

**CITY OF EUHARLEE**  
**CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION MINUTES & CALLED CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**  
**JUNE 20, 2023**

Mayor Craig Guyton called the meeting to order. Council Member Tim Abbot 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 City Attorney Boyd Pettit.

**Festival of Trees – Kathy Foulk**

Kathy Foulk, member of the Loving Arms Cancer Outreach Organization hopes the council had time to think about the organization taking over the Festival of Trees in Euharlee. She proposed since they are a 501© (3) organization, the council would consider leasing the Granary to them for \$1.00 per year. Council Member Joe Turner asked the rate charged to the previous lessor. Mayor Craig Guyton said \$150 per month. Council Member Greg Free asked Mr. Stephens about the condition of the building. City Manager James Stephens said work is needed on the second floor, on the top support floor beam and it will be ready. It is comparable to what it was when the former Festival of Trees was in operation. It has held up better than other property they lease. Council Member David Duncan asked if they could do it for \$1.00 per month, and Ms. Foulk answered yes. Mayor Craig Guyton stated since they are only renting it for half a year this year, lease it for \$1.00 per month to help them get started, and assess in January. Council Member Turner agreed with Mayor Guyton. Ms. Foulk said it is another way to get the people in the organization in Bartow County involved and to market the city. Council Member Free stated that he thinks everyone in the audience would agree that the Festival of Trees was always good in Euharlee. Sometimes you just revamp things, even in our own personal lives, and put it out in a different format. He is excited that the organization decided to step in to try something. Ms. Foulk said it was one of her favorite events and hated to see it just go away. Council Member Tim Abbott asked if she was okay with a short lease to start, and she said yes. He said thank you for caring enough to keep the Festival of Trees in Euharlee.

**Public Comments**

There were no public comments.

**Executive Session – Real Estate**

Council Member Greg Free motioned to go into Executive Session for Real Estate at 7:07pm. Council Member David Duncan seconded the motion. The motion carried with all voting in favor.

The council returned from Executive Session at 8:04 pm.

Attorney Boyd Pettit stated as part of the work session council voted to go into Executive Session for the purposes of Real Estate. They have been in executive session for the purpose of discussing real estate and no votes, no actions were taken. He did not know of any action that would be taken as part of the work session from tonight's executive session. He pointed out after the work session there is a called city council meeting and there is an item related to real estate on the called city council meeting agenda.

With no further discussion the work session was adjourned, and the council entered the Called City Council Meeting.

**Festival of Trees - Kathy Foulk**

Council Member Greg Free motioned to lease for the Granary to Loving Arms Cancer Outreach 501© (3) organization for \$1.00 per month for 2023. Council Member David Duncan seconded the motion. Council Member Tim Abbott requested to amend the motion to allow the contract to go through February 2024

due to the breakdown of the equipment. Council Member Greg Free amended the motion to February 2024. Council Member David Duncan seconded the motion. The motion was carried with all voting favor.

### **Historic Survey RFP – Katie Gobbi**

Katie Gobbi, Community Development Director stated at 10:00 am that morning they opened the bids citywide historic survey RFP. The council received the top sheets from the two bids. The recommendation was to accept the bid from Impact7G, Inc. in the amount \$12,750 for the purpose of conducting the historic resource survey.

Council Member Tim Abbott asked if she had any concerns and if the Historic Society had any concerns. Ms. Gobbi did not have any concerns and due to the time of the opening of the bids, they did not get a chance to look at the bids. However, the chairman has been apprised of the process and the commission members have been kept up to date and comfortable with moving forward with Ms. Gobbi's recommendation and the council's vote.

Mayor Craig Guyton asked when the survey would start. Ms. Gobbi said the survey will begin with notification to proceed within two weeks. The firm is out of Iowa, but they have a person in Georgia and will communicate via zoom, as well as, in person with the Georgia employee. The grant that this survey is a part of is due to be completed on August 15, 2024. The timeline in the proposal reflects that.

Council Member Joe Turner asked the difference between \$8,000 and \$14,000. Ms. Gobbi shared the \$8,000 in the bid she recommended with two different versions of the proposal. The \$8,000 is with lesser resources and the full \$12,000 package is the one needed. She stated she is comfortable with both bidders they were highly recommended. A citizen asked if the project was to be paid for by a grant. Ms. Gobbi shared the grant applied for in February 2022 is a 60/40 matching grant through the state funded by the federal government. Council Member Joe Turner motioned to approve staff recommendation. Council Member Greg Free seconded the motion. The motion carried with all voting in favor.

### **Vehicle Disposals – Chief Jody Matthews**

Chief Jody Matthews presented the council with information on the two vehicles that are no longer on the line. One is a 2014 Dodge Charger that has costly electrical issues and high mileage and a drug seized 2010 Volkswagen Jetta. Lieutenant McNelis drove the vehicle, and he hit a deer, and it was not worth repairing. They both will be sold at the auction on GovDeal. Mayor Craig Guyton asked how long it will advertise. Chief Matthews said one week. Council Member David Duncan motioned to sell the vehicles. Council Member Greg Free seconded the motion. The motion passed with all voting in favor.

### **118 Covered Bridge Road Proposal - James Stephens**

City Manager James Stephens recommended the city council adopt and accept the proposal from Drowned Valley Brewery for our request for proposal. Attorney Boyd Pettit stated in order to comply, the city published the RFP in the newspaper in order to be able to dispose of public property; approximately one acre located at 118 Covered Bridge Road. Council Member Greg Free motioned that the council agree to sell the property at 118 Covered Bridge Road pending contract. Council Member Tim Abbott seconded the motion. Citizen Ron Hartman made a public comment. He stated his understanding at the last meeting Drowned Valley was going to purchase the property and give the city the building for disposal, demolition, or move it. Is the city planning to spend forty thousand dollars to move the building or demolish a historic building? Mayor Guyton stated the city is planning to demolish it. The motion passed 3-0. Council Member Joe Turner and Council Member Duncan abstained from voting (per city charter equivalent to a yes vote).

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

With no further discussion the meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm.