Mayor John Reid called the meeting of the Eatonton City Council to order at 7:00 PM.

Councilman Chip Walker called for a Moment of Silence for the Invocation.

Motion was made by Butts and seconded by Haley to approve the minutes of the 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:

New Business:

Proclamation Recognizing December 1, 2015 as Betty Vandiver’s Day Attachment #1

Motion was made by Walker and seconded by Gorley to approve the Proclamation recognizing December 1, 2015 as Betty Vandiver Day in the City of Eatonton, Georgia and to authorize Mayor and Council to sign the Proclamation. Motion carried by a unanimous vote of 7-0.
Proposed Resolution to Apply for a Local Maintenance Improvement Grant (LMIG) Attachment #2
Councilman Mangum advised Streets, Buildings and Grounds Committee met to discuss the LMIG. The City should receive around $90,000 which will resurface a quarter to a half of a mile of roadway. The City can elect to place this year’s funds in escrow and wait until next year and have more money to spend on roads. The following streets have been identified as priorities for the LMIG funding: Lower Harmony, Martin Luther King Jr. and Oconee Street.

Motion was made by Mangum and seconded by Gorley to approve the Resolution to apply for a Local Maintenance Improvement Grant and authorize Mayor Reid to sign letters applications and such supporting and collateral material as shall be necessary for the property application and administration of the LMIG. Further, this year’s funds will be escrowed until next year. Motion carried by a unanimous vote of 7-0.

Councilman Gorley asked that the minutes reflect that he asked the City to identify neighborhood streets needing repairing/paving and setting aside SPLOST funding to make these repairs, because the LMIG funding will be placed in escrow this year and no neighborhood streets will be resurfaced for two years as a result. Mayor Reid advised Gorley this item he is requesting can be put on the next agenda.

Proposed Resolution to Ratify the Action of the Mayor in Applying for DOAS Surplus Property Eligibility Attachment #4
Motion was made by Doster and seconded by Mangum to approve the proposed Resolution ratifying the action of the Mayor in applying for DOAS Surplus Property Eligibility with the Department of Administrative Services. Motion carried by a unanimous vote of 7-0.

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

Councilman Mangum discussed the metal plate over Highland Drive at Crestview. Mangum advised one plate has dropped, and he was concerned over the safety of the school bus traveling over the plates twice a day and other traffic traveling in and out, as this is the only way in and out of the neighborhood. The City can’t repair the street until the water problem is corrected by the Water Authority.
Mayor Reid advised the Water Authority received a bid which was too high and they will continue to work on getting another bid.

Councilman Gorley advised this has been going on since April of this year, and this could become a great liability to the City. The City should send a letter to the Water Authority notifying them of their responsibility or the City needs to fix and send the Water Authority a bill for the repair work.
Council agreed that City Attorney Huskins working with City Administrator Sanders should send the Water Authority a letter.

Motion was made by Gorley and seconded by Doster to draft a letter to Eatonton Putnam Water Sewer Authority to fix Highland Drive at Crestview and notify all other entities who might travel over the plates. Motion carried by a unanimous vote of 7-0. **Entities:** *Putnam County Board of Education, Advance Disposal Garbage Service, Putnam County Sheriff Department, Putnam County EMS, Eatonton Fire Department and Eatonton Police Department.*

Councilwoman Doster advised Andrew Simpson was hired as the new Mainstreet Manager. He will start work on November 9th. Doster acknowledge outstanding job performed by Street Supervisor Joseph Hawkins and his crew and Police Chief William Lawrence and the Police Department over the weekend.

Councilwoman Stokes requested donations of gifts to help support the Mayors’ Motorcade. Donations are given to the clients in Central State Hospital in Milledgeville. The event will be December 2nd.

Councilman Gorley asked Police Chief Lawrence to introduce newly hired police officer. Police Chief William K. Lawrence introduced Ms. Candace Fincher as his newest hired police officer. Chief Lawrence advised the Police Department had over 1100 kids for Halloween over the weekend and the department received a good posting which spoke highly of the Eatonton Police Department.

City Administrator Sanders expressed words of thanks to the Police Department, Streets Department, and everyone involved for their hard work in coordinating this past weekend’s events. The events were the 5th Friday event, an evening concert, the Briar Patch Arts Festival, and Halloween festivities. Everyone had a great and safe time.

Administrator Sanders advised GICH will hold its Christmas Decorating Contest again this year. Entries must be received by noon on Friday, December 11. Judging will take place on Monday, December 14, 2015.

City Clerk Abrams advised Election Day is tomorrow. The polls will be open from 7:00AM -7:00 PM. Also, be reminded that Council members whose name is on the ballot will need to file another affidavit of intent not to exceed $2,500.00 in campaign contribution or expenditures to remain exempt from filing the Campaign Contribution Disclosure Report due December 31.

**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: Acquisition, Disposal, or Lease of Property.

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 to enter into open session. Motion carried by a unanimous vote of 7-0.

Motion was made by Walker and seconded by Doster that the following Resolution be accepted for the purpose of discussing Acquisition, Disposal or Lease of Property. 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 November, 2015, the Council entered into executive session for the purpose of discussing Acquisition, Disposal or Lease of Property. 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 November, 2015

Attest ___________________     ___________________
Clerk                             John Reid, Mayor
Council took no action in open session.

Motion was made by Walker and seconded by Gorley to adjourn. 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
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 2nd day of November 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 2nd day of November 2015

Mayor John Reid

Sworn to and subscribed before me

This _____day of __________, _____

Notary Public