

**CITY OF EUHARLEE  
CALLED CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
OCTOBER 15, 2019**

Mayor Steve Worthington called the meeting to order. He said a prayer, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

City Clerk Carolyn Banks called the 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.

**Approval of Minutes**

Council Member David Duncan motioned to approve the minutes for the City Council Meeting held on 09.03.19 and the City Council Work Session held on 09.17.19. 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**

**Police Department K-9 – Mayor Steve Worthington**

Mayor Steve Worthington said the council had discussed the K-9 donated to the police department. They agreed during the discussion but needed to vote to accept the K-9.

Council Member Craig Guyton motioned voted to accept the dog given to the police department as a gift. 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.

**Cyber Liability Insurance – James Stephens**

City Manager James Stephens said during the work session he presented an application for cyber security insurance policy for additional coverage. The current insurance policy coverage is \$25,000 for cyber claims or ransomware. They have taken measures to improve the firewall and security measures. The city has migrated the emails to the Microsoft cloud which is part of the enhancement. So additional measures have been taken in addition to requesting additional coverage. At the last work session he stated he had been prudently advised to check with some surrounding government to see what amounts they were carrying. He contacted Adairsville, Rockmart and Emerson. He selected those based on their population, proximity and similarities in operation. One government was carrying \$250,000 and the other two are carrying just the basic coverage and in the city's case that is \$25,000. For proprietary reasons, he did not say which government was carrying what coverage. He said it is a wide spread problem. There are many governments in America, Georgia including local agencies that have been attacked. He had been working on the 2020 budget and incorporated on his working papers the premium for the million dollar coverage and made that figure work. It may be more than one of their sister government is carrying, however as a public servant he recommended they be as conservative as they can. The difference between the ½ million dollar and the million dollar, he recommended the million dollar coverage which would be a total cost of \$1,824 annually. He has to fill out the application and will keep council posted. It is over and above the current premium that is approved each year. Council Member Queen asked if the liability coverage would cover the cyber. Mr. Stephens said they have \$25,000 in coverage for cyber. He also said, GARMA, an insurance package that GMA promotes, they are sending out a survey and are encouraging additional coverage. But two of the companies he called and are covered by GMA, opted out for the additional coverage. It is a prudent move. Council Member Craig Guyton stated the difference between the premiums for the 500,000 and the million; his opinion they would be crazy not to take the million dollar coverage for \$300 additional dollars of premium and they both have the same deductible. Council Member David

Duncan said it is always better to have more than enough than not enough. For \$300 it will double to 1 million.

Council Member Craig Guyton motioned that they seek the 1 million dollar coverage on the policy. 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.

Council Member Tracy Queen motioned to adjourn. 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.

With no further discussion the meeting adjourned at 8:08 pm.