

**CITY OF EUHARLEE
CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
MARCH 01, 2022**

Mayor Craig Guyton called the meeting to order, Council Member Greg Free led prayer, followed with the Pledge of Allegiance.

The following were present: Mayor Craig Guyton, Council Members Tim Abbott, Greg Free, David Duncan, Joe Turner, and City Manager James Stephens.

Approval of Minutes

Council Member David Duncan motioned to accept the minutes for the City Council meeting held on February 1, 2022, and City Council Work Session held on February 15, 2022. Council Member Tim Abbott seconded the motion. The motion carried with all voting in favor.

UNIFINISHED BUSINESS

Permitting Fees - James Stephens

City Manager, James Stephens said the analysis presented in the previous work session showed other cities in Bartow County charged .31 cents to .35 per heated square footage on building permits. After the discussion he recommended a motion for the city to adopt .31 cents per square foot per finished units for the building permit rate and .15 cents for unheated property to be consistent with the other communities in the county to move forward in 2022.

Council Member Greg Free motioned the .31 cents for heated space for the building permit rate and .15 cents for unheated space. Council Member David Duncan seconded the motion. The motion carried with all voting in favor.

NEW BUSINESS

Food Truck Friday Dates – Katie Gobbi

Museum Director, Katie Gobbi provided council with a list of the proposed dates for the 2022 Food Truck Friday season. She pointed out April 8th as being the last day for spring break for Bartow County and Cartersville City. The request was to have the event in Osborne Park this year, with everything still going on in Frankie Harris Park. She stated she did not participate last season, however, was told, it was very well received in Osborne Park.

Council Member Joe Turner stated that Osborne Park is not large enough to hold everybody with a good turnout. Ms. Gobbi stated that they may be looking at a little different landscape, and it will still be a popular event. There are new food truck parks and other opportunities as well. However, she thought it would a popular event because they have other things to offer than the food truck parks. It will be an interesting test to see how the events will do going forward.

Council Member Greg Free said last year a lot of the vendors were very positive with using Osborne Park and seemed to have liked it better because of the layout. He is excited to see how the layout is going to work out. Ms. Gobbi stated that Frankie Harris Park is beautiful, but sometimes if it rained the day before it was an issue for the heavier food trucks. Every venue will have questions, and issues to work out.

Mayor Craig Guyton asked if she had started on bookings, and if she had problems getting food trucks. Ms. Gobbi stated she had made contacts, but had not signed any contracts, and had no problems with food trucks.

City Manager, James Stephens stated they would have the traditional opening night band. Also, Donny Hammonds performed at Osborne Park, and he usually brings a big crowd with him. Council Member Joe Turner asked if there were contracts for the porta potties. Mr. Stephens stated there were two vendors on standby.

Council Member David Duncan stated, he went to one event last year at Osborne Park and the sound was terrible. You could not hear, and it was not a big crowd. Ms. Gobbi said she believed it to be the equipment for the band, and they will talk with the performers. Council Member Tim Abbott said there is not a backdrop to push the sound out but that can be fixed.

Council Member Duncan asked, what was going on that they could not have them at Frankie Harris Park. Mr. Stephens stated, depending upon the next work session, and meeting they may not have construction taking place at Frankie Harris Park, and the flexibility exist they could be at Frankie Harris Park. Ms. Gobbi stated they did not get a lot of negative feedback with the event at Osborne Park except for the sound.

Ms. Gobbi said the events will take place every 2nd Friday of each month from April to September. Mayor Guyton stated he remembers having the Friday event, the night before the Fall Festival in October, and it was a good kick-off. Council Member Tim Abbott said thank you to Ms. Gobbi for her hard work for the great outdoor event.

Council Member David Duncan motioned to accept the dates for the Food Truck Friday events. Council Member Greg Free seconded the motion. The motion carried with all in favor.

Historic Preservation Commission Members - Katie Gobbi

Museum Director, Katie Gobbi stated there were two names brought before the council. The renewal is for Steve Zuber as chairman for his term, which will end in November 2024. They currently have two HPC vacancies; one created by the resignation from Frank Graziano. Applicant Luke Young, resident that lives in Westminster would fill the unexpired term for Mr. Graziano ending in 2023.

Council Member David Duncan asked if Mr. Young was present. Ms. Gobbi stated no, but Chairman Zuber was present, and Mr. Young was very interested. He is a former firefighter and works in construction. They have been looking for someone with a background in architecture and construction to assist with going forward. Council Member Duncan thanked Mr. Zuber for continuing to serve. Mayor Craig Guyton said to Mr. Zuber, he echoed the sentiments to him serving again, a phenomenal citizen for years, and greatly appreciated.

Council Member Joe Turner motioned to accept the recommendations. Council Member Greg Free seconded the motion. The motion carried with all voting in favor. Council Member Tim Abbott asked if they had one more vacancy. Ms. Gobbi said yes, they just did not have the official application.

Disc Golf - Todd Roberts

A resident of Euharlee, Todd Roberts provided council with documentation and disc to support his presentation. He spends a lot of time at Joe Cowan Park, and he noticed the big ditch had been cleared. They laid it out and figured they could get twenty-one holes in there and it would be tight, but they could do eighteen and it would be fantastic. He shared the information below to support why to build a disc golf course.

- It is a social sport for families and friends with lots of fun.
- It is great for exercise, healthy low impact sport.

- It is environmental and conscious sport
- Occupy unused space
- Year-Round Sport
- Tourism Draw
- Growing Sport
- Increases Safety and Security in the park
- Low cost to Install

They have two courses, one at Deerfield in Cartersville and Etowah Riverside Park near the dam. They have one going in at Gate Wood Park. No matter the time of year the tournament always sells out with one hundred people on one course and one hundred on the second course. They switch and start over again. The two hundred people coming for the tournaments eat, stay overnight, they travel to see the area, and some would move to the area. Sam Barfield, who could not be there, had eight states he represented in these tournaments since he opened Etowah in 2017. Since 2015, he stated there were 5500 courses worldwide. As of 2020 it is over nine thousand. It is low maintenance, and the teams maintain the course. He discussed the document he provided council which included a picture of the 18-hole course. The price of the 18-hole course will cost \$20,000. He suggested outsourcing the signs locally.

Council Member Joe Turner asked Mr. Roberts if he would oversee building the course.

Mr. Roberts stated, only if he were asked to, but knew people better qualified than himself he would reach out to do it.

Council Member Tim Abbott asked City Manager, James Stephens to re-state the county's position on the disc golf course with the city. Mr. Stephens stated they have an offer from the county manager and confirmed they would provide for the installation of the course if the city provided the land. Council Member Greg Free stated it would be no cost to the city because the city has the land. Mr. Stephens said that was correct, and he had an appointment later in the week to work out the details.

Council Member Abbott said to be fair to the parks and recreation staff, have they accessed the upkeep. Mr. Roberts said the baskets are hot dipped galvanized and will last 25 to 30 years, with probably no problems and installed in concrete. There is no additional maintenance.

Council Member Free asked would it interfere with other activities going on. Mr. Roberts said it does not. The way it is situated you can see from the walking trail.

Parks & Recreation Director, Becky Pruitt said she spoke with Cartersville Parks & Recreation and asked the exact same question. There is no additional maintenance, and it enhances the park.

Council Member David Duncan asked if it was free to the public and Mr. Roberts answered yes. The county has a \$5 parking fee with annual parking passes. Core of Engineer have a \$40 annual parking pass or \$5 per occurrence. Council Member Joe Turner asked about parking during baseball tournaments. Mr. Roberts said to schedule them around other activities.

Council Member Greg Free asked Ms. Pruitt if she thought disc golf would be a benefit to the offerings, they offer at Joe Cowan Park. Ms. Pruitt said yes; her husband plays disc golf and the crowds they bring take care of the parks. She has been to Riverside, Gate Wood and Deerfield and the volunteer groups help tremendously.

Council Member Turner stated if she was comfortable with it, they do not have a reason to object it. If she does not have a problem with it, they do not have a problem.

Council Member Free said he had always been impressed with the fact; the disc golf communities are good stewards of the community. They take care of the property, they want to put back into the community, and they bring people to the community. They are outdoor conscience people that want to leave what they find in a better state. The city of Euharlee being a good outdoor destination for different things, it is more of an opportunity to bring people to the city, and what they have to offer.

Council Member Free said the county was also bringing disc golf to Hamilton Crossing.

Mayor Craig Guyton shared the school coming to the council in 2015 and requested half of the funds for the disc golf. The course was more of a driving range. He said, when he starts playing, he would like to go to the easy course. Mayor Guyton asked the city manager after approved, if he would reach out to the county to proceed and keep the council updated.

Council Member Turner asked how long it would take to install. Mr. Roberts said the park is in good shape and it should not take long at all. There are several dead pines to be removed. He recommended doing it in concrete. Mr. Stephens asked the timeframe the quote was good for. Mr. Roberts said he could probably get a better price than he did as an individual. It is good until May 28th.

Council Member Greg Free motioned to proceed with the disc golf at Joe Cowan Park. Council Member David Duncan seconded the motion. The motion carried with all voting in favor.

Hazard Mitigation Resolution - James Stephens

City Manager, James Stephens stated the council had in front of them a resolution to be considered and a copy of the resolution adopted by the county Commissioner Steve Taylor pursuant to the adoption of the new Hazard Mitigation Plan for countywide. The document is 194 pages, and he will email them a digital copy. The county is in the process of pursuing various grants and the resolution from the council would be in order to comply with all state regulations countywide plan.

Council Member Joe Turner motioned to adopt the Hazard Mitigation Resolution.

Council Member David Duncan seconded the motion. The motioned carried with all voting in favor.

Chamber of Commerce Quarterly Luncheon - Greg Free

Council Member Greg Free stated that some of them, may have been to the quarterly luncheon as a guest of someone or a business owner. They recently attended one along with staff when one of their own, Council Member Tim Abbott was honored.

Council Member Free spoke with Mr. Stephens about it; when you look at the attendees, which was larger event for an annual meeting; with not a lot of city participation other than Cartersville. He would like to see the city more involved in the quarterly luncheons to network with other cities and businesses. They can build relationships that will benefit Euharlee down the road. He would like to see them attend these luncheons with a city table and rotate city staff or council members to represent the city and help attract folks to the city. He truly believes that is where those types of things happen. The chamber is a fantastic resource in the community. He just completed Bartow Leadership and it is a great thing for them to be a part of as a city. The cost per year is \$1200.

City Manager James Stephens stated he supports the recommendation. It would be good to invite the local business as well.

Mayor Guyton asked if there was a problem with the budget. Mr. Stephens said no.

Council Member Tim Abbott stated the county is better when we all work together. The chamber works to share knowledge and it is good to stay associated with them because, shared knowledge helps to make

better decisions in Euharlee. He is a chamber supporter, and he thinks it will help Euharlee as they seek to grow the appropriate way for the citizens.

Council Member Greg Free motioned to sponsor a table for the chamber quarterly luncheon. Council Member David Duncan seconded the motion. The motion carried with all voting in favor.

Public Comments

City Manager James Stephens said thank you to volunteer Marshall Aiken. He is the reason for the ditch clearing at Joe Cowan Park. The city paid for the cost of the equipment. Mr. Aiken is a wonderful volunteer. There are several citizens like him, and the city is really fortunate. He also stated that Mr. Graziano was present. He was the one who created the vacancy on the HPC, which occurred because he is now serving on the Planning and Zoning Commission. Council Member Greg Free said thank you Marshall it looks great. Council Member Tim Abbott thanked a citizen for attending the meeting and asked that they encourage others to come as they discuss and talk about the great things for Euharlee.

Council Member Tim Abbott motioned to adjourn. Council Member Greg Free seconded the motion. The motion carried with all voting in favor.

With no further discussion the meeting adjourned at 7:52 pm.