

**CITY OF EUHARLEE
CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION MINUTES
OCTOBER 17, 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 and City Manager James Stephens. City Attorney Boyd Pettit was not present.

SPLOST Projects 2020 - James Stephens

James Stephens, City Manager said he included in the package 3 options for the potential categories for the 2020 SPLOST projects. Ideally, we will discuss and narrow this down by election what we officially want to have on the referendum and we can convey that to the county. As you can recall he said he presented 2 options. One of which provided for a pedestrian bridge over the Etowah river and the other to pay the debt down in 6 years. The council instructed him to post a survey. The survey was posted. They had 127 to respond and 70% of the respondents referred to pay the debt down over the next 6 years instead of putting the money into the bridge. He said, in light of that and what the Lowry Mill bid came in at, he considered Option 1a. As Council Member Craig Guyton said at the work session, there is nothing more that would connect our past and our future like the Lowry Mill project. He is in much agreement and understands that \$2.8 million is a substantial amount of money. In the event if we did want to connect our past and our future, there is an option through SPLOST to do that which is Option 1a. The annual debt requirement which is \$702,000.00 negotiated in the agreement with the Bartow County. He moved money from the pedestrian bridge to the Lowry Mill. The figure does not include the URA balance of \$700,000.00. If there is a way, if there is a will. For that to be accomplished, we would need to build it into a referendum and have bonds to issue up front to build the project, it would be paid out during the course of the collection of the 2020 SPLOST. It would be similar to the URA bond, there would be new debt and you cannot start the project until the referendum is passed. Once passed we could get the money to start the project and the debt service would have to be structured so interest only would be paid until the actual 2020 collections come in. He is not saying they should definitely do that.

Mayor Dennis Thayer said it means, if it is voted in 2018 we can go get a loan and get the work done, pay interest payment another way until 2020 and start making payments back on the borrowed monies. James Stephens asked if the council would like for him to post an additional survey to ask our constituents between the option of paying down the sewer debt in 6 years or constructing the Lowry Mill project. It is easy to conduct the survey. They may or may not want us to do this. He said, it is just an additional option he put out there. If interested in option 2 that pays the debt service off, he said he can move \$500,000. from Lowry Mill to other projects. It needs to be finalized which direction they will take on it. He does believe if they rebid the project it will come in less than the \$2.8 million. But then again, it is for elected official's deliberation at this time.

Mayor Dennis Thayer said, they should be cautious of the construction prices that are going up astronomical quick. If they wait another 6 to 8 months to rebid, it is probably going to be 5 to 8 % higher at that point than today. To put in at this price, it is an under estimate and we are pretty good at under estimating.

James Stephens stated, the amount coupled would accommodate \$3.4 million and would be less than the anticipated amount. He does not disagree with Mayor Thayer and it is a big number for a project. Mayor Thayer said, he would love to see the mill done, but is not sure the cost verses benefit is worth \$2.8 million to have built and not sure if it will bring enough to the city. It will not bring income, so this will be money we put out. It will bring enjoyment for some, for some minimal opportunity and is a whole lot of money to put out with little bit of return we will get on it.

Council Member David Duncan said, personally he would like to see them get it done and thinks it will help the city by getting people to visit.

Council Member Joe Turner asked Mr. Stephens if he had an opportunity to look for any grants. Mr. Stephens said, he did accomplish some preliminary work. The fact that we have a foundation in existence, most of the historic preservation grants is when you have a building that you are trying save or renovate sensitive to historic preservation. He said, he did not have any good news this time but it is not to say all avenues have been totally exhausted. Since we are talking about building a new facility, many of the grants would not apply to our project. They are directed towards historic preservation type things... He said, he certainly believe there are some grants out there that could be procured, they may not be historic preservation grants.

Council Member Ronald Nesbitt stated, Mayor Thayer kind of hit it on the head when he said investing in a decision now and what the actual cost would be at that time. He said, he heard Council Members Turner and Guyton, this does connect our past with our future. He heard Council Member Turner when he said, he would love to see the wheel turn. He believes there is a way we can still connect without losing everything. Unfortunately, inflation does not stop. When we first agreed to do this or when they made the decision to do this, between then and now inflation has gone sky high. It is actually going to cost the city a whole lot more than the original agreement. He recommended to see what it would cost to get the wheel turning. You do not have to have a complete project right away. We have put in this much time, it has cost the city and we are still trying to make a decision so let's get the wheel turning. He believes there will be a lot of people pleased to see the mill and the wheel turning and to go sit down and you are still somewhat connected. He doesn't think it will cost the city \$1 million to get the wheel up and functional where people can sit down and enjoy versus trying to spend millions to get this project to when they first said yes. They should have went ahead and completed it then.

Council Member Joe Turner asked if he was indicating to build something like the 1st floor so you can put the wheel on it and not build the complete building. Council Member Nesbitt said yes and to make it functional. Council Member Turner said, possibly build the building and not put in the amenities, power, and electricity and to have the wheel visible. Council Member Nesbitt said he suggest they get some prices. We can have the wheel fabricated and do some construction on the existing building. What we have right now people would be pleased with something verses nothing at all. Council Member Turner said if understands the way it was explained. The wheel we are talking about will be associated with the rock foundation on the bottom that is where the shaft comes in. You can put the wheel on that rock foundation and because it is in the flood zone, they have required us to put in a separate foundation from the rock and put the first floor, which will be concrete and could stand the test of time by itself. So you are suggesting we get the wheel and the bottom done.

Mayor Thayer said, that is the expensive part putting the peers in the ground and the concrete. He said, he would be really cautious. To put the wheel in is one thing, but to start putting the peers in, concrete foundation and flooring and not finish it, its' half ass number one. Number two, over time it will need more money to keep up.

Council Member Turner said he was just trying to find a middle ground to make it functional. You put the wheel in and the mechanisms you have to cover it somehow.

Mayor Thayer said again, this needs to be a practical decision and not an emotional decision. It is a lot of money to spend on an emotional decision.

Mr. Stephens said, those are the options he has currently prepared and there can be a multitude of interchanges we can make before we finalize it. He said, his door is open but they do need to narrow it down for the November 14th meeting that the Mayor will schedule before the meeting adjourn tonight. The categories are large and we know basically what the categories will be. So far from the survey, 70% of the constituents prefer to pay down the debt down early which is option 2. Then we could move money from Lowry Mill to another project.

Council Member Turner asked how many people responded and Council Member David Duncan asked if it was verses the pedestrian bridge or verses the Lowry Mill. Mr. Stephens said 120 and it was verses the pedestrian Bridge.

Council Member Craig Guyton stated, of the three options they have in front of them, the one that he has been leaning towards from the start is option number 2. Paying down the sewer debt in his mind has been the smartest way to go, but there are several things on option 2 that he thinks they need to look at. If they had to vote to today he would be in favor of option 2 but there are some minor things he would like to adjust. Option 1 and Option 1a are both not paying down the sewer debt as quick and he would not like to strap a future council, instead to pay this down as soon as they can and a newer council would have no debt as it pertains to the sewer project. There are several things that he thinks are possibly not needed at this time and questionable. He said, as it stands right now he would be in favor of option 2.

Mayor Thayer said, Option 1a has a big what if in there and the what if is if the city can get another URA bond. You are already looking at the one bond at \$2 million. In less than a year to make it feasible, you need to do that a quick as you can. In another year to try and get another \$2.5 to \$3 million bond which 100% of what we are already in debt, based upon monies you do not start getting back until 2020.

Mr. Stephens said, but at that point would be legal collateral for the bond issuance.

Mayor Thayer said, if you go with option 1a and say we are going to put that money into the mill and then, nobody wants to give us another bond because we are over extended, so then we have to wait until we have the money in the bank to build. Then we are talking about 2023 or 2024 which is 6 years from now.

Mr. Stephens said, the way the logistics should work, should you all go with option 1a, which is not trying to convince them to go with it. Once the referendum is voted on and is passed, then the bond fund would be pursued. Mayor Thayer said there is no guarantee the bond funding would be there. Mr. Stephens stated if the referendum failed, it would not pursue. Mayor Thayer said, what he is saying is, next year March and April when we do the 1st vote and the SPLOST passes. It opens the door for the city to go get a bond. It does not guarantee that anyone is going to loan the city the money. Mr. Stephens said, it would guarantee. The city will receive \$5.4 million over the next 6 years. Mayor Thayer said, starting in 2020. You have 2 more years before that money even starts coming in. You will go out 2 years prior to when the money starts coming in. You are going to borrow \$2.5 million before its starts coming in. That puts the city with a \$2 million bond, you have a current URA bond to be paid off in 2020 and then put another \$2.5 to \$3 million on top of that and the payment doesn't start until 2020. I think it would be grossly negligence on the council's part to do that. What if something major happens and we have to borrow money for something. Say a tornado comes through here and wipes out half the city and we have to rebuild and have to borrow money to rebuild. We are going to be so over extended for

something with the return on it, on emotionally, no where near what we are putting in to it. You need to seriously consider you are tying the city down for another 8 more years in loans.

Council Member Ronald Nesbitt said, he thinks overwhelmingly everybody is geared towards option 2. Speaking of Lowry Mill, it was just an inquiry, not saying we are going to do it. If we can afford it we should do something. I think we at least need to look into it. He said, he would consider option 2.

Mayor Thayer said, the plan is to submit without the individual projects and Mr. Stephens said yes we will submit with broad categories. Mayor Thayer agreed it would be nice to have the mill done, but it does not make sense financially to do it.

Mr. Stephens stated, when it was discussed before Council Member Guyton said the 17 acres would be more for grant monies than SPLOST monies so he knows that may be one edit he wanted. If there is anything you want to articulate tonight he will make note of it and will be glad to meet individually.

Council Member Joe Turner said more than once, he would really like to see the city get out of debt so we can make some choices other than forceful type stuff. We still owe on Joe Cowan and we are fixing to go into the sewer. He would like to see the city with its feet on the ground.

Mayor Thayer said again, there is an emotional decision and a practical decision. The practical decision is the harder decision but it is the right thing to do.

Council Member Joe Turner said we can't just keep getting URA bonds. You put yourself in that position and expect 80 to 91% for the SPLOST to pass because it has every year.

Mayor Thayer said, the other thing he is looking at is the \$275,000. splash pad. He said, he is not trying to kill Council Member Nesbitt's project but he thought we were going to raise funds to do that with non-profit donation funds. Council Member Guyton said it was one of the options they talked about. Council Member Duncan agreed.

Council Member Guyton said, there are other things he would like to discuss. He stated, the downtown development had \$275,000. listed and he know these are places for them to start. The 17 acre tract development has \$250,000., Joe Cowan park equipment which is another \$225,000. It is \$1.25 million right there in items that he is not sure over the next 6 years are going to be priorities of the city. He is not positive, but if the SPLOST does not pass we already have provision to pay the sewer debt and the URA bonds will take care of the current outstanding debt we owe. So if the SPLOST does not pass, the city is still on stable footing as far as debt goes. If the SPLOST passes, \$5.5 million we are elected to prioritize for the city. The sewer debt is option 2 and it shows being the number one priority. The other 3 items allocate elsewhere as well.

Council Member Ronald Nesbitt said, he see the development as a much needed development when we talk about revenue in the city. Right now over the past 4 years inflation has gone up \$111,000. and we wonder why the city is going backwards. It is not going backwards because of bad decisions being made with the money, it's because we are not bringing in any revenue but at the same time inflation is not stopping. If we do not start doing something to generate revenue in the city you have to see where this is going. He said, he can see some of the things that we have here could actually generate revenue and bring money in the city so when you do open up a Mom and Pop restaurant in downtown, people will have someone to stay, go to eat and can enjoy the city verses riding through going home. If we stop progress we are going to continue to be in the same shape we are in. I see it as a bite now, but a bite that will create revenue verses doing something that no revenue is coming in at all. Some of the decisions that have been we made, but we did not look at tomorrow which is not generating any

revenue and can be a burden on the city. So we have got to make decisions moving forth, decisions that will prosper the city and not be a burden 5 to 6 years from now. I can see this as revenue coming into the city. We need something to draw people and he sees it as a draw.

Council Member Joe Turner asked if he was referring to downtown development and Council Member Nesbitt said yes downtown development and the 17 acre tract.

Mayor Dennis Thayer said, he understands what he is saying completely, but he does not know if the 17 acre tract is worth it because it's limited to what you can develop based on the location and the surroundings. You will lose a lot of acreage on setbacks from the river, the creek and those types of things. Downtown development having money in the pot is not a bad thing. It could mean sidewalks, road improvement, bridge improvements, parking lots, street lights and additional sewer. It can be a lot of different things. He does not disagree to have funds in downtown development. One thing we have not put a lot of efforts towards and has been a huge battle, is our infrastructure and road improvements. The roads aren't getting any younger out here. They need more improvements down the road. A lot of that stuff will need to be taken care of. A lot of paving roads, not just new roads, will be a major issue as time goes on. He said, some of this money is set up to improve. We have \$1.4 million set up for parks. We have put a lot of money towards parks and it's time to put money towards infrastructure. Parks is not an infrastructure. He realizes it will come a time when they have to buy new lawn mowers and things and this is a perfect place for that. He thinks the money should be trimmed down and put towards the infrastructure and the smart things that need to be done.

Council Member Duncan said, has he looked over this and he is going back to what Council Member Nesbitt said earlier, he would like to see the wheel turning. If we table the splash pad and the 17 acre tract and put those funds into Lowery Mill fund alone that will give us \$1.25 million dollars to get the first stage going. You are talking about improvements, we have a lot of people visiting the park and they would love to see that.

Mayor Dennis Thayer said so \$1.25 million for a wheel going in a circle. He said let's put that survey out. Are you will willing to spend \$1.2 million dollars to build a building halfway so a wheel can go in a circle verses paying down debt and other infrastructure. Council Member David Duncan said it is still \$2 million paying off the sewer debt. Mayor Thayer said, even though it is paying \$2 million on the sewer is it really wise decision to spend \$1.2 million to hallway build something so you can see a wheel go round in a circle. Council Member Turner said, nobody has got bids and we don't know if it will cost that much it is just where Council Member Duncan is figuring the money. Council Member Duncan said it is \$1.5 million. Mayor Thayer said, so it's \$1.5 million. Council Member Duncan said, it is just his opinion and we can vote on it later. Mayor Thayer said later is now in a couple of weeks. This is the time to get it worked out.

Council Member Craig Guyton said, his preference will be if you look at option 2 and currently existing in the URA account we have \$700,000. assigned to the Lowry Mill project. This option 2 has another \$500,000. assigned to the Lowry Mill project. We can look at getting some bids to get the wheel put down and at least see where they stand. You can't speak intelligently about it until you see some numbers. City Manager James Stephens said, that allocation can go as buildings and could not be specific as we have it listed. Council Member Joe Turner said, the way the city manager has worded the projects, downtown development, road improvements and public works there is nothing specific. It does not say downtown we are going to build a parking lot, downtown development street lights. It gives you an option and we can make the decision what to spend this stuff on as the time goes. This is the way I read this. Mayor Thayer said yes, except for the Lowry Mill line item. You put a line item that says Lowry Mill and you put \$1.5 million the money has to go towards that.

Council Member Joe Turner said, what he is hearing from everybody, the biggest decision is like what Mayor Thayer said, the sentimental value of Lowry Mill. He thinks the rest is pretty much agreed upon. He does not know what it would cost to do the wheel, the internal component to operate the wheel and the first floor. Mr. Stephens said, he can tell from the existing bid and tell you what it would be based on. He can't give the details but, he can get a close number based on the bid received. Council Member Turner said, he would like to see the city get out of debt. The projects in option 2 does include half a million could be spent on Lowry Mill and still pays the sewer debt down in 6 years. We will be out of debt in Joe Cowan Park in 2020. If we can make any progress on Lowry Mill without doing another URA bond he can go along with Council Member Guyton, go with option 2 and get the city out of debt and do what we can with the rest of it.

Mayor Thayer said, over the last 3 or 4 years since Joe Cowan Park came into existence, we have had to take from \$80,000. to \$250,000. out of reserve to make operating budget balance every year. The council has been unwilling to raise the millage rate to accommodate the difference. We can't keep going the way we are going. If this money is split up smartly, the money can accommodate for a lot things that is in our operational budget. Such as police cars, mowing equipment and other vehicles for the city. Those type of things can come out of SPLOST if we are smart about where the money goes and stop from coming out of the operational budget and get closer to a balanced budget with current income and with a lower or smaller millage increase. Food for thought, you have an opportunity to have a balanced budget without going up on the millage and will not affect it until 2020. Mr. Stephens stated, the 3 bold line items are there with the hope in mind if you all go with option 2. Mayor Thayer said, a lot of the stuff quoted is with today's prices. He would pad it with a 5 or 8% increase for the next 8 years. You try to be smart about it with an opportunity to decrease the operational budget without going up on millage.

Council Member Guyton said, looking at option 2, the sewer debt service he is in favor of so it does not hamstring a future council. He would like for council to look at the \$275,000. for downtown development, \$225,000. for Joe Cowan park equipment and the \$750,000. for the 17 acre tract development which totals \$1.25 million and take those items and put under a bold heading for infrastructure. It can be used for roads, paving and such things which could also, possible by future council, be used to take the sewer project into phase 2 and head towards some residential areas if they choose to do that. But infrastructure such as roads and the bridge are going to vital going forward. If we hamstring ourselves by putting it in downtown development or other things that might not be priorities, we have kept ourselves from positioning the city and a future council to plan for the future. Those are the 3 changes he would like to see for option 2 and he would be ready to vote today.

Mayor Thayer said, he would support that with 2 additional changes. He would take out the line item that says Lowry Mill. Mr. Stephens said, maybe change the caption. Mayor Thayer said, maybe change the caption but, if you leave Lowry Mill in there you have no choice but to spend it on Lowry Mill. He would take public works, public safety, administrative equipment and change to capital equipment. Put them all under one single heading of capital equipment. It will leave you the ability to spend it on the equipment you need instead of having to spend it on items specifically.

Council Member Guyton said he has no problem with that change. The Lowry Mill change may be best to put that \$500,000. under the title of downtown development. It could be used for Lowry Mill if the future council so chooses or it can be used for other things downtown development wise. It would at least keep it open to a Lowry Mill project. Mayor Thayer said, he could support that.

Council Member Nesbitt said, he can support it but we still even with the decisions we are making right now, we are not looking at our income. We are still not generating any income. We are buying down debt in 6 years, but in 6 years you have gone from 2012 to 2020 implementing nothing that generates income. Mayor Thayer said, you got to be willing to generate a millage increase to generate a first dollar. Council Member Nesbitt said, you could and understand what he is saying about the 17 acre tract, but he can see that as a year round income that will not stop. Right now would be your peak season if you developed that. During the summer time you have people going from the creek to the river all day long. You have them actually staying in Euharlee and spending money in Euharlee. Right now nobody is staying in Euharlee unless they are staying with relatives and coming to visit. Mayor Thayer said, he is assuming he is talking about making that into a camp site. Council Member Nesbitt said, yes putting cabins out through there.

Mayor Thayer said, you have operational cost and no idea what that would be. Council Member Nesbitt said, that is why we would look into it and find out. Mr. Stephens said, the Department of Economic Development Tourism committee is coming to Euharlee in December and they have information related to state parks that have cabins related to cost and cost of development. It will not be before November 14th. The infrastructure category doesn't totally negate the possibility of the development of that tract. You can have sewer and water so it doesn't totally put that in the water. Mayor Thayer said, you can put that \$750,000. into downtown development.

Council Member Guyton said, the only reason he would not be in favor of that is the infrastructure doesn't cover historic downtown it covers city limit sign to city limit sign. If you limit that to downtown development and you decide to take the sewer into the 2nd phase of residential area it may get a little technical. The 17 acre tract development could most definitely be consider as Mr. Stephens said as infrastructure. He said he would be in favor of moving the 3 items with a heading of infrastructure and the Lowry Mill project to the downtown development and then you are covered all the way around and still pays down the debt of the sewer quicker.

Mayor Thayer said, one thing difficult about this is we are trying to make needs assessments for 6 years from now and that is virtually impossible. If we make those moves it puts things in categories where they need to be and leaves enough ambiguity for them to be able to use if different things arise between now and then or after 2020.

Council Member Turner said, he liked the idea of changing the headings for multi-use instead of direct wording for one thing. Mayor Thayer asked, if they could live with that. Council Member Guyton asked Mr. Stephens to update the changes and email to them before the next meeting. Mr. Stephens said, yes and when they receive it to ring his phone off the hook if it makes no sense if you are expecting something different.

Facility Rentals - James Stephens

James Stephens, City Manager said, the city has received several request for the rental of Old Library and the Commissary where we are being asked if the renter can put an inflatable bouncy house and a combination of a bouncy house and a slide where they need water. We actually have allowed one water apparatus where we agreed we would read the water meter and they would pay for the water. As we are getting more and more he wanted to get the council's feelings for this. He does not want to miss revenue for this type of apparatus are more affordable for families, he thinks there will be more parties that rent them. He thinks there should be a different rental rate even if they are not tied on to the water, the bouncy house will use the electricity. He wanted to know if the council was interested in him developing a rate. He would recommend that we limit it to the Commissary because of the carpet in the

old library and the danger of staining the carpet. If the council is interested he will develop a suggested rate, but did not have one tonight. If we don't want the possible liability and injury and don't want to do it then he would know if that is the answer. He wanted to know if council was open to a rate that would include renters being able to put up a bouncy house like the one we had at the fall festival or one similar to use at the commissary which would use a small amount of electricity.

Council Member David Duncan asked, if the city charged for them would the city be liable.

Mayor Dennis Thayer stated, we are not charging for the item but just to be able to put them there. He wanted to know if there is a current liability release in the rental. Mr. Stephens stated there is. Mayor Thayer said, if someone gets hurt the city will get sued no matter what.

Council Member Craig Guyton asked Mr. Stephens as he looked at different rental rates, check with the insurance company and underwriters because it may change our insurance policy and if it does he would not be in favor of it. If it doesn't and they are okay with it then he has no problem getting prices or looking at different rates. He said his guess is the insurance carrier is going to say thank you but no thank you. Mayor Thayer said, he would also ask that we check with City Attorney, Boyd Pettit to see what he thinks.

Mayor Dennis Thayer said, while they were on facility rentals, he brought up something that had taken place at the last minute and wanted to bring it out and discuss a little bit more. We had a hand shake agreement with the school board with Dr. Harper and the chairman of the school board. They were going to allow for the easement to run the sewer behind the middle school and at the last minute they back out of that deal. Dr. Harper back out of that deal which was in horrible faith. Basically, negotiated a deal he decided not to fall through with. He said, the same day he spoke to the chairman of the board and she indicated she would get back to him and he has yet to hear from her and it has been 2 weeks. Also, he made an attempt to contact the school board representative for this area and he has failed to contact him. He thinks the school board has spoken loud and clear and they have no desire to maintain integrity and operate in good faith with the City of Euharlee. With that said, for years now the City of Euharlee has given them space for tennis, spent money to redo the tennis court for them to be in good shape for the middle school, given them space for baseball and softball, we assisted the elementary school in building the disc golf course and provided funds so they could directly do that. He said, for at least the last 4 years the city has operated and shown extremely good faith and tried to be a good partner with the school board and the schools. We have a school that is using Joe Cowan Park and we are charging them for it. We now have Bartow County that has no desire to operate in good faith. He said, he thinks we should start charging Bartow County schools the same fees we charge Excel to use the other parks. Part of the reason we give them the space, was part of the easement agreement and they have thrown that out the door. He does not see why the city should continue to give them the space free if they don't have no desire to work with us. He said, there is his 2 cents.

Council Member Joe Turner said, the agreement with the tennis courts and the small ballfield was not with the school board. It was with the middle school principal. He is sure the school board was involved through the school, but as far as our conversation it was with Lamar Barnes. At that time, if we did not let them use them, they would not have been able to play because they had no space for them. He understands the school board has done this, but he really doesn't see that as an argument with the school. We have agreed more than once for those kids to have a place to play. The difference in his opinion in what they are doing at the tennis courts and Joe Cowan Park, its all city property and do not fall under the same category.

Council Member Craig Guyton asked City Manager James Stephens if he could see if Mr. Pettit could be at the next meeting. He would like to get his information on this as well. He said, prior to him being on

council, there was another agreement and not sure if it is in writing or if it was a hand shake agreement with the school system that involved other properties. Rather it was the 17 acre tract behind them, but we allowed them to use this for free and if there was an undetermined amount of time or what.

He would like to see if anyone had any remembrance of that.

Council Member Joe Turner said, they talked about putting a trail there and a bridge if you cross into the 17 acre. Mayor Thayer said that's what it was and according to Mr. Harper it was a hand shake and his reasoning for breaking this because he feels the city didn't act in good faith, even though the city has held up what they said they would do and has not changed that at all.

Council Member Guyton repeated to get Mr. Pettit's input.

James Stephens, City Manager said in the package there are 2 reports for operations in the police department. They represent the number of moving violations from January 1 through September 30. You have a report for 2016 and 2017. It appears that we have people driving more safely in Euharlee for about 50% from 2016 to 2017. On the last page is the total number of violation in 2016 for the 9 month period which was 824 and in 2017 it was 422. He wanted to point that out for informational purposes.

No public comments.

Mayor Thayer said thank you to Eric Smithey as one of the main go getters at the Euharlee Fall Festival. He came in and helped the staff and spent all day Saturday working. On behalf of Mayor, council and city staff, thank you.

The next meeting is scheduled on election night. It is not conducive to have a meeting and have enough space for elections. Therefore, we will move the November 7, 2017 meeting to November 14, 2017. We will do the work session at 7:00 pm and follow with the regular city council meeting. So the things we need to vote on we can vote and another opportunity to discuss anything else.

With no further discussions the meeting was adjourned at 8:01 pm.