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

Invocation was give by Deacon David Swain of New Life Outreach Christian Center.

Motion was made by Haley and seconded by Mangum to adopt the minutes of the last meeting with any necessary corrections. Motion carried by a vote of 4-0. Councilwoman Teresa Doster abstained.

Public Comments: None

Old Business: None

New Business:

Proposed Resolution to adopt Millage Rate for 2014 Attachment #2
Motion was made by Doster and seconded by Walker to adopt the proposed Resolution that the 2014 Gross Millage rate of 16.150 mills be rolled back by anticipated Local
Option Sales Tax Collections equivalent to 8.650 Mills resulting in a net Millage of 7.50 mills and to authorize Mayor Reid to sign. Motion carried by a unanimous vote of 5-0.

**Proposed Resolution to authorize the Mayor to apply for LMIG Funding**

*Attachment #3* City Administrator Sanders advised the following projects have been identified for LMIG funding: Willie Bailey Street drainage, East Marion Street, and Imperial Lakeview Drive. LMIG funding amount is $95,000.00. City must provide a 30% match.

Motion was made by Mangum and seconded by Gorley to adopt the proposed Resolution and authorize Mayor Reid to apply for LMIG funding and sign letters, applications and such supporting and collateral material as shall be necessary for the proper application and administration of the Local Maintenance and Improvement Grant (LMIG) from Georgia Department of Transportation. Motion carried by a unanimous vote of 5-0.

**Proposed Resolution to authorize the purchase of gas pump for City Shop**

*Attachment #4* City Administrator Sanders advised the gas pump located at the City Shop is at the end of its useful life and a new pump can be purchased approximately for $5,500.00 with zero interest financing option of adding $0.05 per gallon surcharge until the cost of the pump is paid. The City may pay the remaining balance in full at anytime.

Motion was made by Mangum and seconded by Doster to adopt the proposed Resolution authorizing the City Administrator to purchase a new gas pump for the City Shop in accordance with the terms outlined in the resolution and authorize Mayor Reid to sign all documentation. Motion carried by a unanimous vote of 5-0.

**Proposed Resolution to Grant a Temporary Construction Easement or Other Similar Land Use Agreement to GDOT for the purpose of Roadway Modifications on Rock Lane**

*Attachment #5* City Administrator Sanders advised this Resolution is to grant a temporary construction easement or similar land use agreement to Georgia Department of Transportation for the purpose of roadway modification on and near the railroad crossing on Rock Lane.

Mayor Reid advised GA. DOT first discussed this road widening project back in 2005 and somehow project was never started.

Motion was made by Mangum and seconded by Gorley to adopt the Resolution, and authorize Mayor Reid to sign all letters, construction easement or other similar land use agreements and other required supporting material as shall be necessary for the Georgia Department of Transportation to make roadway modification near the railroad crossing on Rock Lane. Motion carried by a unanimous vote of 5-0.

**Proposes Resolution to authorize the Replacement of Sidewalk adjacent to the Veteran Wall**

*Attachment #6*
Administrator Sanders advised the sidewalk could become a liability for the City; and to replace the sidewalk adjacent to the Veteran Wall of Honor would take approximately 30 yards of concrete at $90.00 per yard and would cost roughly $2,800.00. The project labor would be done by City employees.

Motion was made by Mangum and seconded by Doster to adopt the proposed Resolution authorizing the replacement of the approximately 400 feet of sidewalk adjacent to the Veteran Wall site along West Marion Street. Motion carried by a unanimous vote of 5-0.

**Committees’ Report**

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 5-0.

Councilman Mangum asked questions in regard to the water bill for the Community Garden on Enterprise Hill. Mangum was advised individuals owning the garden plots pay the water bill.

Councilman Mangum discussed the number of new employees hired by Vizitech and the low water pressure problems they are experiencing at their building located on East Sumter Street. He asked if the City could help run a water line 92 feet from the water main behind the building to the facility. Mayor Reid advised Councilman Mangum that the Water Authority has tested the water going to the building and said that the pressure was sufficient. He could request that the Water Authority retest the pressure at the meter. The pressure problem could possibly be in the water line under the building; or the water lines may be corroded. If pressure problem is found in the water lines under the building; the owner will need to make the repair.

Councilwoman Doster reported the DDA met last week and the parking lot project is coming along. Charter Communication is working on moving their lines; after this the project should move pretty fast.

Councilwoman Doster requested volunteers to come help with the Community Garden. The Water Authority installed water to the garden.

Councilman Haley reported receiving the Rooty Creek information flyer in his utility bill.

Councilman Gorley reported, Assistant Fire Chief Hubert advised the MDA Booth Drive raised $1,495.00 over the Labor Day weekend.

Councilman Gorley advised Fire Chief Steve Reid retired after 34 years of service with the Fire Department and the Fire Chief position is vacant. The Fire Department also completed flow rates testing and has begun painting the hydrants.

Administrator Sanders reported the MDA Fill the Booth raised $1,495.00 this weekend.
The Performance and Payment Bonds have been received from the gas line contractor. The pre-construction meeting will be held on Friday, September 5th at 1:00 PM with work beginning next week. The contractor will have 75 days to achieve substantial completion of the project.

The pre-construction meeting for the Striping Grant will be held on Friday, September 5th at 9:30 AM. There is a 2 year completion period for this grant.

The Revolving Fund Loan Committee will meet on Thursday, September 4th at 8:00 A.M. The following members serve on the Revolving Loan Committee: Steve Culberson, George Thompkins and Joey Davis.

Administrator Sanders advised he would be attending the Municipal Gas Association of Georgia member orientation classes on September 10th and 11th in Kennesaw.

City Attorney Huskins advised Mayor Reid, he corrected the date on one of the letters he signed after proofing.

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., Teresa Doster, James Gorley, Charles Haley and William Mangum.

Motion carried by a unanimous vote of 5-0.

Motion was made by Walker and seconded by Doster to return to Open Session. Motion carried by a unanimous vote of 5-0.

Open Session:

Motion was made by Walker and seconded by Gorley that the following Resolution be adopted in reference to the Executive session meeting held on September 2nd and authorized Mayor Reid to sign. Motion carried by a unanimous vote of 5-0.
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 September, 2014, 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 2nd day of September, 2014.

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Mayor John Reid

Attest: _____________________
City Clerk

Motion was made by Gorley and seconded by Haley to appoint Eugene Hubert the Interim Fire Chief to the City of Eatonton Fire Department. Motion carried by a unanimous vote of 5-0.

Motion was made by Walker and seconded by Doster to reappoint all Department Heads with the exception of Sarah Abrams. Motion carried by a unanimous vote of 5-0.
**City of Eatonton Department Heads:**
City Administrator – Gary Sanders  
City Attorney – Christopher Huskins  
City Marshal – Dianne Veal  
City Solicitor - Russell S. Thomas  
Municipal Court Judge - Michael Gailey  
Buildings and Grounds Supervisor – Bennie Mosley  
Chief of Police – William K. Lawrence  
Gas Superintendent - Charlie Bales  
Street Supervisor – Joseph Hawkins  

Motion was made by Walker and seconded by Haley to re-appoint Sarah Abrams as the City Clerk. Motion carried by a vote of 4-0. Councilman James Gorley abstained.

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

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John Reid, Mayor  

ATTEST:  

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Sarah E. Abrams, City 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 2nd day of September 2014. 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) The subject discussed was 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 2nd day of September 2014  ____________________________________________
Mayor John Reid

Sworn to and subscribed before me

This ______day of __________, _______  ____________________________________________
Notary Public