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

Councilman James A. Gorley called for a Moment of Silence for the invocation.

Motion was made by Doster and seconded by Butts to approve the minutes from the Public Hearing on the Short Term Work Program and the October 7, 2014 Council meeting minutes with any necessary corrections. Motion carried by a unanimous vote of 6-0.

Public Comments: None

Reading of Rules for Public Comments:
Mayor Reid stated the reading of the rules for public comments will not be read since no one signed in to speak.

Old Business:
Councilman Walker asked that Attachment #2; Proposed approval of REDLG Loan Letter of Conditions Modification Loan Terms and Proposed Authorization for Mayor to Sign Loan Closing Documents with USDA and Vizitech be postponed until the City Attorney can be present.
MainStreet Report:
Mayor Reid called for Main Street Report
Councilwoman Doster advised MainStreet will be sponsoring the Briar Patch Arts Festival on Saturday, October 25, 2014 from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm.

Proposed Proclamation – Red Ribbon Week Attachment #3
Mayor Reid read the Red Ribbon Proclamation, which proclaimed the City of Eatonton will observe the week of October 23-31, 2014 as Red Ribbon Week. The document was signed by the Mayor.

Proposed Resolution to approve a Change Order for the Natural Gas Line Extension along U.S. Highway 441 Attachment #4
Administrator Sanders advised the engineer and Gas Superintendent have identified an opportunity to triple the existing natural gas distribution system’s capacity to serve new customers along U.S. Highway 441 and the Rock Eagle Technology Park by installing approximately 2,600 linear feet of new 4” in PE gas line (at approximate cost of $42,000 plus a negotiated hot tap fee) along a route generally following Imperial Lakeview Drive and Quail Ridge, thereby eliminating a bottleneck created by the existing 2” gas main.

Motion was made by Butts and seconded by Walker to adopt the proposed Resolution to approve a change order to install approximately 2,600 linear feet of new 4” PE gas line along a route generally following Imperial Lakeview Drive and Quail Ridge, thereby eliminating a bottleneck created by the existing 2” gas main, is hereby approved Further, Alternate #2 shall be removed and may be reconsidered at a future date in which the City is prepared to offer expansion into Rock Eagle. The Mayor is authorized to sign change orders, contracts, letters and other supporting and related documents. Motion carried by a unanimous vote of 6-0.

Councilman Walker asked to go back to Old Business on the Agenda. Attachment #2. City Attorney Huskins address REDLG Loan.

Motion was made by Walker and seconded by Gorley to adopt amendments to the Letter of Condition as presented by the City Attorney and authorize Mayor Reid to sign. Motion carried by a unanimous vote of 6-0.

Motion was made by Doster and seconded by Walker, the Mayor is authorized to sign any and all documents to effectuate its zero interest loan to Vizitech so long as Vizitech reimburses the City for its costs in securing a $1,000,000.00 Letter of Credit to effectuate borrowing the loan proceeds from USDA and supplies the City with the following collateral: all interest to and in the list of inventory, equipment, and intellectual property and software previously offered by Vizitech, an assignment of Stewart Rodeheaver life insurance proceeds for the maximum amount the City will have disbursed to Vizitech at any one time, a personal guaranty from Stewart Rodeheaver for the maximum amount the City will have disbursed to Vizitech at any one time and that the loan agreement between the parties allow for the parties to revisit the terms of the promissory note in the event
additional collateral becomes available to either supplement or replace the collateral articulated herein. Motion carried by a unanimous vote of 6-0.

**New Business:**

**Proposed Resolution to adopt the Short Term Work Program Update, Attachment #5**  City Administrator Sanders advised Putnam County Commissioners already adopted the Short Term Work Program.

Motion was made by Doster and seconded by Walker to adopt the Short Term Work Program Update and authorize Mayor Reid to sign.

**Proposed Resolution to Authorize the Mayor to sign an agreement with the Department of Human Services to participate in the Low Income Energy Assistance Program Attachment #6**  City Administrator Sanders advised the City participated in Low Income Energy Assistance program in the past.

Motion was made by Stokes and seconded by Gorley to adopt the proposed Resolution and authorize Mayor Reid to sign the agreement with the Department of Human Services to participate in the Low Income Energy Assistance Program. Motion carried by a unanimous vote of 6-0.

**Discussion and Possible action regarding the Georgia Municipal Association Point of Service Health Insurance Plan.**  
Council and Administrator Sanders discussed Employees Health Insurance plan and how the premium has increased around the country. The previous City Administrator had shopped rates in the market place to get a lower rate but was unsuccessful. The Insurance has increased by 25% which will be effective January 2015. This increase was not anticipated or calculated in the 2015 Budget. The Finance Committee recommended changing from a $750 deductible to $1000 deductible and will shop the market place again next year.

Motion was made by Walker and seconded by Gorley that the City of Eatonton adopt the Resolution of the Georgia Municipal Association(GMEBS) Point of Service (POS) 80/60 (1000) for City Fiscal Year 2015 and authorize Mayor Reid to sign contracts, letters and other supporting documents as may be necessary to provide this coverage to City Employees. Motion carried by a unanimous vote of 6-0.

**Proposed Resolution by the City of Eatonton Council to rename Plum Street and a portion of Putnam Avenue to Robert Reid Sr. Drive Attachment #7**

Motion was made by Stokes and seconded by Butts to adopt the proposed Resolution to rename Plum Street and a portion of Putnam Avenue to Robert Reid Sr. Drive. 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.

Councilman Mangum advised Streets, Buildings and Grounds Committee met last week to discuss the 2nd phase of the Trail Park and the estimated cost.

Councilwoman Doster advised the parking lot is moving along. Flyers in reference to Mainstreet events and the Arts Festival are at each of your places.

Councilwoman Stokes advised the GMA District Six Fall Meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 12 at 6 pm. in Milledgeville at Georgia College Banquet Room in Maxwell Student Union. The 2014 Mayors’ Christmas Motorcade will be December 2, 2014. Stokes asked Council members to submit donations and items for the patients by the last Council meeting in November.

Councilman Gorley advised Officer Patricia Welch received notification that deceased Officer Noel Lee Hawk of the Eatonton Police Department name has been approved for inclusion to the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial in Washington DC. The dedication will take place on May 13, 2015 at the 27th Annual Candlelight Vigil during National Police Week. The City of Eatonton Honor Guard unit is also invited to participate in the various National Police Week events. Also Officer Welch is working to have Officer Hawk’s name being placed on the Memorial Wall in Forsyth, Georgia.

Police Chief William Kent Lawrence introduced Quanishatae Rollins and James Gaither, as the two new staff members of the Police Department. Dispatcher Rollins and Police Officer Gaither thanked Council for the opportunity to work and serve the citizens of Eatonton, Georgia.

Police Chief Lawrence advised the Department has a busy week end scheduled with Putnam County Home Coming Parade and the Cemetery Tour, both at 6:00 pm on Thursday, October 23rd. The Briar Patch Arts Festival and the Tootsie Roll Drive are on Saturday, October 25th. Also Lawrence advised there will be no change in the date for celebrating Halloween; scheduled for Friday, October 31st from 5:00 pm to 10:00 pm.

Lawrence advised receiving a permit for a festival event on November 8th to be held at the old Eatonton Manufacturing parking lot on Godfrey Road from 12 noon to 6:00 pm. He also received a permit for the Christmas Parade for December 6th at 6:00 pm.

Councilman Mangum recounted a humorous police story.

City Administrator Gary Sanders reported:
Approximately 7,200 feet of gas line has been installed along Highway 441. A second crew has been deployed and has done much of the installation inside the Tech Park. Progress should pick up some now that we’re clear of AT&T lines.
Advance Voting will continue through Friday, October 31. As of this afternoon, 36 people have voted in person.

A meeting is scheduled with Middle Georgia Regional Commission at 2:00 pm tomorrow to discuss development ideas for the new website.

Resurfacing will be done on East Marion Street and Imperial Lakeview Drive soon. It will be done in conjunction with the paving of the parking lot.

Registration is now underway for the 2015 Mayor’s Day Conference, which will be held January 23-26 in Atlanta. You should have received an email from GMA about attending; please let City Hall know if you plan on attending the Conference.

City Clerk Abrams asked if Council could delay or change the next Council meeting date because of the Special Election on Tuesday, November 4, 2014.

Motion was made by Walker and seconded by Stokes to add to the agenda the changing of the November 4, 2014 Council meeting date. Motion carried by a unanimous vote of 6-0.

Motion was made by Doster and seconded by Walker to change the next Council meeting date to Monday, November 3, 2014. Motion carried by a unanimous vote of 6-0.

Motion was made by Walker and seconded by Stokes to adjourn the meeting. 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