

**CITY OF EUHARLEE**  
**CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION MINUTES**  
**MAY 20, 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.

Council Member Greg Free motioned to amend the agenda removing updated Rental Rates, adding Time Limit for Public Comments and Dog Waste Receptacles. Council Member Jayson Frederick seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS AND NEW BUSINESS**

**Request to Purchase Club Car UTV - Seth Gobbi**

Seth Gobbi, Assistant Parks & Recreation Director, presented a request to purchase a used 2019 Club Car two-wheel drive UTV with rollover protection and is in top notch condition for \$5,716 from United Rental in Rome. Mr. Gobbi explained the vehicle would increase efficiency for park maintenance tasks. Council Members asked questions about the vehicle's condition, warranty, and cost comparison to new models. The item will be added to the June 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting agenda for further consideration.

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading Ord. 2025-05 to Amend Zoning Ordinance for Conditional Approval - Katie Gobbi**

Katie Gobbi, Community & Economic Development Director presented the 1<sup>st</sup> Reading of Ordinance 2025-05 to amend the zoning ordinance to add provisions for conditional approvals. The amendment aims to keep the city consistent with Bartow County's zoning ordinance and provide more options for future zoning decisions. Council Members asked clarifying questions about the ordinance's application and specifics. The 2<sup>nd</sup> reading will be at the June 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting.

**Manager's Report - James Stephens**

City Manager James Stephens presented the financial report for January - April 2025 Key points:

- Unaudited Fund Balance: \$1,095,694 (4.35 months Unrestricted Funds in General Fund)
- General Fund Revenue: \$748,432 (Favorable Variance of \$116,854)
- General Fund Expenditures: \$1,096,833 (Unfavorable Variance of \$61,329 to include \$40,000 for computers funded by a reimbursable grant which lends an Unfavorable Variance of \$20,000. Bottom line with the fund balance year to date, the city is holding its own with a \$55,525 Favorable Variance including the \$40,000 in grants)
- Cash on Hand: \$1,249,962
- SPLOST Funds Available: \$993,342; Expected Funds YTD - SPLOST \$700,000
- Average LOST Funds Monthly - \$102,300; Expected Funds YTD - LOST \$785,000
- Campground Activity Revenue: \$70,991; Expenses: \$41,755; YTD Income: \$29,236
- Paid out to SH Creel- Osborne Park - \$1,550,818.00

**Request to Purchase Mowers - Todd Roberts**

Todd Roberts, Director of Public Works, presented a request to purchase four new Skag mowers to replace aging Grasshopper mowers. Mr. Roberts explained the current mowers' issues and the benefits of the new Skag mowers, including improved suspension and cut quality. Council Members

asked questions about the current mowers' condition, warranty, maintenance, and funding. The item will be added to the June 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting agenda for further consideration.

**Time Limit for Public Comments - Jayson Frederick**

Council Member Jayson Frederick proposed implementing a three-minute time limit for public comments. After discussion, the council agreed to consider a five-minute time limit. The matter will be further discussed at the June 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting.

**Dog Waste Receptacles - Greg Free**

Council Member Greg Free proposed exploring the addition of dog waste receptacles in city parks, particularly Joe Cowan Park and the upcoming Osborne Park. The council agreed to obtain pricing information for the June 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting.

**Public Comments**

Marshall Aiken, resident, commented on the proposed public comment time limit, suggesting five minutes would be more appropriate than three minutes. He also recommended that the council consider providing written responses to complex questions that cannot be immediately answered during meetings.

**Adjournment**

With no further discussion the meeting adjourned at 7:42 pm.