

**CITY OF EUHARLEE
CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 16, 2025 – 6:00 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 Tim Abbott, Joe Turner, Greg Free, and Jayson Frederick, City Manager James Stephens, and Community & Economic Development Director Katie Gobbi.

UNFINISHED AND NEW BUSINESS

Park Entrance Signs – Katie Gobbi

Katie Gobbi, Community & Economic Development Director, presented options for park entrance signs for Osborne Park and Euharlee Creek Campground. Two vendors provided quotes - New Beginnings and Signs and More. The Signs and More options were more expensive but considered more attractive by some council members. Council Member Tim Abbott suggested reconsidering the need for static signs and exploring electronic signage options instead to provide more flexibility for messaging about events. After much discussion, the council agreed to table this item for further consideration of sign options and locations.

2nd Reading Ordinance 2025-06 Door to Door Sales and Peddlers – Katie Gobbi

Katie Gobbi, Community & Economic Development Director presented the 2nd Reading for the ordinance and provided two versions: one regulating both door-to-door sales and peddlers, and one regulating only door-to-door sales. The council discussed concerns about over-regulation and the need to balance public safety with allowing legitimate business activities and even suggested considering an outright ban on door-to-door sales with exceptions for constitutionally protected activities. The council agreed to table this item for further review and revision.

Covered Bridge & Pavilion/Pavilion Only Pricing – Katie Gobbi

Katie Gobbi, Community & Economic Development Director, presented information and pricing from various agencies in the surrounding area for pavilion rentals. Below she presented the proposed pricing for renting the Covered Bridge Pavilion:

- Pavilion only: \$75 from 8am-11pm with \$50 refundable deposit.
- Covered Bridge and Pavilion: \$150 from 8am-11pm with \$100 refundable deposit.

The council discussed concerns about renting a public space that would remain open to the public during events. They also considered the possibility of offering a higher-priced private rental option. The council agreed to table this item and refer to the Downtown Development Authority for input.

Unopposed Election Cancellation Resolution – James Stephens

City Manager James Stephens presented Resolution 2025-04 to cancel the city's municipal portion of the November election, as the three incumbents qualified unopposed. This would save the city approximately \$4,000. The county portion of the election would still proceed.

Manager's Report – James Stephens

City Manager James Stephens provided updates on recent events and highlights from the financial report:

- 13 families participated in the first annual Son and Mom campout at the Euharlee campground.
- 9 weeks of Saturday tournaments remain at Joe Cowan Park.
- ROTC Raider event will be held at Osborne Park on Saturday September 18th.
- Year-to-date financials show a slight unfavorable variance of \$5,000 compared to budget.
- Operating Cash on Hand as of August 31st : \$793,530.
- Current SPLOST available: \$707,403. Expected \$400,000 for remainder of the year.
- Average Monthly LOST: \$120729. Expected \$465,000 for the remainder of the year.
- Campground Revenues year-to-date: \$117,067 - Campground Expenses year-to-date: \$73,632. Campground Increased by \$43,435.
- \$2.6 million paid to date on Osborne Park project, with \$350,875 remaining retainable balance.
- SPLOST balance after final retainage payment \$357,000.

Public Comments

Ron Hartman, Euharlee resident spoke in support of electronic signage that he has pushed for the last 3 years. Why buy static signs when venue signage is already in place and reconsider the idea of spending money on electronic signs. He suggested locations downtown, Joe Cowan Park, and on Euharlee Road to promote city events and activities.

Adjournment

With no further discussion the meeting adjourned at 7:05 pm.

CITY OF EUHARLEE CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES SEPTEMBER 16, 2025 – 7:00 PM

Mayor Craig Guyton called the City Council Meeting to order at 7:10 pm. The local Boy Scout Troop led the Pledge of Allegiance. The council thanked the group for coming.

Public Comments

No public comments were made on agenda items.

UNFINISHED AND NEW BUSINESS

LWCF Grant Resolution - Brielle Shinall

Brielle Shinall, grant administrator, presented to accept a Land and Water Conservation Fund grant from the Georgia Department of Natural Resources for improvements to Osborne Park. The project will include a kayak/tube launch, fishing pier, water trail signage, life jacket station, first aid station, pedestrian pathway extension, parking lot lighting, erosion control, and other site improvements. Ms. Shinall requested approval of the LWCF Grant Resolution. Council Member Joe Turner motioned to accept the LWCF grant resolution. Council Member Jayson Frederick seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Park Entrance Signs – Katie Gobbi

Council Member Jayson Frederick motioned to table the vote for the Park Entrance signs. Council Member Greg Free seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

2nd Reading Ordinance 2025-06 - Door to Door Sales & Peddlers - Katie Gobbi

Council Member Jayson Frederick motioned to table the 2nd Reading of Ordinance 2025-06. Council Member Greg Free seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Covered Bridge Pavilion/Pavilion only Pricing - Katie Gobbi

Council Member Jayson Frederick motioned to table the Covered Bridge and Pavilion pricing and refer to the Downtown Development Authority. Council Member Greg Free seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Unopposed Election Cancellation Resolution - James Stephens

City Manager James Stephens presented Resolution 2025-04 to cancel the city's municipal portion of the November election due to the three incumbents qualifying unopposed. Council Member Tim Abbott motioned to adopt the unopposed election cancellation resolution. Council Member Joe Turner seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Adjournment

Council Member Jayson Frederick motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:20 pm. Council Member Greg Free seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

With no further discussion the meeting was adjourned at 7:20 pm.