

**CITY OF EUHARLEE
CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
NOVEMBER 14, 2017**

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

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

Approval of Minutes

Council Member David Duncan motioned to approve the minutes for the City Council meeting 11.14.17 and City Council Work Session 11.14.17. 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.

Public Comments

No public comments.

OLD BUSINESS

2nd Reading of the Alcohol Ordinance – Mayor Dennis Thayer

Mayor Dennis Thayer said this will reflect a change in Section 40 Section 5, paragraph 5 of the alcohol ordinance for the distilled spirits pouring to change the permit price from \$5000. to \$1500. Council Member Craig Guyton motioned to adopt the change. 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.

1st Reading of the 2018 Budget Ordinance - Mayor Thayer

Mayor Dennis Thayer stated there were 2 summary sheets and 2 budgets presented for discussion. Council Member Joe Turner said, based on the fact they have 2 newly elected officials that will come in the first of the year and with the prospect of the budget having to do with taxes, he thinks it would be appropriate to give them a chance to be involved over what will be done next year. Council Member Joe Turner motioned to adopt a continuing resolution until the end of January 2018 which typically mean the 2017 budget will carryover so the 2 new people will have a chance to look at it. Mayor Thayer asked, if they did that for other people that came on the board back in the past. Council Member Turner said, at that time period the finances were not in the shape they are in now. Council Member David Duncan seconded the motion. Mayor Thayer said, they already have dates published for public hearings, a lot more discussion is needed and this is not the way to handle it. Council Member Turner said, he thinks they should have a chance for input. Mayor Thayer said, they do with the public hearings. They have all the time in the world to present their views. The motion was carried 3 – 2 with Council Members, Nesbitt, Duncan and Turner voting in favor. Mayor Thayer and Council Member Guyton voted against. Mayor Thayer asked if they needed to do anything legally about the hearings. Attorney Boyd Pettit said to cancel the hearings. City Manager James Stephens asked, if he needed to cancel with a legal ad. Attorney Pettit said no, but to make the media aware there are no hearings.

NEW BUSINESS

2020 SPLOST Intergovernmental Agreement – Mayor Dennis Thayer

Mayor Dennis Thayer said there was a change they discussed in the past on Exhibit A which is a change in the projected amount of the county wide SPLOST projects which decreased the city's amount of \$268,000. and identified on the last page of the agreement of projects. Council Member Craig Guyton motioned to pass the 2020 SPLOST intergovernmental agreement with the county. Council Member Joe Turner seconded the motion. The motion was carried with Council Members Guyton, Nesbitt, Duncan, Turner and Mayor Thayer all voting in favor.

Resolution for Tax Exemptions – Mayor Dennis Thayer

Mayor Dennis Thayer said the resolution is to qualify the homestead exemptions that were voted on in the general elections. Homestead exemptions for citizens over 65, household with incomes of \$20,000. or less, income of \$10,000. or less and citizens age 62 with an income of \$10,000. or less. Council David Duncan Member motioned to adopt the resolution as presented. Council Member Joe Turner seconded the motion. The motion was carried with Council Members Guyton, Nesbitt, Duncan, Turner and Mayor Thayer all voting in favor.

Resolution for Council Members – Mayor Dennis Thayer

Mayor Dennis Thayer said the resolution is from the general election for the City Council Members with Joe Turner and Tracy Queen. Council Member Craig Guyton motioned to accept the resolution. Council Member Joe Turner seconded the motion. The motion was carried with Council Members Guyton, Nesbitt, Duncan, Turner and Mayor Thayer all voting in favor.

Resolution for Mayor – Mayor Dennis Thayer

Mayor Dennis Thayer said the resolution is for Mayor with Steve Worthington. Council Member David Duncan motioned to adopt the resolution. 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.

Council Member Craig Guyton motioned to adjourn the meeting. 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.

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