**City of Guyton, Georgia**

*Working Together to Make a Difference*

City of Guyton

**City Council Retreat**

**November 18, 2020 – 9:00 a.m.**

 MINUTES OF RETREAT

**Call to Order**

The November 18, 2020 City of Guyton City Council Retreat was called to order by Mayor Russ Deen at approximately 9:00 a.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 Retreat.

***Other staff Present:*** City Manager Bill Sawyer and City Clerk Tina Chadwick were present.

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**TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION**

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1. Mayor Deen made opening remarks and named a few successes such as Municode, hiring Tina Chadwick as City Clerk, Interim City Manager Brett Bennett and Interim City Clerk, Linda Rineair. There is Council cohesion and City Hall is in Order. The City has hired a Police Chief, James Breletic and we have hired two full time police officers as well as two new police vehicles.
2. Status of the City – Bill Sawyer

City Manager, Bill Sawyer discussed all of the successes that this Mayor and Council have achieved this year. Sawyer discussed that the City has passed a balanced Budget and reduced the Millage Rate. This Council has passed a Zoning Ordinance, Subdivision Regulations and Building Regulations. A list below are just some of the accomplishments that have been achieved this year.

 Georgia Technologies

 City Website

 Spatial Engineering

 EOM

 Sell Fire Equipment

 Ethics Committee

 Ben Perkins – City Attorney

 Bill Sawyer – City Manager

 Matthew Caines - Accountant

 Emergency Ordinances – COVID-19

CARES ACT Funding – Grant for Businesses affected by COVID-19 in the City

Monthly Workshops

Recreation Trail Grant

CDBG Grant

GEMA Generator Grant

SPLOST Projects

Census Award

Sanitation

Finance – Efficient and Stable

1. Service Delivery Strategy – Wesley Corbitt

Corbitt explained in detail HB – 49 – Service Delivery Act.

Four Revenues to set up a Special Service District – Property Tax, Special Tax Assessment, Insurance Premium Tax, User Fee and Impact Fees

1. GMA Services – Pam Helton

Helton discussed some of the Services that are provided by GMA

Insurance – GIRMA

Public Inmate Liability Insurance

Cyber Security

Safety Grant – The City of Guyton has this Grant

Worker’s Compensation Insurance

Debt Collection Service

1. Policy Updates Pam Helton and Ben Perkins

Helton discussed having a driving simulator brought in for the Police Department to us

Code Enforcement

Municode

Perkins discussed updating the Personnel Policy, Financial Policy and the City Charter.

Deen made on Motion at 3:28 p.m. to move from the Retreat into an Executive Session. Johnson seconded the Motion. **Motion passed unanimously.**

1. City Update – Ben Perkins

Perkins gave a brief update of the City Policies.

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 Russ Deen, Mayor

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Tina Chadwick, City Clerk