

**CITY OF EUHARLEE
CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
DECEMBER 03, 2019**

Mayor Steve Worthington called the meeting to order. Council Member Craig Guyton led in prayer, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

City Clerk Carolyn Banks called roll and the following were present: Mayor Steve Worthington, Council Members Craig Guyton, Tracy Queen, David Duncan, Joe Turner and City Manager James Stephens. City Attorney Boyd Pettit was not present.

Public Hearing

Mayor Steve Worthington opened the floor for any questions and comments in reference to the FY 2020 projected budget. It was the 2nd required public hearing for the FY 2020 budget. There were no questions or comments. The hearing was closed.

Recognition of Council Member Craig Guyton - Mayor Steve Worthington

Mayor Steve Worthington asked Council Member Craig Guyton to come forward. He presented Council Member Guyton with a plaque in honor of his years served on the city council. He stated it was an honor to work with him. They have not always agreed but they have been professional about it for the benefit of the city and we're very appreciative of that. On behalf of the city he thanked him for his years of service as a Council Member from 2012-2019. Council Member Guyton said thank you and he appreciated it.

Approval of Minutes

Council Member David Duncan motioned to approve the minutes for the Called City Council Meeting held on 11.12.19. Council Member Tracy Queen seconded the motion. The motion was carried with Council Members Guyton, Queen, Duncan, Turner and Mayor Worthington all voting in favor.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

2nd Reading Updated Zoning Map - Charles Reese

Charles Reese, Planning and Zoning Director stated it was the 2nd reading for the updated zoning map. Per the request from Council Member Joe Turner he enlarged the map. The major reason they needed the update, obviously you want to update every couple of years and they had a couple of zoning changes, but the main reason was to get it on the qpublic through Bartow County. The GIS department will send Bartow County the updated map to include any changes and amendments on the map. He just has to make sure they have the updates so people that are looking through qpublic locally and internationally can see the zoning for the city. It is also to recognize the newly ERCDO, Euharlee Road Corridor Design Overlay which is on the map as well. He stated it was the 2nd reading and asked if they had any questions. Council Member Craig Guyton motioned to approve. Council Member Tracy Queen seconded the motion. The motion was carried with Council Members Guyton, Queen, Duncan, Turner and Mayor Worthington all voting in favor.

2nd Reading 2020 Projected Budget - James Stephens

City Manager James Stephens stated council had before them the 2020 Proposed Budget. The general fund total is \$2,036,700, SPLOST Fund \$615,000, EPD Special Fund \$42,192 and the Info Tech Fund \$9,225. The general fund budget is a 3% increase over the 2019 budget. It incorporated a \$1.00 per hour increase for starting police officers, as well as, all positions throughout the city. In addition to that it included two adjustments for administrative positions, which were discussed in a message that was sent to the council, to come into range with the

Department of Community Affairs salary survey with cities with similar population. It moved capital items to the SPLOST fund for 2020. The LOST revenue was budgeted flat. He anticipates the final number for 2019 to be approximately \$925,000. He budgeted that number the same without growth because the state is preparing for an economic downturn; they may receive that. He anticipated there may be a small growth but from a conservative standpoint, the budgeted number was flat. By April they can see if that number is growing or flat. They will know before they set the 2020 millage rate and if that number grows it will give them an opportunity to have a larger roll back on the millage rate revenue line item for 2020. He recommended adoption of the budget and was prepared to attempt to answer any questions they had. He stated they had no input at the December 20, 2019 public hearing. He said each of them received an email regarding staff coverage for the patrol department. Early in 2020 they will come back to discuss a budget amendment that would increase the head count of the police department. They worked on some numbers tonight but felt like they didn't want to rush it. He had the salaries and the benefits if council would to choose to increase the head count, but he wanted to make sure he had fuel cost and auto maintenance cost. He wanted to put on record they would be coming back early in 2020 to amend the budget related to possible increase in the head count for the police department. Other than that, he believed it to be a pretty thorough type budget.

Council Member Tracy Queen said on the police budget he did not see anything for K9. Mr. Stephens said it is included in the line item 531100 general supplies and maintenance. The cost for the K9 food and other items is included in the \$8,000 line item budget. He said they will break that out on a separate line item as they operate.

Council Member David Duncan said the medical expenses for the dog are covered by the Euharlee Animal Clinic. Mr. Stephens said the local vet has agreed to donate those services. Council Member Duncan said they have had a lot of complaints on Joe Cowan Park and to his understanding the URA bond they are paying off in March is for Joe Cowan Park. Mr. Stephens said it is. Council Member Duncan said he just wanted the public to know it will finally be paid off. Mr. Stephens said he had not received any complaints unless they had called the elected officials directly. Mayor Steve Worthington said he had not either. Council Member Joe Turner said his had not been complaints it's just been convenient to use Joe Cowan Park because the city didn't have any money. Mr. Stephens said the final payment will be made in March and the administrative staff is looking very forward to operating in 2020 after the final payment is made. It will put them in the position to pick up some projects they have been waiting patiently on. Council Member Tracy Queen motioned to accept the budget as presented. Council Member David Duncan seconded the motion. The motion was carried with Council Members Guyton, Queen, Duncan, Turner and Mayor Worthington all voting in favor.

NEW BUSINESS

Presbyterian Church - James Stephens

City Manager James Stephens stated the heating system failed at the church and they had an event coming up. They got a couple of bids and made arrangements to get the heat working. They have funds they received at the time the property was requested to them. He is looking for a motion from council to cover the expense for the new system out of the Presbyterian Church fund account. The amount is \$6,203. He would like for the motion to carry and include to use the Presbyterian funds. It will leave an approximate balance of about \$68,000 left in that fund. Council Member David Duncan motioned to approve the purchase of the unit out of the Presbyterian funds. Council Member Craig Guyton seconded the motion. The motion was carried with Council Members Guyton, Queen, Duncan, Turner and Mayor Worthington all voting in favor.

Mayor Steve Worthington opened the floor for public comments. He said again they appreciate Council Member Craig Guyton for his eight years of service he put into the city.

Council Member Craig Guyton said thank you to everybody who put together the reception and to all those that came out. He said it had been an incredible eight years and an honor to serve in that capacity. He thanked the citizens for giving him that honor.

Council Member Joe Turner said he appreciated all that Council Member Guyton had done. They have disagreed on some things and agreed on some, but he had always been professional and that is important in what they do.

City Clerk Carolyn Banks said thank you to Council Member Craig Guyton. She came not knowing a lot of how the system worked and he was always very supportive. She greatly appreciated him.

City Manager James Stephens said he enjoyed working with Council Member Craig Guyton. He has had the opportunity to work with several elected officials throughout his career and he had been one of the most ethical, well balanced with his priorities in good order. He was never hesitant to call on him if any guidance or advice was needed and he will be missed.

Council Member David Duncan said Council Member Craig Guyton had given him a lot of good advice during his 4 years and he really appreciated his help.

Council Member Tracy Queen said he appreciated everything Council Member Craig Guyton had done for him and will take advice from him in the future because he is going to need it.

Council Member Craig Guyton motioned to adjourn. Council Member Tracy Queen seconded the motion. The motion was carried with Council Members Guyton, Queen, Duncan, Turner and Mayor Worthington all voting in favor.

With no further discussion the meeting adjourned at 7:16 pm.