City Council Meeting
Monday, July 7, 2015 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
Councilwoman Teresa Doster (Absent)
Councilman Charles R. Haley
Councilman William Mangum, Jr.
Councilwoman Alma Stokes
Councilman James A Gorley

Staff Members Present:
City Administrator, Gary Sanders
City Attorney Chris Huskins
Payroll Clerk Lisa K. Yates
Police Chief William K. Lawrence

Mayor John Reid called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
Councilman Harvey C. Walker, Jr. called for a Moment of Silence for the Invocation.
Motion was made by Councilman Butts and seconded by Councilman Mangum to adopt the minutes of the last meeting with the necessary corrections to be made. Motion carried by a vote of 4-2, Councilman Gorley & Councilman Haley abstained.

Public Comments:
Motion made my Councilman Gorley seconded by Councilman Butts to hear from those who signed in to speak. Motion carried 6-0, unanimous.

City Administrator Gary Sanders read the Rules for Public Comments

1. Muriel Simmons – Putnam Co Democratic Party, Secretary
Presented a Resolution – In Support of Eatonton-Putnam Senior Center and Services

2. Larry Paschel – spoke in support of the Senior Program & wanted clarification of lease terms; i.e. who is tenant & who is lessee?
Public Comments: cont’d

3. Chequita Adams – spoke about her concerns regarding the leases; wants a stable and safe place for the Senior Program. She states there is a need to keep the Seniors informed of any changes; i.e. new Director, meals, activities, etc.

4. Betty Paschal – spoke of her concerns about the Senior program; states the program is not working. The Seniors are being informed by different people with different information and the computer & dance classes have stopped. They were promised hot meals; but, received boxed lunches.

5. Virginia Bullard – Voiced her opinion about Mrs. Reid being “dumped” from her position after 2 years of service with no pay

Old Business: None

New Business:

1. Commissioner Janie Reid gave the Council members a copy of her “Exit Report of the Senior Citizen Program” and read the document to Mayor, Council & audience.

After hearing from the speakers & the reading of Mrs. Reid’s report; various comments were being made by individual Council members. Comments were considered to be a personnel matter and a motion was made to go into Executive session by Councilman Walker and seconded by Councilman Gorley. Motion carried by a unanimous vote of 6-0.

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: Councilman James Gorley Motion Approved.

Those voting in favor of the motion for closure: Council Members Harvey Walker, Jr, Alvin Butts, James Gorley, Charles Haley, William Mangum. Motion carried by a vote of 5-1 with Councilwoman Stokes opposing.

Motion was made by Councilman Gorley and seconded by Councilman Mangum to return to Open Session. Motion carried by a vote of 5-1 vote. Councilwoman Stokes opposed.
Motion was made by Councilman Walker and seconded by Councilman Gorley 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 approved by 5-1. Councilwoman Stokes opposed.

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 7th day of July, 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 7th day of July, 2015.

Attest ___________________     ___________________
City Clerk                            John Reid, Mayor

No action was taken as a result of the executive session.
New Business continued:

2. Proposed Resolution to Authorize the Mayor to sign the Hazard Mitigation Plan Update Support Letter: Attachment #2
Motion was made by Councilman Haley and seconded by Councilman Mangum to approve proposed Resolution to authorize the Mayor to sign the Hazard Mitigation Plan update support letter and for other purposes. Motion carried by a unanimous vote 6-0.

3. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Certification and Request for Assistance from GMA for Affordable Care Act Mandatory Reporting: Attachment #3
Motion was made Councilman Mangum and seconded by Councilman Walker and Councilman Butts. Motion carried by a unanimous vote 6-0. This will authorize the Mayor to request GMA’s help with information pertaining to Forms 1094-B and 1095-B. These forms will be issued to IRS in 2016 for the 2015 year.

Mayor indicated that DCA approved the request to repurpose the old daycare facility and the lease between EPAF and the City. To protect the City’s interest, the Mayor presented written objections to EPAF having keys to the Senior Center, as outlined in the lease agreement. On 6-2-15, the Mayor expressed concern about who should hold the keys to the Senior building. EPAF’s space has the necessary water and exits for the fire code. Also, confidential records pertaining to Senior Center clients are kept in the Senior Center. HIPAA would be violated if just anyone would be allowed to hold said keys. The Mayor’s requested that his written objection pertaining to the shared keys be recorded with the minutes.

Motion to add discussion and possible action regarding the EPAF lease to the agenda and to include the Mayor’s written disclaimer to these minutes was made by Councilman Haley and seconded by Councilman Butts & Council Pro Tem Walker. Motion was unanimously approved, 6-0.

The Mayor directed Attorney Huskins to make the following changes to the sublease: Mr. Sanders will be the holder of the keys to Senior Building. The EPAF is not to have keys to the Senior building. DCA does not have to agree. The revised sublease is to be submitted to EPAF’s attorney.

Motion to have lease revised was made by Councilman Haley and seconded by Councilman Gorley and Councilman Butts. Motion was unanimous, 6-0.
Committee Report:

Motion was made Councilman Walker and seconded by Councilman Mangum to pay bills if and when the funds become available. Motion carried by a unanimous vote 5-0.

Councilman Butts had nothing pending.

Councilman Mangum had nothing pending.

Councilwoman Doster (absent)

Councilman Haley had nothing pending.

Councilwoman Stokes had nothing pending.

Councilman Gorley had nothing pending.

City Administrator presented a written report to Mayor and Council.
1. Report indicated work on striping grant continues.
2. He will attend Senior program training in Vidalia on 7-10-15. He will attend training for Affordable Care Act at the GMA office on 7-13-15.
3. On 7-14-15 @ 9:00am, the appointed County SPLOST committee will meet at the Commissioner’s meeting room.
4. Handouts for the April budget status were placed at their respective seats.
5. Work on 2016 budget will continue & input/feedback is requested.

Police Chief reported all is well.

City Attorney Huskins had nothing pending.

Mr. Sanders introduced LaTosha Maddox, the new Senior Program Manager. She spoke to the Mayor, Council & audience of future plans for the Senior Center.
Mayor Reid thanked all for coming to the meeting. Then, 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. Motion carried by a unanimous vote, 6-0.

John Reid, Mayor

Attest:

Lisa K. Yates, Payroll 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 7th day of July, 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 7th day of July 2015 ________________________________
Mayor John Reid

Sworn to and subscribed before me

This ______day of ________, _____ ________________________________
Notary Public