



**City of Guyton**  
City Council Meeting  
February 9, 2021 – 7:00 p.m.  
VIA TELECONFERENCE

**MINUTES OF MEETING**

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**Call to Order**

The February 9, 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 Joseph Lee and Council Member T. Marshall Reiser were present at this meeting via teleconference. Council Member Hursula Pelote joined the Meeting at approximately 7:07 p.m.

*Other Staff Present* - City Manager Bill Sawyer, Assistant City Attorney David 'Bobo' Mullens and City Clerk Tina Chadwick were present.

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**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.

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**Invocation**

Mayor Deen gave the invocation.

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**Pledge of Allegiance**

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Deen.

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**Consideration to approve or amend the Agenda**

Johnson made a motion to Amend the Agenda to include Item C – Consideration to allow the City Manager to bid out improvements to the Tennis Courts at the Magnolia Street Complex. Reiser seconded the motion. **Motion passed unanimously.**

Reiser made a Motion to Approve the Agenda as stated with the one Amendment Item 9 C as presented. Johnson seconded the Motion. **Motion passed unanimously.**

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## Consideration to approve Minutes of Meetings

Reiser made a motion to approve the minutes from the January 5, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. – City Council Workshop and the January 12, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. – City Council Meeting. Lee seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

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## Reports from Staff or Committees

**City Manager – Bill Sawyer** – Sawyer states that the City is finalizing the Contract with the County regarding the Prison Work Detail in the next week or so – Zoning Permits continue to keep staff busy – Waste Management is in town picking up the rest of their carts – Financial Statements are stable and all staff has returned back to work from being out due to COVID.

**Police Department – Chief James Breletic** – 500 Calls – 13 New Cases and all 13 Cases have been successfully closed out - 28 Supplemental Reports – 2 Arrests and 44 Citations – The Police Department is keeping a high profile in the area.

**Fire Department – Clint Hodges** – January – 370 Calls County wide – 22 originated within the City limits – 17 medical calls – a carbon monoxide incident - 3 fire alarms and 1 house where there was some barking going on – 3 structural related incidents at Interfor Lumber Mill - Johnson asked if the Fire Department is checking the Black Hydrants (dead hydrants)? Chief Hodges states that there are not any in the City. Johnson states that he has seen one and Chief Hodges states that they will send someone out to check on it.

**Public Works – EOM – Charlie Heino** – January – they produced 6.8 million gallons of drinking water – treated 6.29 million gallons of waste water combined – completed 129 work orders for the month – Drinking Fountain has been pushed back because of some extra water and sewer taps – EOM attempted to do smoke testing, but they were unable to do it because the product they use to produce the smoke did not come in on time and it was back ordered and they failed to tell EOM. EOM now has that chemical.

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## Public Comments (will be limited to Agenda Items only)

No Public Comments

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## NEW BUSINESS

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### Consideration to Approve a Service Delivery Agreement with Effingham County – Bill Sawyer

Wesley Corbitt states that he is on the call tonight to see if anyone on the Council has any questions. This Agreement provides rollbacks on roads for our cities and a rollback for parks and for Rincon to get a rollback for a full rec department. The City of Guyton is getting a 1.4 millage rollback from this. Corbitt thinks that this is an excellent Agreement. Corbitt is hoping to get this Agreement with the City of Rincon. Reiser states that he has looked at the numbers and the spreadsheet and he would like to understand the difference between the 1.35 rollback versus how

the current arrangement is. Reiser is looking at his own property tax bill and he is seeing a County M&O and a Sales Tax Rollback. Are those equivalent adjustments or tax assessment factors? Corbitt states that the Sales Tax Rollback is related to the Local Option Sales Tax required to rollback our millage rate. Corbitt is stating that Reiser has a County wide tax that everybody pays. The LOST rollback is something by Statute. The County has to rollback the M&O tax by the Sales Tax. Corbitt states with this new Service Delivery Agreement the County is recommending going to a rollback instead of a special district tax. The difference is that we are going to have a County wide millage and then rollback 2 mils to the cities – 1.45 to Guyton. That allows the County to book this under the General Fund. Corbitt states that the new structure will be presented on the tax bills in the fall. Corbitt states that this Agreement is binding for ten years, but there are six triggers. There would be an opportunity for the cities to revisit this. Corbitt thanks the Council for their support and that he would help with the upcoming election.

Reiser made a motion to Approve a Service Delivery Agreement with Effingham County. Pelote seconded the Motion. Motion passed **unanimously**.

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**Consideration to Approve a Contract with Atkins Construction Company for the low bid of \$86,600 for the Guyton Gym Windows – Bill Sawyer**

Sawyer states that this is the second time that the City has bid this project. This bid was some \$40,000 less than the other. Sawyer recommends that the City accept this bid.

Johnson made a motion to Approve a Contract with Atkins Construction Company for the low bid of \$86,600 for the Guyton Gym Windows. Lee seconded the Motion. Motion passed **unanimously**.

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**Consideration to allow the City Manager to bid out improvements to the Tennis Courts at the Magnolia Street Complex**

Sawyer states this is an area that needs some updating and that needs some attention. Sawyer would like to get bids to repair the tennis courts and for putting in a basketball court. Sawyer states that he will bring a bid back within 40 days. Mayor Deen asked if the plan was to put in one new Tennis Court and one new Basketball Court? Sawyers states that is the plan.

Pelote made a Motion to allow the City Manager to bid out improvements to the Tennis Courts at the Magnolia Street Complex. Reiser seconded the Motion. **Motion passed unanimously**.

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**General Government**

**SPLOST Projects**

**Crossgate – Bill Sawyer** – Sawyer presents that this project is about 80% complete.

**Guardrails – Bill Sawyer** – Sawyer presents that this project is about 80% complete.

**CDBG Grant – Bill Sawyer** – Sawyer states that this paperwork is in order for a timely application process to the Department of Community Affairs.

GEMA Generator Grant – Bill Sawyer – Sawyer states that this Grant has been with the State now for about four months. The City is waiting on the State to give us operational consideration and to move forward on this.

LMIG – Bill Sawyer – Sawyer states that this will be completed this week.

Annexation Request from SB Homes, LLC – Sean Barlow – Bill Sawyer – Sawyer presents that the City has an application on a 32-acre tract that is owned by Sean Barlow Homes, LLC for an annexation request.

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#### Dates to Remember

Monday, February 15, 2021 – City Hall will be closed for Presidents Day

Tuesday, February 23, 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, March 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, March 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

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#### Consideration to move from the Regular Meeting into an Executive Session

Reiser made a motion at approximately 7:36 p.m. to move from the regular meeting into an Executive Session referencing Litigation and Personnel. Lee seconded the motion. **Motion passed unanimously.**

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#### Consideration to take any action needed arising from Executive Session

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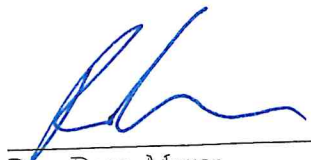
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#### Adjournment

Reiser made a motion at approximately 8:41 p.m. to adjourn this meeting. Lee seconded the motion. **Motion passed unanimously.**

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Russ Deen, Mayor

  
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Tina Chadwick, City Clerk

