

**CITY OF EUHARLEE
CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
MAY 02, 2017**

Mayor Dennis Thayer called the meeting to order followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

City Clerk Carolyn Banks called the roll and the following were present: Mayor Dennis Thayer, Council Members Craig Guyton, Ronald Nesbitt, David Duncan, Joe Turner, City Manager James Stephens and City Attorney Boyd Pettit were present.

Approval of Minutes

Council Member Craig Guyton motioned to approve the minutes for the City Council Meeting 04.04.17 and City Council Work Session 04.18.17. Council Member Ronald Nesbitt seconded the motion. The motion was carried with Council Members Guyton, Nesbitt, Duncan, Turner and Mayor Thayer all voting in favor.

Executive Session - Personnel

Council Member Craig Guyton motioned to go to Executive Session for Personnel at 7:02 pm. Council Member Ronald Nesbitt seconded the motion. The motion was carried with Council Members Guyton, Nesbitt, Duncan, Turner and Mayor Thayer all voting in favor.

Attorney Boyd Pettit stated council returned from Executive Session for Personnel at 7:47 pm. There were no votes taken, no actions taken and no actions to be taken by council as a result of that.

Public Comments

No public comments.

OLD BUSINESS

Frankie Harris Park Rental to GRN - James Stephens

City Manager James Stephens said as follow up from the last meeting it was discussed for council to take consideration for the Frankie Harris Park rental to Georgia River Network to use the facility 3 days in June at the regular rate and to include the Commissary and the Old Library at a rate of zero dollars in June. Council Member Ronald Nesbitt motioned to approve the 3 day rentals as presented. Council Member Craig Guyton seconded the motion. The motion was carried with Council Members Guyton, Nesbitt, Duncan, Turner and Mayor Thayer all voting in favor.

½ Day Rental Presbyterian Church - James Stephens

City Manager James Stephens said as discussed in the last meeting he and Katie Gobbi, Museum Director feels the rentals will be more successful at the Presbyterian Church for weddings if the second day rental at a lower cost and equivalent of a 2 day rental would be \$550.00 as opposed to \$375.00 for each day. He recommends council approval. Council Member Joe Turner motioned to approve the second day rental at half price. Council Member Craig Guyton seconded the motion. The motion was carried with Council Members Guyton, Nesbitt, Duncan, Turner and Mayor Thayer all voting in favor.

NEW BUSINESS

Police Chief Position - Mayor Dennis Thayer

Mayor Dennis Thayer said this is the second time Chief Lee New has been the interim chief and for a about 5 months this second time and feels it is time to appoint him as the permanent police chief. After discussing with City Manager James Stephens is definitely in support of that recommendation for New as the fulltime police chief. Council Member Craig Guyton motioned to make Chief Lee New as the fulltime Euharlee police chief effective today. Council Member David Duncan seconded the motion.

The motion was carried with Council Members Guyton, Nesbitt, Duncan, Turner and Mayor Thayer all voting in favor.

Mayor Thayer said to Chief New congratulations, thank you for his time here and he looked forward to a long and prosperous relationship.

Evidence Disposition - Chief Lee New

Euharlee Police Chief Lee New said thank you to council for their confidence in him and he will do his best not to disappoint them.

Chief New stated the police department is in the process of trying to clean out the evidence room. They are trying to get a jump start with trying to get the department certification. Some may not know, they are not certified under the state system at this time. We have to be either in the process of being certified or to be certified within next year. Next year most insurance companies are not going to sell insurance to police departments that are not certified or at least in the process of being certified and we are in the process to start. In the certification process, assessors come in and look at your overall operation. One of the things they will look at is the evidence room. We have found that some of the evidence we have goes back 20 years and never been claimed. The biggest concern they have is disposal of rifles, shotguns and pistols. They have a total of 30. He recommended they have a sealed bid auction with only licensed gun dealers and all the guns go as a lot to the highest bidder.

Mayor Dennis Thayer asked if the only thing he was concerned about was the guns. Chief New said a lot of the evidence they are going to destroy, like old drugs that have been prosecuted. They will take them to somewhere like Plant Bowen, who has an incinerator and have them burned.

Attorney Boyd Pettit said as he recalls, there are a couple of code sections that deal with disposal of those types of items and the methodology that Chief New was talking about is one that he recalls. He said, unfortunately he was in a seminar last week and they were talking about records retention. He asked New, if all that he was speaking of were cases that have been disposed of and the appealable period has run out. Chief New said yes. The guns are ones that people have found and turned in or people asked them to take them for safe keeping that were placed in the evidence room and they never came back to reclaim them.

Council Member Ronald Nesbitt said that was one of the things he was talking about earlier, on government deals you can auction them off on there as well. Mayor Thayer said, it is like an eBay for government, but you do not have to be licensed. Council Member Nesbitt said yes you do. For some it's for the public and for some, in this incident is for the licensed.

Mayor Thayer and Council Member Joe Turner asked if a motion was needed for this. Attorney Boyd Pettit said he thinks it will help your auditors and as a part of your certification process you will have the

authorization from council as part of your minutes that were discussed, approved and clarifies the department as well.

Council Member Joe Turner motioned to approve the Euharlee police department to dispose of the firearms in a manner that is comparable with the state law. Council Member David Duncan seconded the motion. The motion was carried with Council Members Guyton, Nesbitt, Duncan, Turner and Mayor Thayer all voting in favor.

Insurance Renewals - James Stephens

City Manager James Stephens said council had attached a premium summary of the proposed renewal for coverage for our general liability, law enforcement, property, public official and management liability and auto. It is a 4.7% increase over last year, but based on the 2017 budget ordinance that was passed it would not require a budget amendment. He is asking approval from council to renew the policy.

Council Member Craig Guyton motioned to approve the purchase of insurance in the amount of \$68,687.00 as presented. Council Member David Duncan seconded the motion. The motion was carried with Council Members Guyton, Nesbitt, Duncan, Turner and Mayor Thayer all voting in favor.

Council Member Craig Guyton motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:54 pm. Council Member Ronald Nesbitt seconded the motion. Council Members Guyton, Nesbitt, Duncan, Turner and Mayor Thayer all voted in favor.

With no further discussion the meeting was adjourned.