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

Invocation was given by Councilman William Mangum.

Motion was made by Doster and seconded by Gorley to approve the minutes of the last meeting with any necessary corrections. Motion carried by a vote of 5-0. Councilman Charles R. Haley abstained.

Public Comments: None

Reading of the Rules for Public Comments: Omitted

Old Business:

Discussion and Possible Action on Changing the Hotel – Motel Tax Rate
Attachment #2
Mayor Reid advised the Georgia Code used to change the Hotel-Motel Tax Rate adopted at the Council Meeting on October 19, 2015 was pertaining to counties and he requested Council adopt the code for cities use.

Motion was made by Doster and seconded by Walker to rescind her motion made and was seconded by Haley to authorize the Mayor to sign the Resolution to increase the Hotel/Motel excise tax to 8% and give proceeds to the Chamber of Commerce for tourism at the regular Council meeting held on October 19th and approve tonight’s Resolution and form for the City, and authorize Mayor Reid to sign. Motion carried by a unanimous vote of 6-0.

**New Business:**

**Proposed Resolution to Appoint a Resident Member to the Eatonton Housing Authority Attachment #3**

Motion was made by Walker and seconded by Haley to approve the Resolution appointing Mr. William Terry Reid to the Eatonton Housing Authority as the resident Commissioner for a term to expire on November 30, 2016 and authorize Mayor Reid to sign. Motion carried by a unanimous vote of 6-0.

**Proposed Resolution to Appoint a Member to the Eatonton Housing Authority Attachment #4**

Motion was made by Gorley and seconded by Haley to approve the proposed Resolution by the Board of Council in appointing Randy Bowen to the Eatonton Housing Authority to fill an unexpired term ending November 30, 2017 and authorize Mayor Reid to sign. Motion carried by a unanimous vote of 6-0.

**Proposed Resolution to Authorize the Mayor to sign an Amendment to the Area Agency on Aging Contract for SFY 2016 Attachment #5**

Motion was made by Gorley and seconded by Haley to approve the Resolution and authorize Mayor Reid to sign an amendment to the Area Agency on Aging Contract for SFY 2016 and for other purposes. Motion carried by a unanimous vote of 6-0.

**Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Employee Health Insurance Plan Attachment #6**

Councilman Walker advised the Finance and Personnel Committee met and discussed the employee health insurance plan effective January 1, 2016. Sanders advised the City started shopping the insurance in the spring but due to changes in the federal law the City classification changed and therefore we are facing an increase in premium this year. Councilman Haley discussed other options such as scaling back and employees paying a percentage.
Motion was made by Walker and seconded by Doster to accept Georgia Municipal Association Health Insurance Plan new rate proposal for the POS 80/60 1000 at a rate of $831.00 and authorize Mayor Reid to sign the Resolution. Motion carried by a unanimous vote of 6-0.

**Committees 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 6-0.

Councilwoman Doster reported attending the regular Downtown Development Authority meeting.

Councilwoman Stokes advised $326.00 was donated for gifts which were delivered for the Mayors’ Motorcade today and Stokes expressed words of thanks to all who donated to the event. Mayor Reid expressed words of thanks to Councilwoman Stokes for taking on the Mayors’ Motorcade project each year.

Councilman Gorley advised Fireman Santa is in need of donations for Christmas toys. Gorley reported Police Officer Willie Brinkley is at home but continues receiving eye treatment from an altercation with a combative person at the hospital. Gorley also expressed words of sympathy to Police Department Clerk, Donna Lynn Thomas on the death of her father-in-law.

City Administrator Gary Sanders reported the City has taken delivery of the replacement Street Sweeper. The old truck will be disposed of on GovDeals.Com after running a required notice in the Messenger.

Sanders advised Supervisor Joseph Hawkins met with the Railroad Crossing Manager on November 18th at Rock Lane/Forrest Street to discuss the status of this project. We expect proposed designs by sometime next week.

Sanders advised a letter will be sent to TMI Services to inquire about the schedule for finishing the striping grant work. All signs and thermoplastic markings have been completed; painting of neighborhood streets remains.

Sanders advised Council he would be attending a GMA workshop by the Department of Revenue from 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM on Wednesday in Gainesville.

**Executive Session:**

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: **Property Transfer Acquisition.**

Motion Seconded By: **Councilman James Gorley.** Motion Approved.

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

Motion carried by a unanimous vote of 6-0.

Motion was made by Councilman Chip Walker and seconded by Councilwoman Teresa Doster to enter into Open Session. Motion carried by a unanimous vote of 6-0.

Motion was made by Walker and seconded by Doster that the following Resolution be accepted for the purpose of discussing Property Transfer Acquisition. 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 1st day of December, 2015, the Council entered into executive session for the purpose of discussing **Property Transfer Acquisition.** 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 1st day of December, 2015

Attest ___________________     ___________________
                             Clerk                             John Reid, Mayor
In Open Session, Council took no action on the meeting of the Executive Session.

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

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John Reid Mayor

ATTEST:

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Sarah E. Abrams, City Clerk
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 1st, day of December 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 to discuss or vote to enter an option to purchase, dispose of, or lease real estate subject to approval in a subsequent public vote as provided in Georgia Code section 50-14-3(b)(1)(E).

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 1st day of December 2015

Mayor John Reid

Sworn to and subscribed before me

This _____ day of __________, ______

Notary Public