Mayor John Reid called the Council meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.
Invocation was given by Councilman William Mangum, Jr.
Motion was made by Stokes and seconded by Mangum to adopt the minutes from last meeting with any necessary corrections. Motion carried by a unanimous vote of 5-0.

Public Comments: None

Old Business:

Liquor by the Drink, Beer and Wine Pouring License – Edward Hudson of EDH E&L Enterprises, LLC d/b/a Xscape, 106 Oconee Street, Eatonton, GA Attachment #2 Motion was made by Mangum that based on the current State law to deny the liquor by the drink, beer and wine pouring license requested by Edward Hudson of EDH E&L Enterprises, LLC d/b/a Xscape, 106 Oconee Street, Eatonton, GA. Motion failed for lack of a second.
Mayor Reid encouraged Council to look at other ways to explore the issue with the pouring license, such as a state variance because this situation may come up again. GMA Legal Department can take a look as well.

Motion was made by Haley and seconded by Butts to table request for liquor by the drink, beer and wine pouring license requested by Edward Hudson of EDH E&L Enterprise, LLC D/B/A Xscape at 106 Oconee Street, Eatonton, GA until the attorney for Georgia Municipal Association can look at the State’s law to see if the State has a variance which allow consumption of alcohol on property located within 100 yards of any housing authority property. Motion carried by a vote 4-1. Councilman Mangum voted against the motion.

Boy Scout Master Willie Frank Thompkins presented 3 Boy Scouts who are working on their Citizenship Merit Badge. Thompkins advised the Scouts must attend and observe a Council meeting before earning their badge.

Mayor Reid expressed words of appreciation to Scout Master Thompkins and the Scouts for attending the meeting.

**New Business:**

**Eatonton-Putnam Senior Services Update**

Mrs. Janie Reid presented an update on the Senior Meals Program.

Mrs. Reid advised receiving grant funding for Title III C-1 congregate meal/senior services in Putnam County in the amount of $57,651.00 with an implementation date of July 1, 2015. This grant will serve about 29 persons. Mrs. Reid expressed the need of a van for transportation to take the seniors on outings. The last outing was through the use of a Putnam County Board of Education school bus. Mrs. Reid also stated how proud she was over the partnership between the City, County and the Board of Education.

Councilman Gorley thanked Mrs. Reid for serving as the volunteer Director for the Senior Citizen Program and congratulated her on writing and receiving the grant award.
MEALS ON WHEELS

- Currently serving 48 clients.
- Serving 3 Private Pay
- Both routes cover approximately 500 miles weekly, 2000 monthly
- Still have a waiting list. I am meeting with Middle Flint to discuss hiring an additional driver, per AAA.
- Beginning July 1, 2014 – March 31, 2015 we delivered 8,678 meals
- You now have a policy in place for operation of a meals program that’s been approved by AAA.
- You now have a food service permit issued by the Putnam County Health Department.
- All equipment and other operational necessities have met guidelines and are up to standards.
- AAA is currently reimbursing us at $5.51 per meal, previously $5.43 (last report).
- There were some findings during the program audit. All have been corrected, with the exception of one (bringing on an additional driver so that meals will be delivered in a timely manner).
- All reports are up to date and have been submitted for reimbursement.
- A detailed financial audit will be done before June 30th.

CONGREGATE PROGRAM

- An average of 25 actively participating, however we have 52 applicants.
- Still continue to feed them each day (pot luck, community organizations, donations, etc.)
- Active Computer Class on site taught each Wednesday.
- Active Low Impact Aerobic Class on site taught by a certified personal trainer from BodyPlex twice a month.
- Active Line Dancing Class taught on site twice a month by a trained instructor.
- Several in-county field trips – transportation provided by Putnam Transit (if and when transit is available). In February went on an out of county field trip to Macon. Transportation was provided by Putnam County Board of Education.
Pilot Club Parade request for Dairy Festival Attachment #3
Motion was made by Gorley and seconded by Haley to approve request made by the Pilot Club of Eatonton, Inc. to hold the Annual Putnam County Dairy Festival. Motion carried by a unanimous vote of 5-0.

Proposed Resolution to authorize the Continued Use of Unmarked City Vehicles Attachment #4
Motion was made by Haley and seconded by Butts to approve the Continued Use of Unmarked City Vehicles Resolution which provide for official vehicles used by the Mayor of the City of Eatonton and the City Administrator of Eatonton to remain unmarked as provided by O.C.G.A. §36-80-20 and authorizes the Mayor to sign. Motion carried by a unanimous vote of 5-0.

Proposed Resolution to ratify the action taken by the Mayor and the Personnel and Finance Committee in adopting Dental and Life Insurance Plans Attachment #5
Motion was made by Gorley and seconded by Butts to approve the proposed Resolution ratifying the action taken by the Mayor and the Finance and Personnel Committee in accepting the Dental and Life Insurance Plans offered by Principal Financial Group for the term beginning April 1, 2015 and authorize the Mayor to sign contracts, letters and other supporting documents as may be necessary to provide this coverage to City Employees.

Proposed Resolution to clarify procedure for the additional Ad Valorem Tax Exemptions for Homestead Properties Attachment #6
Motion was made by Haley and seconded by Mangum to adopt the proposed Resolution clarifying procedures for the additional Ad Valorem Tax Exemptions for homestead properties and authorize the Mayor to sign. Motion carried by a unanimous vote of 5-0.

Committee Reports:
Councilman Haley asked who will contact GMA Legal Department on behalf of the pouring license for Sheila Williams d/b/a Xscape. City Administrator Sanders advised Haley he would contact GMA legal department for advice in reference to the pouring license or a State variance.

Councilwoman Stokes advised the Women’s in History program was a huge success and she expressed words of gratitude to Putnam County staff for their assistance and to persons who donated items to help make the event possible.

Councilman Gorley reported the unveiling of Officer Noel Hawk’s name on the wall was well attended by his family and members of the community on Monday evening. The Fire Department passed out bike helmets to children and has some left over to give out.
Councilman Haley advised Mike Rainey’s car burned in the Methodist Church parking lot and the fire Department did an outstanding job of putting out the fire.

Police Chief Lawrence thanked all for attending the unveiling of Officer Noel Hawk’s name on the Memorial Wall. Lawrence introduced his most recent hired Police Officer Elijah James. Officer James expressed words of thanks to Mayor and City Council for allowing him the opportunity to work and serve the citizens of Eatonton as a police officer. Council members extended words of welcome to Officer James.

Police Chief Lawrence advised City Administrator Sanders that he would be applying for bullet proof vests through a grant application this year. The vests are good for about 4 years.

City Administrator Sanders reported:
Crews with TMI Services have painted stop bars, crosswalks, and highway/railroad crossings over the last couple of weeks. The weather will play a significant role in determining when they will resume painting streets and replacing signage.

The Board of Commissioners approved the City’s request to revise the location of the gas line along Harmony Road at their meeting on March 17. Ground should be broken in the next few weeks to install approximately 3,300 feet of gas main.

Substantial progress on the wheelchair ramp at the Hut has been made. Some concrete work will be required when weather permits to transition the base of the ramp to the parking lot. This project is being funded with a $4,200 polling place accessibility grant awarded by the Secretary of State’s office.

The contractor for the final 2015 LMIG project, paving on Imperial Lakeview Drive and Imperial Avenue, has been waiting on the Buckhead asphalt plant to open to begin the project. The plant has been down for maintenance and should be open soon.

Mainstreet is coordinating a downtown cleanup day for April 18. Please let the City or Carrie know if you know of any projects that should be included.

The Community Easter Egg Hunt was a big success. Thanks to all who were involved. The January and February Budget Status Report are at your seat.

Sanders advised Councilwoman Doster asked him to report the DDA rejected the bid of $129,000.00 for the construction of the stage, and will re-bid the project. Also the garden tour which was held over the week end was very successful.

Clerk Abrams asked Council to sign up if they planned to attend the GMA Spring District Listening Session in Perry Georgia on April 22, 2015. Clerk Abrams and City
Administrator Sanders talked to Council members about filing a Campaign Contribution Disclosure Report if the report applies to them; otherwise they have an affidavit on file.

Mayor Reid thanked the Boy Scouts for attending the City Council meeting and wished them the best with their future endeavors. Scouts were asked to stand and introduce themselves to Council which they did comply. Scouts present and introducing themselves at the meeting were: Scout Javon Spencer, Scout Travison Hill and Scout Jordayle Dyson.

Motion was made by Stokes and seconded by Haley to adjourn. Motion carried by a unanimous vote of 5-0.

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John Reid, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Sarah E. Abrams, City Clerk