

CITY OF EUHARLEE

CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION MINUTES

APRIL 15, 2025 – 7:00 PM

Mayor Craig Guyton called the meeting to order with the invocation, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

The following were present: Mayor Craig Guyton, Council Members Joe Turner, Tim Abbott, Greg Free and Jayson Frederick, City Manager James Stephens and Community & Economic Development Director Katie Gobbi.

Katie Gobbi, Community and Economic Development Director made a repeat announcement reminding everyone of the Georgia Cities Week, April 21-26, 2025 with the theme “Imagine the Possible”. The weekly activities and events were shared, and everyone welcome to participate.

James Stephens, City Manager, stated the monthly City Manager’s report for March will be presented at the May City Council meeting, and the April report will be presented at the May Work Session to get back on track. The March general ledgers were not closed in time to prepare the March report. The department has been working diligently on the year end audit, as well as insurance renewals.

1st Reading Ordinance 2025-4 to Amend Golf Cart Ordinance – Katie Gobbi

Katie Gobbi, Community and Economic Development Director presented the first reading of Ordinance 2025-4, amending the ordinance regulating the use of golf carts and low-speed vehicles in subdivisions within the city of Euharlee. The primary change is the elimination of seat belts from the safety equipment requirements. The council continued discussing the pros and cons for seat belts, discussed the inspection processes for the golf cart registration, and if the inspection process should be a part of the ordinance. It was suggested reaching out to other jurisdictions nearby to compare their processes. The second reading of the ordinance is scheduled for the May 6th City Council meeting.

Public Comments

Rada Arsi introduced herself as the New Director of the Bartow County Library and discussed her vision for making the library a community hub. She requested the council's consideration for budget support due to current financial difficulties. The council was provided documents for their review to support the current request. Council Member Tim Abbott briefly discussed a possible counteroffer between the Bartow County library and the City of Euharlee. The discussion will continue at the May 6, 2025 City Council meeting.

Resident Ron Hartman inquired about various city matters, including:

- Subsidizing the Bartow County library system and the utilization of the Euharlee library
- Status of the McWhorter Etowah Bend legal suit
- Updates on the cowshed proposal
- Development plans for nearby properties
- Progress on Nicko's New York Pizza
- Community Town Hall sessions
- Installation of cameras in city parks
- Status of the RFP for sound engineering for concerts
- Proposal for electronic roadside signs

The council and city staff provided updates and responses to Mr. Hartman's inquiries.

Council Member Joe Turner followed up on a question from a resident for ice machines in the campground. The council discussed the cost of the machines, and to reach out to vendors and possibly provide amenities as needed.

Executive Session

Council Member Greg Free motioned and approved to go into Executive Session at 7:39 pm for the purpose of Real Estate and Litigation. Council Member Tim Abbott seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The council returned from Executive Session at 9:28 pm. Mayor Craig Guyton stated the council met to discuss Real Estate and Litigation, there were no votes or actions taken during the Executive Session and no further action to be taken at that time.

Adjournment

With no further discussion the meeting adjourned at 9:29 pm.