



City of Guyton
City Council Meeting
Via Teleconference
May 12, 2020 – 7:00 p.m.

MINUTES OF MEETING

Call to Order

The May 12, 2020 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 Joseph Lee, Council Member Hursula Pelote and Council Member T. Marshall Reiser were present at this meeting via teleconference.

Other Staff Present - Interim City Manager Brett Bennett, Interim Assistant City Attorney David “Bobo” Mullens and City Clerk Tina Chadwick were present via teleconference.

Moment of Repose for Those Who Practice Some Other Faith

Mayor 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 Johnson.

Consideration to approve the Agenda

Johnson made a motion to amend the Agenda to change item E under New Business from T-SPLOST to SPLOST and to allow for Staff Reports. Pelote seconded the motion. **Motion passed unanimously.**

Consideration to approve Minutes of Meetings

Reiser made a motion to approve the minutes from the April 14, 2020 City Council Meeting held at 7:00 p.m., April 23, 2020 Special Called Meeting held at 6:00 p.m., and the April 28, 2020 Special Called Meeting at 7:00 p.m. Pelote seconded the motion. **Motion passed unanimously.**

ALL PUBLIC COMMENTS WILL BE LIMITED TO AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

NEW BUSINESS

Consideration to appoint members to the Ethics Committee for the City of Guyton

Mayor Deen stated that we need to appoint 3 members for the Ethics Committee. One appointed by the Mayor, one appointed by the City Council and one appointed by the City Council and approved by the Mayor. Reiser nominated Marnie Dasher. Pelote nominated Ms. Lulu Seabrooks. Dr. Goldwire wanted to know what we were nominating for. Johnson responded for the Ethics Committee. Bennett stated that someone would need to be appointed by the City Council and one would need to be appointed by the City Council and approved by the Mayor.

Reiser made a motion to appoint Dr. Marnie Dasher to the Ethics Committee for the City Council nominee. Pelote seconded the Motion. **Motion passed unanimously.**

Johnson made a motion to appoint Lulu Seabrooks to the Ethics Committee for the City Council nominee with the approval of the Mayor. Pelote seconded the motion. **Motion passed unanimously.**

Mayor Deen appointed Reverend Joel Tucker from Guyton Christian Church.

Mayor Deen stated that they will serve for two years and will be contacted by Mrs. Tina Chadwick if they are ever needed.

Consideration to approve to open City Parks

Mayor Deen stated that we closed the City Parks due to COVID-19 and thought it would be best to have City Council decide how we go about reopening. The trail has remained opened. Johnson said that we don't have proper sanitizing machines for City Hall. It would not look good to open one and not the other. Pelote stated that we should open June 1st. The Mayor's personal recommendation on these things is that the City Parks would be almost impossible to keep with Social Distancing. He is comfortable keeping the City Parks closed. As far as City Hall, the Mayor has spoken with Ms. Chadwick and he thinks that it is a good idea to bring back the City employees on May 18th and bring back the public June 1st. Reiser stated the closure on the Parks is a good idea. Lee thinks that the office should stay closed until June 1st and the Parks should stay closed until June 1st as well. Mayor stated that City Hall has gone above and beyond during this pandemic. Dr. Goldwire stated that it sounds like a good plan to him. Ms. Lucy Powell would like to make sure that we are following the guidelines before we open the Parks to the public.

Johnson made a motion to keep the City Parks closed until June 1, 2020. Lee seconded the motion. **Motion passed unanimously.**

Consideration to approve to open City Hall to the public

Reiser made a motion to approve to open City Hall to the staff on May 18, 2020 and the public on June 1, 2020. Johnson seconded the motion. **Motion passed unanimously.**

Consideration to approve the Police Department surplus list

Chief Breletic stated that they are still assessing the department and items that they do not need to retain. This is the second round.

Johnson made a motion to approve the Police Department surplus list. Lee seconded the motion. **Motion passed unanimously.**

Consideration to authorize the purchase of 2 patrol cars and related equipment in the amount of \$56,000 from SPLOST Funds

Chief Breletic stated that a lot of the vehicles are old. Chief Breletic has attached information regarding these vehicles. He would like to request that the Council authorize him \$56,000 to purchase 2 vehicles that will be completely outfitted and that can be put on the street as soon as possible. Bennett stated that Police Departments around the state and the country are having problems getting police cars. Chief Breletic stated that everybody is on a holding pattern until next year. Base prices are going up and because of COVID-19 some places aren't shipping. Bennett added that this delay in delivery was happening before COVID-19. Johnson asked are the ones that we are ordering do not have to wait to be delivered. Chief Breletic stated that he is going through another state. These cars have very low mileage. We should have our cars within the next 45 to 60 days and he has used this source before in ordering cars. Bennett asked if he had run any numbers on what the equivalent of a new vehicle would cost. Chief Breletic stated \$40,000 plus for a newer vehicle. Lee asked what models are the cars that we are purchasing. Chief Breletic stated that the cars we are purchasing are 2018 Dodge Chargers. Pelote asked when we get the cars do we have to paint them. Chief Breletic stated that the color he has asked for is white and all we need to do is the put the stripes on them and cage them. Lynsey Ronk asked how much we have in SPLOST funds. Bennett stated approximately \$900,000.

Pelote made a motion to authorize Chief Breletic to purchase 2 patrol cars and related equipment in the amount of \$56,000 from the SPLOST Funds. Johnson seconded the motion. **Motion passed unanimously.**

Consideration to approve a contract with the National Fire Service for the sale of the City Fire Department Equipment

Mr. Starling proposes to help the City to sell the Fire Equipment. It is technical and it is better to have people help you. They go through various vendors. The service goes through the inventory of it, then the listing of it and then they can pick it up and then a report at the end to state what was brought in. All the funds go to the City. Any item above \$1,000 they should get a cashier check or wire it to the City. The City will entertain the Surplus list at the next City Council Meeting.

Reiser made a motion to approve a contract with the National Fire Service for the sale of the City Fire Department Equipment. Pelote seconded the motion. **Motion passed unanimously.**

Reports from Staff

Police Department - Chief Breletic – Guyton Police Department would like to recognize two members of the community. Ms. Mydell who donated lunch and Mr. Lancaster who donated a security mesh. April - 299 Calls – 9 Incident Reports – 19 Supplementals - 2 Arrests – 9 Citations

Fire Department - Clint Hodges – April – 314 Calls county wide – no major incidents within the City limits.

Consideration to move from the Regular Meeting into an Executive Session reference Personnel


Reiser made a motion, at approximately 7:44 p.m., to move from the Regular Meeting into an Executive Session reference Personnel. Pelote seconded the motion. **Motion passed unanimously.**

Consideration to move from the Executive Session back into the Special Called Council Meeting

Reiser made a motion, at approximately 8:45 p.m., to move from the Executive Session back into the Special Called Council Meeting. Johnson seconded the motion. **Motion passed unanimously.**

Consideration to Adjourn the Special Called Council Meeting

Reiser made a motion to adjourn the Regular Meeting at approximately 8:47 p.m. Pelote seconded the motion. **Motion passed unanimously.**



Russ Deen, Mayor



Tina Chadwick, City Clerk

