



City of Guyton
City Council Meeting
March 9, 2021 – 7:00 p.m.

MINUTES OF MEETING

Call to Order - The March 9, 2021 City of Guyton City Council Meeting was held at the C.D. Dean, Jr, Public Safety Complex, Guyton Gymnasium, 505 Magnolia Street, Guyton, GA 31312. This meeting was called to order by Mayor Russ Deen at approximately 7:00 p.m. Mayor Russ Deen, Mayor Pro Tem Michael Johnson, Sr., Council Member Joseph Lee, Council Member Hursula Pelote, and Council Member T. Marshall Reiser were present at this meeting. **Other Staff Present** - City Manager Bill Sawyer, City Attorney Ben Perkins and City Clerk Tina Chadwick were present. **Guest Present** - The guests sign-in sheets are filed in the office of the City Clerk.

Moment of Repose for Those Who Practice Some Other Faith - Mayor Deen asked all present to take a brief repose for those who practice some other faith.

Invocation - Johnson gave the invocation.

Pledge of Allegiance - The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Deen.

Consideration to approve or amend the Agenda - Pelote made a motion to amend the agenda by removing item "i" under New Business (reference a bid to construct one tennis court and one basketball court) and approve Agenda as amended. Reiser seconded the motion. **Motion passed unanimously.**

Consideration to approve Minutes of Meetings - Reiser made a motion to approve the minutes from the Tuesday, February 9, 2021 Council Meeting held at 7:00 p.m. and the Monday, February 22, 2021 Special Called City Council Meeting held at 5:00 p.m. Johnson seconded the motion. **Motion passed unanimously.**

Reports were given by Staff and/or Committees.

Public Comments (limited to Agenda Items only) - No public comments were made.

NEW BUSINESS

Consideration to approve to host the 9th Annual Superhero Run in Guyton, Georgia on Saturday, October 30, 2021 - Reiser made a motion to host the 9th Annual Superhero Run in Guyton, Georgia on Saturday, October 30, 2021. Pelote seconded the Motion. **Motion passed unanimously.**

Consideration of an Annexation request from SB Homes, LLC - Property consists of approximately 31.31 acres located on Hwy 119, property is just past the intersection at Honey Ridge Road, and Old Louisville Road, Hwy 119 on the right (Effingham County, Georgia Parcel Number 02720029), Johnson made a motion to Approve an Annexation request from SB Homes, LLC. Lee seconded the Motion. **Motion passed unanimously.**

Introduction of Ordinance Number 2021-01 - Fence Ordinance - Introduction of Ordinance Number 2021-01 is referencing an Ordinance to amend the Zoning Ordinance, as amended to provide for standards

for fences and walls with Exhibit A which provides for: 1) Permitting; 2) Visibility; 3) Maintenance of required landscape areas; 4) General fencing standards; 5) Residential fencing standards; 6) Variances.

After a brief discussion Attorney Perkins agreed to make a few minor revisions requested by Council.

Introduction of Ordinance Number 2021-02 – Increase Lot Area for R-1 Zoning District - Introduction of Ordinance Number 2021-02 an Amendment to the Zoning Ordinance, as amended; to increase the Minimum Lot Area for the R-1 Zoning District from 10,000 Square Feet to 21,780 Square Feet.

Introduction of Ordinance Number 2021-03 – Subdivision Regulations - Introduction of Ordinance Number 2021-03 is an Amendment to the Subdivision Regulations, as amended, to provide for increased bonding periods.

Consideration to approve Resolution Number R2021-01 – Execute Intergovernmental Contract (Transportation Sales Tax Bonds) - Resolution Number R2021-01 is a Resolution by the Mayor and Council for the City of Guyton, Georgia to approve an Intergovernmental Contract with Effingham County regarding the imposition of bonds in conjunction with the imposition of the Transportation Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax. City Attorney Perkins discussed a few pros and cons reference the Intergovernmental Contract. A discussion followed. Johnson made a motion to approve Resolution Number R2021-01. Reiser seconded the motion. **Motion passed unanimously.**

Consideration to approve new Banking Services - Sawyer advised Council that the City received information from BB&T (current banking services), Bank of Newington, and Ameris Bank in Rincon. A discussion followed. Sawyer recommended Ameris Bank in Rincon. Reiser made a motion to approve new banking services with Ameris Bank. Johnson seconded the motion. **Motion passed unanimously.**

Consideration to approve Parker Engineering as the Engineering Firm for Guyton’s 2021 CDBG – Housing and Drainage – Gilbert & Associates - Johnson made a motion to approve Parker Engineering as the Engineering Firm for Guyton’s 2021 CDBG including Gilbert & Associates. Lee seconded the motion. **Motion passed unanimously.**

Consideration to approve a speed detection device at Guyton Elementary School - Chief Breletic stepped forward to discuss this item. A representative of Blue Line explained that a study would be conducted on speeding traffic at the school. The State of Georgia allows the device to run one hour prior to and one hour after school. A discussion followed. Reiser made a motion to approve a speed detection device at Guyton Elementary School. Pelote seconded the motion. **Motion passed unanimously.**

General Government - The following Programs, Projects and Grants were discussed:

Summer Work Program

SPLOST Projects

- Guyton Gym Windows
- Crossgate
- Guardrails

CDBG Grant

General Discussion - City of Guyton Master Plan

Dates to Remember:

03/30/21 at 7:00 p.m. – Planning and Zoning Committee Meeting – to be held at the City of Guyton Gymnasium, 505 Magnolia Street in Guyton

04/06/21 at 7:00 p.m. – City Council Workshop – to be held at the City of Guyton Gymnasium, 505 Magnolia Street in Guyton

04/13/21 at 7:00 p.m. – City Council Meeting – to be held at the City of Guyton Gymnasium, 505 Magnolia Street in Guyton

04/27/21 at 7:00 p.m. – Planning and Zoning Committee Meeting – to be held at the City of Guyton Gymnasium, 505 Magnolia Street in Guyton

Consideration to move from the Regular Meeting into an Executive Session - Pelote made a motion at approximately 8:21 p.m. to move from the regular meeting into an Executive Session reference Personnel and Litigation. Reiser seconded the motion. **Motion passed unanimously.**

Consideration to take any action needed arising from Executive Session - No actions were taken.

Public Comments (were limited to Agenda Items only) – No public comments were made.

Adjournment - Reiser made a motion at approximately 9:10 p.m. to adjourn this meeting. Pelote seconded the motion. **Motion passed unanimously.**



Russ Deen, Mayor



Jenna Tidwell, Interim City Clerk

