

**CITY OF EUHARLEE
CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
FEBRUARY 07, 2023**

Mayor Craig Guyton called the meeting to order. Council Member David Duncan 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, City Manager James Stephens, and Attorney Boyd Pettit.

Approval of Minutes

Council Member David Duncan motioned and approved the minutes for City Council Meeting 01.03.23, and City Council Work Session 01.17.23. Council Member Greg Free seconded the motion. The motion carried with all voting in favor.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS AND NEW BUSINESS

TruGreen Chem Lawn – James Stephens

City Manager James Stephens stated the council had before them a copy of the quote from TruGreen for fertilization of all the fields at Joe Cowan Park and the common areas at Joe Cowan Park. The total annual quote was \$11,900, and the amount included in the 2023 budget. TruGreen is the company the staff recommended for approval.

Council Member Greg motioned to accept the bid from TruGreen for turf treatment at Joe Cowan Park. Council Member David Duncan seconded the motion. The motion carried with all voting in favor.

PowerDMS – Chief Jody Matthews

Chief Jody Matthews said in the work session he shared they used PowerDMS software for certification and for the policy and procedures. The contract renewal was \$4,507.83 annually, beginning February 1st and concludes on January 31st, 2024. He recommended approval to renew the contract.

Council Member Joe Turner motioned to accept the PowerDMS contract. Council Member Greg Free seconded the motion. The motion carried with all voting in favor.

Police Department 2022 Year-end Review

Chief Matthews at that time briefly discussed the Euharlee Police Department 2022 year-end review. A copy was provided for each council member. He shared the statistics for 2022 to include calls for service and traffic stops which increased and a decrease with the number of speeders. The traffic stops increased because they are out trying to deter crime. There was a decrease with incidents, accidents, and arrest reports, as well as a decrease in citation and warnings. He also shared crime statistics were down, but an increase in domestic /family violence cases. The K-9 yearly stats reflecting from April to December 2022 asset value of seized drugs and property totaled \$41,898.00 with 60 deployments conducted combined between Officer Page and the K-9 Baloo. He also shared the GACP state certification for the Euharlee Police department is from 2022 to 2025. Council Member David Duncan asked if he was fully staffed. Chief Matthews stated he was short one police officer.

Council Member Greg Free asked if the number of citations take into account the school cameras or just officers. Chief Matthews said just officers. Council Member Free said the department is doing a great job not in just policing. He received feedback from citizens on how the officers engage in the community in a positive way communicating with residents. It has a huge impact not just for adults, but children to know it is okay to talk to the police.

Mayor Guyton and Council Member Free said thank you to the police department. Council Member Tim Abbott asked Chief Matthews to share the dates for applications for the citizens to get involved. Chief Matthews stated they will be taking applications on March 9th for the Citizens Police Academy. They will meet once a week on Thursday at 6:00 pm for 10 weeks. The information is available on the police department website and includes the application. There is no cost to citizens. Council Member Abbott said thank you to Chief Matthews for having the training. It is great involvement for the citizens.

Council Member Joe Turner mentioned the Explorer Program for the youth and how some went on to becoming police officers. Chief Matthews said there is a great program at the College Career Academy.

Jolly Building Upgrades – Barry Atkison

Program Director Barry Atkison stated the council had in their package a spreadsheet that was made available during the work session. He stated nothing really changed on the worksheet. The demolition is completed and ready for the rebuild. He continues to obtain and get competitive quotes on anything with a contract. He stated everything is still within budget. There are a few problems but will continue to work on them. He asked for approval up to \$50,000 for the building.

Council Member Joe Turner asked if they planned to change the look of the outside of the building. He said the building was a part of history for over 100 years. He was also concerned about the floors. Mr. Atkison said there are plans to do some exterior work, but wanted to get everything completed inside so they can get the simulator equipment set up. Mr. Atkison explained the old floor covering was off, and the floor was dryer than he expected. The moisture barriers will go down before the flooring goes down. He assured him there were no changes on the exterior walls.

Council Member David Duncan asked about the amount being \$50,000, but the documentation was \$47,500. Mr. Atkison explained some of the line items could go up, some could go down, and he had not been able to obtain quotes on every line item.

City Manager James Stephens said the \$50,000 will be funded through SPLOST and it is money already in deposit in the account along with the funds to cover the Frankie Harris project.

Council Member Tim Abbott motioned to approve the Jolly building renovation and the cost not to exceed \$50,000. Council Member Greg Free seconded the motion. The motion carried with all voting in favor.

Comprehensive Plan - Katie Gobbi

Community Development Director, Katie Gobbi stated the council had a copy of the resolution to adopt the updated joint Bartow County Comprehensive Plan. The plan was originally adopted in 2018. It is a ten-year plan, half way through with a five-year update. Council Member David Duncan asked if it was revised every four-years. Ms. Gobbi said the goal was to get halfway through the decade, and see where they were since a lot happened since 2018. The pandemic shifted some of their focus, progress on different work programs, and goals for municipalities. It is part of the legislation that is a requirement of the plan. Council Member Turner asked if feedback was received from other municipalities. He didn't want the city to stand alone. Ms. Gobbi explained each city had to draw up a resolution to adopt the joint plan. It has been a month-long process with all the different cities in Bartow County.

Council Member Joe Turner motioned to accept the resolution. Council Member Greg Free seconded the motion. The motioned carried with all voting in favor.

Public Comments – No public comments.

With no further discussion the meeting adjourned at 7:18 pm.