

**MINUTES OF A WORK SESSION OF EUFAULA CITY COUNCIL HELD
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2021**

The Eufaula City Council met in work session Monday, September 20, 2021, at 4:30 P.M. in the Municipal Courtroom at the Eufaula Police Department Complex. Upon call of the roll the following members were present: Council President Wes Register, Council President Pro Tem Otis Hill, Council member Ben Garrison, Council member Marvin Brown and Council member John Wayne Robinson.

Also present: Mayor Jack B. Tibbs, Jr., City Attorney Joel Smith.

Council President Register called the meeting to order and presented the minutes of the June 14, 2021 work session for review and approval. Mr. Garrison moved to approve the minutes as presented. President Pro Tem Hill seconded the motion. After unanimous voice vote, President Register announced the motion had carried.

The first item of discussion was the proposed FY2022 budget. Mayor Tibbs presented the budget proposal, noting it reflects an increase of approximately \$1,000,000 in general revenues compared to last year's budget primarily the result of an increase in sales and use taxes and simple sales taxes. Required matching funds for grants, CDBG and the transportation system are included, as well as the appropriation for the Eufaula Healthcare Authority as specified by the City's Contribution Agreement. Additionally, \$75,000 has been specified for the recruitment of physicians. Proposed funding for appropriations for FY2022 is consistent with the previous year. Departments will basically maintain level staffing. The proposed budget includes a 6.25% pay increase to become effective January 1, 2022, which will reflect on the January 13, 2022 payroll. Provision has also been made in the budget for an increase in premium pay employees receive in November. In this budget year there is a 6% increase in healthcare costs, equating to approximately \$86,000, to be absorbed by the city to minimize the impact on employees. To fund the aforementioned items, a transfer from prior years' surplus in the amount of \$590,000 is incorporated into the budget, similar to the approach taken in prior years. This year's estimated surplus is approximately \$600,000. Mayor Tibbs thanked Mrs. White and staff for their diligence in preparing the budget.

Mr. Garrison also thanked Mrs. White. He stated the budget is realistic and solid.

Council President Register stated he would like to call a work session for next week to discuss the proposed automated garbage system.

There being no further business to come before the Council, motion was duly made and seconded to adjourn.

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OF THE CITY OF EUFAULA, ALABAMA
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Wes Register, Council President

ATTEST:

Joy White, City Clerk/Secretary