



City of Guyton
City Council Workshop
November 3, 2020 – 6:00 p.m.

MINUTES OF WORKSHOP

Call to Order

The November 3, 2020 City of Guyton City Council Workshop was called to order by Mayor Russ Deen at approximately 6:00 p.m. Mayor Russ Deen, Council Member Joseph Lee, Council Member Hursula Pelote and Council Member T. Marshall Reiser were present at this Workshop. Mayor Pro Tem Michael Johnson, Sr., joined the Workshop at 6:07 p.m.

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

TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION

a. Prison Work Crew – Lieutenant Allen

The Mayor thanks the Prison Work Crew for all the hard work that has been done for the City thus far. Lieutenant Allen states that the Guyton Prison Detail will consist of a 10 Inmate Detail. It will cost \$47,000 – This will pay for 1 officer and all his benefits. The Detail can't work on private property. The City will need to purchase a vehicle for transportation. The City just directs the Detail on what needs to be done and the City provides the tools that they need to complete the project. They are a labor force. Mayor Deen asked what other cities/counties use these prisoners. Lieutenant. Allen stated Springfield, Rincon, Pooler and DOT. The City will need to get with the County Manager and get the Contract in front of the Board of Commissioners for them to vote on. Reiser asked if you could do less than 10 inmates. Lieutenant Allen stated that yes, you can have less prisoners, but he does not know if the price would change per year. The City would be paying for the Police Officer to watch this Detail. Lieutenant Allen states that the detail does not work around day cares or schools. They will move if necessary. Mayor Deen has been very pleased with the work that they prisoners have done so far. Keech says that the City has 3 prisoners now and asked if we could still have this prison detail too. Lieutenant Allen stated yes.

b. Highland Park Restoration Project – Mayor Deen

Mayor Deen wants to bring this park up to date. The Basketball Court has been redone recently. Although the bathrooms function, they need repairs. The playground equipment is valuable and good in quality. We have not as a City maintained this Park. The City is talking about bringing that Park up to date and buying some new pieces of equipment. If the City can refurbish this Park for less than \$20,000 with the prison crew then that is a steal. The prisoners are doing some bathroom repairs, some fence repairs and just some general cleanup work. Mayor Deen would like to submit a quote

for a 8 foot merry go round – see saw bouncer – fresh playground grade wood mulch – replacing all the swings on the swing set – putting down new plastic borders and getting rid of the old borders – weed black fabric – some 32 gallon steel receptacles (Pilgrim Trail as well) \$400 per receptacle – The Mayor would like a total of 6 receptacles . Pelote wants to know if there is a grill at the Park. Johnson states that there was a grill at one time, but it was damaged, and it has been removed. Mayor Deen would also like to replace the drinking fountain. A total of around \$14,000 and the Drinking Fountain would be \$2,500 and this is a SPLOST project. Reiser thinks it is a great idea and an area for people to take pride in and for our children to play outside. Ms. Seabrooks would like a bicycle rack and a grill. Ms. Seabrooks would also like some Christmas decorations at the Park. Ms. Lucy Powell would like a sign at the Pilgrim Trail. Mayor Deen stated that he would get quotes for a bicycle rack and a grill.

c. Guyton Gym Windows – Bill Sawyer

October 23, 2020 the City had its Bid Opening for the Guyton Gym Windows. The Bid came in at \$126,000 and that is entirely too much. Sawyer has instructed the low bidder and the architect to find a way to reduce that by \$30,000. The City will table this until the City can get those numbers back from the Contractors. Reiser asked how many bids the City received. Sawyer stated 2. Keech wants to know if the prison detail could help with this project. The Mayor states that this is outside the scope of their work.

d. Annexation Steps – Bill Sawyer

November 24, 2020 there will be a Planning and Zoning Committee Meeting to discuss the annexation of the Vandiver Tract. December the 8th, the Mayor and Council will hold a public hearing with respect to the Planning and Zoning Request. Sawyer discussed the Application process.

e. GEMA Generator Grant – Bill Sawyer

The State of Georgia awarded the City of Guyton \$186,000 for some Generators for our Lift Stations. Grant is still in effect, but we just need to get their final approval before we can begin the process.

f. Crossgate – Bill Sawyer

Sawyer states that the Crossgate Bid to repair their drainage issue will be at 3:00 p.m., December the 1st. The Chief of Police and Sawyer met at a meeting at Crossgate where they answered questions and the residents were very welcoming and were appreciative of the Mayor and City Council unanimously voting to proceed with this project. This is a SPLOST project. – Guardrails bids will be opened on December the 1st at 3:30 p.m. and this is also a SPLOST project.

g. Sanitation – Bill Sawyer

The City has no contract with sanitation services right now. We have three bids. Waste Management/Atlantic/Waste Pro. Sawyer discussed the difference in prices –

Cart/Recycle Cart. The next City Council Meeting the City has invited Waste Pro and Atlantic to speak. Lee believes that Waste Management should be invited to speak. Lee thinks that this bid should have been a sealed bid. Sawyer states that it doesn't have to be a sealed bid as this is professional services. Reiser would like a cardboard recycling center. The Mayor states that there will be cardboard recycling center behind the Police Department. Johnson would like a dumpster twice a year.

h. Guyton Banking Services – Bill Sawyer

Sawyer states that we use a local bank in Springfield. We are trying to get interest bearing checking accounts. Reiser fully supports this. Pelote wants to know what banks we are thinking of. Sawyer states that we will send it to all banks in this area.

i. Insurance Rates – Bill Sawyer

Sawyer states that 9 people are being insured. For the last 2 years the City's rates have gone down. Now the rates are rising. The City will meet with the insurance broker again and he recommends that the City go with the lowest rate. \$623.08 per person. Reiser asked what the current arrangement is with the employees. The City pays all the benefits for the City employees.

j. Open Discussion (citizens can address any issue)

Ms. Pearl is asking about dividing Guyton. Mr. Johnson states that Sawyer is talking about the drainage issues for East and West side of Guyton.

Dates to Remember

- a. Tuesday, November 10, 2020 at 7:00 p.m., City Council Meeting, C.D. Dean, Jr., Public Safety Complex, City of Guyton Gymnasium, 505 Magnolia Street, Guyton, GA 31312
- b. Wednesday, November 11, 2020 – City Hall will be closed for Veterans Day
- c. Wednesday, November 18, 2020 and Thursday, November 19, 2020 – City Council Retreat – C.D. Dean, Jr., Public Safety Complex, City of Guyton Gymnasium, 505 Magnolia Street, Guyton, GA 31312
- d. Tuesday, November 24, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. – Planning and Zoning Committee Public Hearing (Vandiver Tract – HWY 17 – Annexation) – 7:00 p.m. – Planning and Zoning Committee Regular Meeting – C.D. Dean, Jr., Public Safety Complex, City of Guyton Gymnasium, 505 Magnolia Street, Guyton, GA 31312
- e. Thursday, November 26, 2020 and Friday, November 27, 2020 – City Hall will be closed for Thanksgiving Day and the Day after Thanksgiving
- f. Tuesday, December 1, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. – City Council Workshop, C.D. Dean, Jr., Public Safety Complex, City of Guyton Gymnasium, 505 Magnolia Street, Guyton, GA 31312
- g. Thursday, December 31, 2020 – City Hall will be closing at 12:00 p.m. for New Year's Eve
- h. Friday, January 1, 2021 – City Hall will be closed for New Year's Day
- i. Tuesday, January 5, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. – City Council Workshop, C.D. Dean.

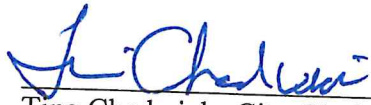
- Jr., Public Safety Complex, City of Guyton Gymnasium, 505 Magnolia Street,
Guyton, GA 31312
- j. Tuesday, January 12, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. – City Council Meeting, C.D. Dean, Jr.,
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Consideration to Adjourn this Workshop

Mayor Deen adjourned the Workshop at approximately 7:01 p.m.



Russ Deen, Mayor



Tina Chadwick, City Clerk

