

CITY OF EUHARLEE
CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 04, 2018

Mayor Steve Worthington called the meeting to order. A prayer was led by Council Member David Duncan 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, City Manager James Stephens and City Attorney Boyd Pettit.

Council Member David Duncan motioned to approve the minutes from City Council Meeting on 08.07.18 and City Council Work Session on 08.21.18. 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

Planning and Zoning Commission Vacancy

Charles Reese, Planning and Zoning Director stated to council as discussed in the previous work session the 4 applicants for the vacancy for planning and zoning commission are James Parker, Mike Troxell, Andy Moore and Steven Provenson. They need only one vacancy filled in place of Clark Tompkins.

Council Member Tracy Queen asked Mr. Reese if he had a preference. Mr. Reese said out of the 4 it would be Mike Troxell. Mr. Troxell is new to the community, aggressive thinker, an entrepreneur and has some civic experience. He would be his first recommendation.

Council Member Craig Guyton asked how many years was left on the vacancy and Mr. Reese said one. He said, they will be renewing all of them soon. I'll come back with that discussion later. Council Member Guyton said, we discussed doing 2 but in order to do that they would have to do an amendment to the ordinance. Mr. Reese said in section 15.4.1 of the zoning ordinance, the establishment of the zoning and planning commission states, hereby establishing the zoning commission of Euharlee shall consist of 5 members appointed by the city council and staggered for 3 year terms.

Council Member David Duncan said, even though Mr. Reese has a recommendation, he still likes Andy Moore because he went more into detail on his application, he has lived here all his life and he would be his recommendation.

Council Member Queen said, he knows Mike Troxell and he is a smart guy, youth Pastor and all around good business sense person. He does lots of investments, a good investor and knows a lot about the community. Maybe not as much as the other guy. He does not have any real ties to the community, as far as friends, which could make him a benefit where he would not have to pick a friend over a project. There is no favoritism involved.

Council Member Tracy Queen motioned for Mike Troxell. Council Member Craig Guyton seconded the motion.

Council Member Joe Turner said he likes Andy Moore but, he is going along with Mr. Reese. He is the one that has to work with him.

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

Council Member Guyton said he would like for Mr. Reese to encourage all 3 to reapply for the next vacancy.

Approval of Police Department Weapons and Rifles Policy

Mayor Steve Worthington said there were some discrepancies and misunderstandings and people were not sure about some stuff. The policy has been revamped and they have a new copy in front of them. He looked over it and is pretty much satisfied with it. He didn't see anything that jumped out at him. Council Member Tracy Queen asked Deputy Chief Yee if he knew they had an officer certified to use a taser. Deputy Chief Yee said they only have 2 certified, himself and Officer Cruz. He said everyone else has to go through actual certification or re-certification. Council Member Queen said is it mandatory or are we making it mandatory. Deputy Chief Yee said, he would like to make it mandatory but currently it is not. Council Member Queen said, so how does that happen. Deputy Chief Yee said they would put it in a policy that everyone had to be certified. He stated, less lethal is different from Taser. There is a slight difference. It is better to have everybody certified in everything but we can't before we implement the policy. They can certify everybody in an 8 hour training block, but we they will have to get tasers approved and they cost money. They are very expensive.

Council Member David Duncan said for the officers who were certified did their time expire. Deputy Chief Yee said, one for sure, two maybe expired. You have to recertify every 2 years. He said, one person expired, another just got his last year and he got his as an instructor this year and can certify everybody. It does cost to get the training cartridges and other things. Council Member Joe Turner asked if it required Deputy Chief Yee to be shocked and he said no. It's not required anymore. Council Member Turner said he would like to see officer's carry tasers. Council Member Turner said he was the one who originally raised the question about the guns. He read over it and is okay with it.

Council Member Joe Turner motioned to approve police department weapon and rifle 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 Craig Guyton motioned to go into Executive Session for Personnel at 7:13 pm. 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.

Mayor and Council returned from Executive Session for Personnel at 8:00 pm. Mayor Worthington stated there were no votes taken, no actions taken and no further actions to be taken by council.

Council Member Craig Guyton motioned to adjourn. 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.

With no further discussion the meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm.