



City of Guyton
City Council Meeting
January 12, 2021 – 7:00 p.m.

MINUTES OF MEETING

Call to Order

The January 12, 2021 City of Guyton City Council 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 Hursula Pelote, and Council Member T. Marshall Reiser were present at this meeting. Council Member Joseph Lee joined the Meeting at 7:03 p.m.

Other Staff Present - City Manager Bill Sawyer, Assistant City Attorney David ‘Bobo’ Mullens 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

Deen asked all present to take a brief repose for those who practice some other faith.

Invocation

Reiser gave the invocation.

Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Deen.

Consideration to approve or amend the Agenda

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

Consideration to approve Minutes of Meetings

Pelote made a motion to approve the minutes from the December 1, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. – City Council Workshop, December 8, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. – City Council Public Hearing, December 8, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. – City Council Meeting and the December 15, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. – Special Called City Council Meeting. Reiser seconded the motion. **Motion passed unanimously.**

Reports from Staff or Committees

City Manager – Bill Sawyer – 2020 Projects - The City is continuing to work on. All these projects have had a positive impact in 2020 and will continue to in 2021.

Police Department – Chief James Breletic – 547 Calls – 12 Reports – 6 Accident Reports – 48 Different Reports – 6 Arrests – 74 Citations

Fire Department – Clint Hodges – 398 Calls for December – 26 Calls within the City – 21 Medical Calls – Year 2020 – 4.081 Calls County Wide – Increase in Medical Calls due to COVID.

Public Works – EOM – Clyde Dyson – 66.85 Million Gallons of Drinking Water – WWTP produced 2.75 Million Gallons – 3.73 Million Gallons to Spray Fields – Marked 50 Storm Drains – 1 Citizen Complaint - (leak that was on the customer side)

Public Comments (will be limited to Agenda Items only)

No Public Comments

NEW BUSINESS

Consideration to Approve an \$18.83 Fee for Garbage

Sawyer states that we have Fees for Water and Sewer and the City does not charge a Fee for Garbage. The City is losing a lot of money because of this. Sawyer ask the Council for Unanimous Consent for an \$18.83 Fee for Garbage. Reiser states that this is only for new customers and it is to recover Fees for residents that move out and do not pay their final bill.

Reiser made a motion to Approve an \$18.83 Fee for Garbage. Johnson seconded the Motion. **Motion passed unanimously.**

Consideration to Approve the 2021 Utility and Permit Fee Schedule

Deen states that there are no new changes to the Permit Fee Schedule except for the \$18.83 Fee for Garbage.

Johnson made a motion to Approve the 2021 Utility and Permit Fee Schedule. Pelote seconded the Motion. **Motion passed unanimously.**

Consideration to Approve the setting of the 2021 Qualifying fees for Councilman Post #3 and Councilman Post #4 for the upcoming Municipal Election Tuesday, November 2, 2021

Deen states that the Qualifying Fee is staying at \$72.00

Johnson made a Motion to Approve the setting of the 2021 Qualifying fee of \$72.00 for Councilman Post #3 and Councilman Post #4 for the upcoming Election Tuesday, November 2, 2021. Pelote seconded the Motion. **Motion passed unanimously.**

Consideration to Authorize the Mayor to Approve an Expenditure regarding the Georgia Hi-Lo Trail

Deen states that he has discussed this project with the Council individually and the Mayor has posted information online regarding this. Deen states that this Trail will benefit the City in the long term and in the short term. Deen would like to ask Council to Approve an expenditure of \$3,250. Overall, the County expenditure would be \$15,000. The suggestion of the Hi-Lo Trail Committee was to split that half between business and half between government and the City's half would be \$7,250 and the County would be \$7,250. The Mayor would like to approve this for the City. Reiser believes that this is a good thing to approve and it would be positive for our businesses and for the City.

Reiser made a Motion to Authorize the Mayor to Approve an Expenditure of \$3,250 regarding the Georgia Hi-Lo Trail. Pelote seconded the Motion. **Motion passed unanimously.**

General Government

SPLOST Projects

Guyton Gym Windows – Bill Sawyer – The City will rebid this Project on January 29, 2021 at 2:00 p.m.

Crossgate/Guardrails – Bill Sawyer – The City is at work on these Projects. These are 5 to 8 weeks Projects.

CDBG Grant – Bill Sawyer – Sawyer states that this a constant day to day project. The Appraiser will be here next week or the week after and the City is pleased with this.

GEMA Generator Grant – Bill Sawyer – Grant has been submitted to the State.

Sanitation/Waste Pro – Bill Sawyer – The City has thousands of new trash containers located in the fence behind the fire department. Staff has been trained on the new Tac Easy Website.

LMIG – Bill Sawyer – The City has sorted out the issues with this Grant and most of the paperwork will be finished this week.

Walking Trail – Bill Sawyer – The City has asked the State to reconsider the Application.

Annexation Request from SB Homes, LLC – Sean **Barlow** – Bill Sawyer - Sawyer briefly discussed this Annexation process and will discuss it more in the February City Council Work Session.

Deen briefly discussed the dates for Waste Management and Waste Pro.

General Discussion

Guyton Sign – Councilman Lee – Lee stated that the City would like to get a City Sign. Reiser stated that he has spoken with the Department of Transportation. DOT provided policies regarding the sign. The City must have a permit. Reiser states that the Council needs to talk through some of the details of this.

Political Signs along the Walking Trail – Councilman Lee – Lee asked if it would be okay for there to be one spot along the Walking Trail to be designated for political signs. Sawyer states that the City does not allow political signs on City Property. Deen states that political signs should be placed on private property. Public Works will be instructed to pick up any political signs that are placed on City property.

Dates to Remember

Monday, January 18, 2021 – City Hall will be closed for Martin Luther King, Jr., Day

Wednesday, January 20, 2021 from 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. – Guyton Community Blood Drive, C.D. Dean, Jr., Public Safety Complex, City of Guyton Gymnasium, 505 Magnolia Street, Guyton, GA 31312

Tuesday, January 26, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. – Planning and Zoning Committee Meeting – C.D. Dean, Jr., Public Safety Complex, City of Guyton Gymnasium, 505 Magnolia Street, Guyton, GA 31312

Tuesday, February 2, 2021 – City Council Workshop at 7:00 p.m. – C.D. Dean, Jr., Public Safety Complex, City of Guyton Gymnasium, 505 Magnolia Street, Guyton, GA 31312

Tuesday, February 9, 2021 – City Council Meeting at 7:00 p.m. – C.D. Dean, Jr., Public Safety Complex, City of Guyton Gymnasium, 505 Magnolia Street, Guyton, GA 31312

Reiser discussed where citizens could go to get the vaccine for COVID. Lee stated that he was the first person to receive the vaccine in Effingham County.

Consideration to move from the Regular Meeting into an Executive Session

Johnson made a motion at approximately 7:28 p.m. to move from the regular meeting into an Executive Session referencing Litigation. Pelote seconded the motion, **Motion passed unanimously.**

Consideration to take any action needed arising from Executive Session

Public Comments (will be limited to Agenda Items only)

No Public Comments

Adjournment

Pelote made a motion at approximately 7:45 p.m. to adjourn this meeting. Lee seconded the motion. **Motion passed unanimously.**



Russ Deen, Mayor



Tina Chadwick, City Clerk

