



City of Guyton  
**BUDGET WORKSHOP**  
July 15, 2020

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**MINUTES OF PUBLIC HEARING – FY2020/2021 - BUDGET**

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**Call to Order**

Mayor Russ Deen called the July 15, 2020 City of Guyton Public Hearing to order at approximately 7:00 p.m. Mayor Russ Deen, Mayor Pro Tem Michael Johnson, Sr. and Council Member T. Marshall Reiser were present at the Budget Workshop

**Other staff Present:** City Manager Bill Sawyer, Interim Assistant City Attorney David “Bobo” Mullens and City Clerk Tina Chadwick were present.

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**ALL PUBLIC COMMENTS WILL BE LIMITED TO AGENDA ITEMS ONLY**

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**NEW BUSINESS**

**Open Public Hearing – FY 2020/2021 Budget**

Mayor Deen opened the Public Hearing

**Public Comments**

Every Department there is a contingency item on it. Sawyer stated that there is a 2% contingency on every department because of COVID-19 and the fact that he has only been working for the City for about 6 weeks and he could not get a good handle on it.

**Mayor Deen turned the Workshop over to City Manager Bill Sawyer.**

Sawyer stated that the Budget is balanced. Sawyer presented and gave a brief overview of the FY 2020/2021 Budget. Budget revenue is \$1,093,095.72 and the expenses are \$1,093,095.72. This is a reduction in the City’s Budget from last year by \$56,705.87 The Wastewater Treatment Plant has a budget of \$1,179,5235.80. The City has no debt. Legal Fees and Professional Services Fees have been reduced. The Police Department’s Budget went up due to the hiring of 3 full time officers and a part time officer. Inflation this month was 0.62 and the City reduced the Budget by 5%. The only changes that the public needs to be mindful of are the local option sales tax due to COVID-19. Andy Harville – Leisure and Historic Budget – Contingency of \$5,000. Sawyer stated that the Mayor and Council wanted this in the Budget. Andy Harville asked if the City was going to hire any new police officers. Sawyer stated that he did not include that in the Budget. Sawyer stated that there is a hiring freeze, we have a travel freeze and that nobody will touch the Budget without his approval. Harville asked about Enforcement Expenses and Sawyer stated that this is for clandestine events. Harville asked Sawyer to explain. Sawyer stated that if we need to do money that is not within the ordinary day to day operations, this is money for that. Harville asked

about Utilities – Sawyer stated that the Utility Expense forecasts what that number would be at the end of 12 months. Harville asked about radios – Sawyer stated that the Chief of Police was doing a really good job on getting those.


**Dates to Remember**

Special Called Meeting will be held via teleconference on Wednesday, July 22, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.  
– Consideration to Adopt Ordinance Number 2020-05 – FY 2020/2021 Budget

**Consideration to Adjourn this Budget Workshop**

Mayor Deen adjourned the Public Hearing at 7:14 p.m.

  
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Russ Deen, Mayor

  
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Tina Chadwick, City Clerk

