



# CITY OF GUYTON

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## City of Guyton Regular Meeting November 12, 2025 — 7:00 PM

### MINUTES OF MEETING

**Call to Order** — The meeting was called to order by Mayor Andy Harville at 7:00 PM. Councilmember Jeremiah Chancey, Councilmember Joseph Lee, and Councilmember Michael Johnson were present at this meeting.

**Additional Administrative Staff Present** — City Manager Bill Lindsey, City Attorney Wes Rahn, and City Clerk Moses Walker were present

**Guest Present** — The guest sign-in sheets are filed in the Office of the City Clerk.

**Invocation** — **Michael Johnson** led the invocation

**Pledge of Allegiance** — The Pledge of Allegiance was led by **Michael Johnson**

**Consideration to approve the agenda**— **Michael Johnson** made a motion to approve the agenda. **Jeremiah Chancey** seconded the motion. **Motion passed unanimously.**

Consideration to Approve the Minutes ----- **Michael Johnson** made a motion to approve the minutes of 10.14.25, with amendments to item A under Old Business. **Jeremiah Chancey** seconded the motion. Section A was amended to show that Council approved option A as presented regarding the Water Services Agreement for Alexander Farms Phase I. **Motion passed unanimously.**

### Reports from Staff or Committees

|                                  |                            |
|----------------------------------|----------------------------|
| ☉ Police Department              | Kelphie Lundy              |
| ☉ Fire Department                | Chief Hodges (not present) |
| ☉ Public Works/Water/Sewer       | David Cook                 |
| ☉ Planning and Zoning            | Lon Harden                 |
| ☉ Industrial Development         | Lon Harden                 |
| ☉ Historical Commission          | Lucy Powell                |
| ☉ Leisure Services               | Lula Seabrooks             |
| ☉ Downtown Development Authority | Miller Barger, Jr.         |



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☉ Streets and Lanes

Jimmie Hill

**Public Participation - Ms. Kimberly Young was present to address Council concerning issues with the water meter and her water bill at her residence at 251 Brogdon Road. She stated that there had been a water leak at her residence for several months, even after a new meter was installed by EOM. The leak was causing unusually high water bills, as well as damage to her front yard. Ms. Young also told Council that she had gone without having to pay for water from mid-2024 until this summer, when the bill amounts increased dramatically. Mayor Harville called on City Manager Bill Lindsey to explain the situation. As to the meter, Lindsey explained that the leak was occurring on the residential side rather than the city right-of-way side. Normally, that is the homeowner's responsibility to have it repaired. The issue with the water bill stemmed from the old meter not functioning for several months without being detected. Ms. Young questioned how this could have happened. Lindsey stated that EOM and city staff will have to be more proactive in spotting defective meters more quickly to prevent situations like this from recurring. Lindsey informed Council that, in order to compromise with Ms. Young to get the leak fixed and settle an outstanding balance she owes of \$183.00, the City had EOM repair the leak last Friday, November 7, in exchange for her agreement to pay the outstanding balance. Ms. Young thanked the Mayor and Council for their time and attention to the matter.**

**Ms. Susie Davis was present to address Council, representing Effingham Heroes and Aunt Dot's House. Effingham Heroes is a local volunteer organization that serves to support the first responders and public safety personnel of all public safety agencies throughout Effingham County and its municipalities. They perform several charitable events throughout the year, such as the Freedom Parade, food drives, and other activities. Ms. Davis thanked Mayor Harville for his attendance and participation at their annual Back the Badge Rally on Sunday, October 26, 2025. She also spoke on behalf of Aunt Dot's House, which is a local volunteer organization that advocates on behalf of abused children in Effingham County. She touched on the prevalence of child abuse in the community and thanked Council for its continuing support of their efforts to help address the issue.**

## **Old Business**

A. None



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## New Business

A. Consideration to approve the 2025 Guyton SRO Intergovernmental Agreement— Mayor Harville called on City Manager Bill Lindsey to explain the proposed 2025 School Resource Officer Agreement. Lindsey explained that this agreement with the Effingham County Board of Education would continue to serve as a means for the Guyton Police Department to provide one School Resource Officer (SRO) to Guyton Elementary School for another year. Included in this year's agreement is language based on state law that governs how a school resource officer is allowed to handle a student's personal information. The BOE will continue to contribute 75 percent of the SRO's compensation and benefits, as well as 75 percent of the cost for a new vehicle. The City will consult with the BOE when the need arises to purchase a new vehicle for the SRO. **Jeremiah Chancey** made a motion to approve the agreement. **Michael Johnson** seconded the motion. **Motion passed unanimously.**

B. Consideration to approve the agreement with Enterprise Fleet Management.- City Manager Bill Lindsey explained to Council that he, Police Chief Kelphe Lundy, and Streets & Lanes Superintendent Jimmie Hill had met for a discussion with representatives from Enterprise Fleet Management. Enterprise has made a proposal to the City concerning taking over management of the City's vehicle fleet. Under the proposal, Enterprise would handle the leasing of the City's fleet and establish a replacement schedule for each vehicle. This includes vehicles for the Police Department, Streets & Lanes, Maintenance, and Code Enforcement. Lindsey also stated that Enterprise utilizes Sourcewell for purchasing, meaning the City would be getting the equivalent of state contract pricing and therefore, the lowest possible price. This would save the City time and expenses of having to go to bids for each vehicle. Included in the proposal was an option to lease a 2026 Nissan Rogue for use as a vehicle for City Hall staff and Council. However, both Mayor Harville and Councilman Jeremiah Chancey expressed their opposition to a City Hall vehicle, stating the lack of frequent enough use to justify the purchase. Both Mayor Pro Tem Michael Johnson and Councilman Joseph Lee spoke in favor, but with the Council being split on the matter, it could not advance forward. The following vehicles for lease were proposed by Enterprise: six (6) 2025 Police Interceptor Utility Base Vehicles and one (1) 2026 Chevrolet Silverado 1500 LTZ for the Police Department; two (2) 2026 Chevrolet Silverado 1500 trucks and two (2) Dodge Ram 2500 Tradesman 4x4 trucks for the Streets & Lanes Department; and one (1) Toyota Tacoma SR 4x4 truck for Code Enforcement. Councilman Lee asked how these vehicles would be paid for. Lindsey stated that the Code Enforcement truck would be the only vehicle that would have to be purchased with General Fund money. The Police Department vehicles would be paid for from Camera Fund proceeds. Streets & Lanes and Maintenance



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vehicles would be paid for using TSPLOST funds. City Attorney Ben Perkins had previously submitted to Lindsey the need to include indemnity language in the Master Lease Agreement to

help protect the City from liability. Lindsey informed Council that the draft agreement would be amended to include such language. City Attorney Wes Rahn stated that each of the lease agreements would need its own separate motion in order for Council to approve them. **Michael Johnson** made a motion to approve the agreement with the city attorney's edits and revisions. **Joseph Lee** seconded the motion. **Motion passed unanimously.** **Jeremiah Chancey** made a motion to authorize the city manager to lease two (2) 2026 Chevrolet Silverado 1500 and two (2) 2500 Tradesman 4x4 out of the TSPLOST fund. **Michael Johnson** seconded the motion. **Motion passed unanimously.** **Jeremiah Chancey** made a motion to authorize the city manager to lease one (1) Tacoma SR 4x4 out of the General Fund. **Michael Johnson** seconded the motion. **Motion passed unanimously.** **Michael Johnson** made a motion to authorize the city manager to lease six (6) 2025 Police Interceptor Utility Base Vehicles and one (1) 2026 Chevrolet Silverado 1500 LTZ out of the camera fund. **Joseph Lee** seconded the motion. **Motion Passed unanimously.**

C. Consideration to approve changing the Christmas tree lighting on the event calendar to November 30, 2025. Mayor Harville commented on the need to move the date for the annual Christmas tree lighting ceremony from Sunday, December 7, 2025, to Sunday, November 30, 2025, for the event to be held on the last Sunday in November, as is the tradition. All Council members agreed. **Michael Johnson** made a motion to approve the change. **Jeremiah Chancey** seconded the motion. **Motion passed unanimously.**

D. Consideration to approve two surplus vehicles from the Guyton Police Department. City Manager Bill Lindsey explained that the Guyton Police Department is requesting that Council approve two vehicles for surplus: Black 2008 Ford Expedition (117,027 miles) and Black 2010 Chevrolet Tahoe (194,804 miles). Both vehicles are recommended for surplus due to their age and condition. Councilman Joseph Lee asked how would bids be advertised and received. Mayor Harville suggested advertising for three weeks and requiring sealed bids. Lindsey added that the request for bids would be advertised in both the Effingham Herald and on the City's social media. The bid is to be sealed and received by Wednesday, December 3, 2025. **Jeremiah Chancey** made a motion to approve the surplus vehicles. **Joseph Lee** seconded the motion. **Motion passed unanimously.**

E. Consideration of site approval for Alexander Farms Phase 1. City Manager Bill Lindsey stated that Parker Engineering has given a recommendation of site approval for Phase I of the proposed Alexander Farms subdivision on Gracen Road. This was the next step in the process upon approval of the Water Services Agreement for Phase I at the October 14, 2025 monthly



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meeting. Site approval by Council is recommended. **Michael Johnson** made a motion to approve the site approval. **Jeremiah Chancey** seconded the motion. **Motion passed unanimously.**

F. Consideration of approval for proposed fines for Code enforcement violations- Mayor Harville called on Code Enforcement Officer Hunter Lyon to speak on his proposal for establishing fines for minor violations. Lyon explained that there have been some issues with residents being cited for minor code violations, such as grass/weed height or sanitation, where the residents will wait until the 30-day period is nearly over before taking steps to correct the problem. He stated that if a small fine were put in place, such as \$50.00 for the first violation and \$100.00 for a second violation, then that might encourage property owners to address the problem quicker and help keep them out of Municipal Court. He said Council could set the fines at whatever limit they chose, so long as it did not exceed \$1000.00. Mayor Pro Tem Michael Johnson expressed concern about the need to keep the fines small and the need to have an ordinance in place. City Attorney Wes Rahn stated he agreed that an ordinance is needed. He will get both Lyon and City Manager Bill Lindsey to draft an ordinance to bring to Council at a future meeting. **Jeremiah Chancey** made a motion for the city attorney to draft an ordinance for Code Enforcement fees. **Michael Johnson** seconded the motion. **Motion passed unanimously.**

**Consideration to Adjourn -----Michael Johnson** made a motion to adjourn. **Joseph Lee** seconded the motion. **Motion passed unanimously.**

## Dates to Remember

- ☉ **Thursday, November 12, 2025, Bingo from 11:00 A.M. until 12:00 P.M. – Leisure Services Room, 505 Magnolia Street, Guyton, GA 31312**
- ☉ **Sunday, November 30, 2025, Christmas Tree Lighting, 6:00 P.M. – Guyton Walking Trail, Guyton, GA 31312**
- ☉ **Guyton City Hall will be closed on Thursday, November 27, and Friday, November 28, 2025, in observance of Thanksgiving. The office will reopen for business on Monday, December 1, 2025.**
- ☉ **Tuesday, December 9, 2025, Luminary Service, 5:30 P.M. – Guyton Walking Trail, Guyton, GA, 31312**
- ☉ **Tuesday, December 9, 2025, Guyton City Council Meeting at 7:00 P.M. – Guyton City Hall, 310 Central Boulevard, Guyton, GA 31312**



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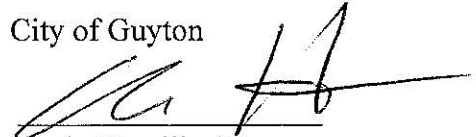
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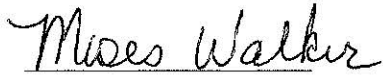
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Andy Harville, Mayor

Attest:



Moses Walker, City Clerk