



City of Guyton
Emergency Special Called City Council Meeting
Via Teleconference
July 16, 2020

MINUTES OF MEETING

Call to Order

Mayor Russ Deen called the July 16, 2020 City of Guyton Special Called City Council Meeting to order at approximately 7:00 p.m. Mayor Russ Deen, Mayor Pro Tem Michael Johnson, Sr., Council Member Joseph Lee, Council Member T. Marshall Reiser and Council Member Hursula Pelote were present via teleconference at this meeting.

Other staff Present: City Manager Bill Sawyer, Interim Assistant City Attorney David "Bobo" Mullens were present.

Consideration to approve the Agenda

Reiser made a motion to approve the Agenda as presented. Lee seconded the motion. **Motion passed unanimously.**

ALL PUBLIC COMMENTS WILL BE LIMITED TO AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

NEW BUSINESS

Consideration to Approve Emergency Ordinance 2020-07 regarding COVID-19

Audio is available online for this meeting. Mayor Deen read a statement for the Record. Guyton stands with various Cities. This should never have become a political issue, but it is a public health issue. Twenty States are requiring masks. 137,000 people have died from this disease. Andy Harville – could not understand Audio. Richard Chrysler – spoke his concerns regarding civil liberties. Mayor Deen states that this is in conflict with Governor Kemp's Order. Jessica Newmeyer – then spoke her concerns regarding Hospitals. Mayor Deen stated social distancing and wearing face masks will help. Ms. Pelote stated that by wearing a mask we could help protect each other to not have to shut down again. Ms. Newmeyer stated that she did not threaten the Mayor. Andy Harville wants to know who is enforcing the mask Ordinance. Mayor Deen stated that the Police Department would enforce it. Harville asked if the City Manger is on. Sawyer thinks that the Police Chief is reasonable. The Police is not going to make an arrest for not wearing a mask and he does not envision any arrests. Sawyer does not think anyone will be given a citation. Lynsey Ronk asked about the number of police officers. Mayor Deen then said that we have enough officers. Mrs. Seabrooks talks about the science and the mask is to protect people who have underlying health conditions. Ms. Cochran just wanted to thank all the neighbors who wears the mask. Richard Long was talking about Mr. Chrysler and carrying a gun and people have been

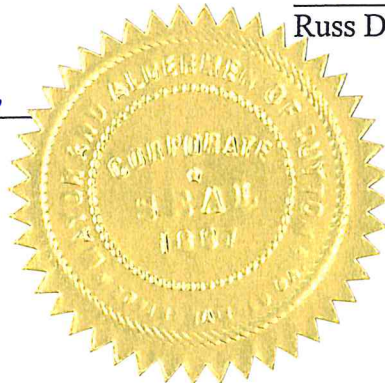
wearing masks. He believes that Mr. Deen is doing the best he can. Ms. Hall wants to know why all the prisoner's dead or sick. Mr. Sawyer stated 47 out of 71 in the State Prison is Effingham County within the last 10 days. Jeremiah Chancey said that you admitted that you are not going to enforce this Ordinance and to define civil liberties. Mayor Deen states that he does not think that it infringes on our civil liberties when it comes to our health. Mrs. Pelote stated that we can't spoke in all buildings. No shoes, No shirts, No service. Mrs. Pelote we are trying to curtail from people being sick. Mayor Deen stated that signs and masks will be handed out. Dr. Goldwire thanks the Mayor and Council to have the citizens have their input and he supports the Ordinance. Bobo Mullens states that the Charter supports this Ordinance. Sharon Wilson states that we are passing an Ordinance and is this just for a statement for the Governor. Mayor Deen states that this Ordinance does some housekeeping to help at City Hall. Joshua (could not understand his last name) He wants to know when the Ordinance ends. Mayor Deen stated in 2 weeks. Tammy Stringer stated that on the news wearing a mask and carrying your gun is not a federal offense during this pandemic. Mayor Deen stated that this was an Executive Order signed by Governor Kemp back in April. Devon Deen went over the stats from the CDC regarding the flu. Bobo Mullens stated that the Appellate Courts will decide this matter. Mayor Deen stated that the vote will take place after public comments. Ms. Moore spoke but I could not hear the audio. Stephanie (could not understand her last name) she is not in agreement with this. I could not understand the audio of what she is saying. She wants to know if the City would provide masks. Mayor Deen said that we received money from the CARES ACT and would provide masks.

Deen made a motion to Approve Emergency Ordinance 2020-07 regarding COVID-19. Reiser seconded the motion. **Motion passed unanimously.**

Consideration to Adjourn this Meeting

Deen made a motion to the Adjourn the meeting at 8:30 p.m. Reiser seconded the motion. **Motion passed unanimously.**


Tina Chadwick, City Clerk




Russ Deen, Mayor