

**MINUTES OF A WORK SESSION OF THE EUFAULA CITY COUNCIL HELD ON  
MONDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2020 AT 4:30 P.M.**

The Eufaula City Council met in a work session on Monday, October 5, 2020 at 4:30 p.m. in the Police Department Courtroom at 545 East Barbour Street. Upon call of the roll the following members were present: Council President Johnny Knight, President Pro Tem Barbara Flurry, Lucious Cobbs, Linda S. Grice, and Tony L. Robertson.

Also present: Mayor Jack Tibbs, Joy White, City Clerk/Treasurer, Joel Smith, City Attorney, and Councilman-elect Marvin Brown.

Council President Knight called the meeting to order and called for a motion to approve the minutes. Mrs. Grice offered a motion to approve the work session minutes of March 9, 2020. Mr. Robertson seconded the motion. After a voice vote, Council President Knight announced the motion had carried.

Council President Knight called for old business. Mr. Robertson asked for an update on the Dollar Motor Company business. City Attorney Joel Smith responded that the owner(s) vacated their lease and that all of the vehicles have been moved. He continued that he would follow up on the matter to determine the next course of action.

Council President Knight called for new business. The new business was the discussion of the FY2021 Budget. Mayor Tibbs congratulated the council for another projected year-end surplus as a result of good budgeting and revenue collection.

Mayor Tibbs stated that the FY 2021 tax budget reflects an increase of approximately \$700,000 in general revenues compared to last year's budget coming from gas tax, sales tax, and a potentially increased distribution from Southeast Gas. Carbo Ceramics is under new ownership and will hire seventeen (17) people putting the entire plant in operation. This budget also has a requirement of matching funds for CDBG grants and a rehab project in Edgewood with matching funds. An appropriation in the amount of \$208,000 will also be disbursed to Medical Center Barbour.

There will not be any additional staff hired in FY2021. The budget includes a 5% pay increase for all city employees that will become effective on January 1, 2021, upon approval of the FY2021 budget. A Christmas bonus will be distributed in November 2020 to all city employees in addition to a premium pay. Full-time employees will receive a \$500.00 premium pay, and part-time employees will receive a \$250.00 premium pay.

The Local Government Health Insurance Program (LGHIP) issued a 5.5% increase that the City of Eufaula will absorb. Appropriations to various organizations are level compared to last year. Mayor Tibbs credited the conservative and well-managed budget to the hard work of City Clerk Joy White, and all department heads noting that it will serve the citizens and employees well. Mrs. Grice also thanked Joy and the staff for all they do in their service to the citizens of the city.

Mayor Tibbs noted that many of the businesses locating here in the city are beneficial because they provide services to passersby traveling through this city's mid-point to surrounding destinations. They are also beneficial to the city's citizens in several ways such as providing employment and generating sales tax.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the council, the same was on motion by Mr. Cobbs duly made and seconded by Mrs. Flurry, adjourned this 5<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2020.

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Johnny A. Knight, City Council President

ATTEST:

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Joy White, City Clerk/Treasurer