North Madison Avenue, Eatonton, GA. Huskins advised Council that after looking at the Code, the general rule is, a Special Event Pouring License can only be used Monday through Saturday.

Motion was made by Doster and seconded by Haley to deny the Special Event Pouring License made by Lake Oconee Community Church –Youth Alliance based on the Code. Motion carried by a unanimous vote of 7-0.

**Executive Session: Pending litigation / 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: Pending Litigation & Personnel.

Motion Seconded By: Councilman James Gorley Motion Approved.

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

Motion was made by Walker and seconded by Haley to return to Open Session. Motion carried by a unanimous vote of 7-0.

Motion was made by Walker and seconded by Gorley that the Resolution by the Council of the City of Eatonton, Georgia to enter into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing pending litigation / 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 2nd. Day of June, 2015, the Council entered into executive session for the purpose of discussing pending litigation / 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 2nd day of June, 2015.

Attest ___________________     ___________________
                         City Clerk                            John Reid, Mayor

Motion was made by Councilwoman Doster and seconded by Councilman Charles Haley to accept and approve the recommendation from the Insurance provider. Motion carried by a unanimous vote of 7-0.
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 2nd day of June, 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). Also pursuant to the attorney-client privilege and as provided by Georgia Code section 50-14-2(1), a meeting otherwise required to be open was closed to the public in order to consult and meet with legal council pertaining to pending or potential litigation, settlement, claims, administrative proceedings, or other judicial actions brought or to be brought by or against the agency or any officer or employee or in which the agency or any officer or employee may be directly involved and the matter discussed was: Pending Litigation and 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 2nd day of June 2015

Mayor John Reid

Sworn to and subscribed before me

This _______day of __________, ______

Notary Public
New Business:
Discussion and Possible Action Regarding the 2016 Indigent Defense Services Agreement Attachment #2
Motion was made by Doster and seconded by Mangum to approve the Indigent Defense Service Agreement between the Circuit Public Defender Office of the Ocmulgee Judicial Circuit and the Governing Authority of the City of Eatonton and authorize Mayor Reid to sign the agreement. Motion carried by a unanimous vote of 7-0.

Discussion and Possible Action Regarding City Welcome Signs
Council discussed Welcome to Eatonton directional signs and designated funding in the amount of $3,000. Mayor Reid advised one sign will be located about 6 miles from Eatonton on the Madison Highway and the other sign will be located at Lake Oconee. Mrs. Roddie Ann Blackwell advised these signs are 18 feet long by 12 feet tall and cost $10,000 each. Mayor Reid asked Council what was their pleasure in reference to contributing to these signs.
Motion was made by Mangum and seconded by Haley to spend the $3,000 allocated to new signs. Motion carried by a unanimous vote of 7-0.

Proposed Lease Agreement Between the Eatonton-Putnam Arts Foundation and the City of Eatonton for Space to Operate the Senior Citizens Program Attachment #3
Ms. Janet Kelhoffer advised their program serves the community, and 51% of their participants are low to moderate-income and they have collected documentation on participants as requested from Georgia Department of Community Affair. Kelhoffer asked Council to approve the sublease agreement presented on the agenda tonight. Mrs. Mylle Mangum asked Council to approve the lease agreement attached to the agenda. EPAF would like to partner with Putnam Leadership Class to help get the building cleaned and painted. Mayor Reid advised the City needs DCA approval before signing the lease, and asked if any new lease agreement would affect the Senior Program and he would seek their counsel.

Motion was made by Mangum and seconded by Haley for approval for the purpose of discussion.

Attorney Huskins advised this is not a replacement lease but a sublease. Mayor Reid advised this should be an addendum to the current lease.
Mrs. Mangum advised DCA already approved their program planned for the use of the building. Mayor Reid read an email received today from DCA.

Council called on Laura Gailey to discuss wording of the lease agreement.

Motion was made by Mangum and seconded by Doster to amend the lease agreement on page 1. Section 4. Use of the Premises
If Tenant fails to use the Premises for both the Eatonton-Putnam Senior Congregate Program and Meals on Wheels Program for more than 60 days, this sublease shall automatically terminate.

**Proposed amendments to lease agreement**
- Change 60 days to 6 months
- Change Eatonton –Putnam Senior Congregate Program and Meals on Wheels Program to Eatonton-Putnam Senior Program
- Change wording throughout the lease agreement to sublease

Mangum called for the question to approve the amendments Haley seconded. Motion carried by a vote of 4 for the amendment and 3 against. Those voting for the amendments: Councilmember Doster, Haley, Mangum, and Walker. Those voting against the amendments: Councilmember Butts, Gorley and Stokes.

Mayor Reid advised a letter would be sent for approval and he would wait on a response from DCA.

**Proposed Lease Agreement Between the Eatonton-Putnam Arts Foundation and the City of Eatonton for Certain Property (Parcel B-1) Attachment #4**

Motion was made by Haley and seconded by Doster to approved lease of old ball field known as Parcel B-1 to Eatonton-Putnam Arts Foundation.

Mrs. Mangum advised the Arts Foundation would like to create an Art Park for adults and children with benches for sitting. Mayor Reid asked if there was a design/sketch of the proposed park. Council discussed parking spaces available for the Senior Center. Motion was made by Haley and seconded by Butts to table the proposed lease agreement between the Eatonton-Putnam Arts Foundation and the City of Eatonton for Certain Property (Parcel B-1) Attachment #4 until the plans for the park be provided. Motion carried by a unanimous vote of 7-0.

**Committee Report:**

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

Councilman Walker requested a Finance and Personnel Committee meeting, Thursday, June 4, at 5 pm.

Councilwoman Doster called for a Zoning and Ordinance Committee meeting Tuesday, June 9, at 12 noon in reference to proposed changes to the Historical Preservation Ordinances.

Stokes advised receiving an invitation to the William Love Walton Bridge Dedication on Wednesday, June 24, at 10 AM.
Councilman Gorley advised attending the Public Safety Memorial Ceremony at the Georgia Public Safety Training Center for the placing of Officer Noel Hawk’s name on the Memorial Wall in Forsyth. Gorley also discussed, asking the City administrator to explore with the Middle Georgia Regional Commission a grant for body cameras for the police department. Grant requires 50% match; application deadline is June 26. The Mayor said the City must have a policy in place before using the cameras.

City Administrator Gary Sanders reported the bid period for providing meals for the congregate meal program concludes at 10:00 AM on Monday, June 8, 2015. Bid packages are available for pickup at City Hall.

Middle Georgia Signs, Inc, the subcontractor for the Striping Grant project, held a large utilities project meeting on Thursday, May 28 to coordinate the installation of the new regulatory signs in the City. Work is expected to begin within the next two or three weeks.

A copy of the first draft of the 2016 proposed budget is at your seat. Work will continue during the coming weeks and Council input is important.

Sanders advised Council if they needed anything; email or call him over the next few days; Wednesday, Thursday and Friday he would be out of the office to help with the transition of his new baby.

Attorney Huskins asked Council to keep Joe Hudson and his family in prayer due to the passing of Mr. Hudson’s wife.

Motion was made by Stokes and seconded by Mangum to adjourn this meeting. 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