

City of Guyton, Georgia

Working Together to Make a Difference



CITY COUNCIL MEETING - February 12, 2019

MINUTES

ITEM OF BUSINESS

ACTION REQUESTED OF COUNCIL

1. *Call to Order*

Mayor Lariscy, 7:00pm

Mayor Lariscy called the meeting to order. All of Council was in attendance, as well as City Attorney Smith, and citizens.

2. *Moment of Repose for Those Who Practice Some Other Faith*

3. *Invocation*

An Invocation was led by Councilman Collins.

4. *Pledge of Allegiance*

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Lariscy.

5. *Approval of Agenda*

Consideration to approve the Agenda

Mayor Lariscy made a request to amend item 11 F. and remove the wording "from \$21.62 to \$31.62" as the proposed increase would affect more than the residential rate. Councilman Collins made a motion to approve the agenda as amended, seconded by Councilman Johnson. Motion carried.

6. *Approval of Minutes*

Consideration to approve minutes of the January 8, 2019 Council Meeting

Councilman Goldwire made a motion to approve the minutes from January 8, 2019, seconded by Councilman Collins. Motion carried.

7. *Planning & Zoning*

No report.

8. *Leisure Services*

M.s Diann Hicklen addressed Council for the Leisure Services Committee. She stated the group did have their meeting and they are prepping for the April 20th Easter Egg Hunt.

9. Historic Preservation

Ms. Lucy Powell stated the Committee is still working on the same projects.

10. Other Committee Reports

ALL PUBLIC COMMENTS WILL BE LIMITED TO AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

11. Old Business

A. Mayor Lariscy

Opening of sealed bids for the purchase of city property adjacent to Ken's IGA for parking lot, retaining city right to access city infrastructure

No bids have been received. City Attorney Smith advised it would need to be published again. Councilman Collins made a motion to re-advertise the request for bids, seconded by Councilman Lee. Motion carried.

B. Mayor Lariscy

Discussion and consideration for bid to dig out 575 ft of ditches along Martha Dr and 7th St, and Martha Drive and 4th St. Ext.

Councilman Johnson stated he worked with Mr. Frank Warner to determine areas in the city that needed the ditches dug out. Councilman Collins stated that after conversations with the engineer, that largest areas that deal with flooding are 4th Street Ext. and down Brogdon Road. He added he hoped the CDBG project would cover all of those areas. Councilman Collins continued by saying he didn't want to leave those areas out of the CDBG project. At this time, Councilman Goldwire recused himself due to a conflict and left the room. Council continued to discuss the ditches, and Councilman Collins expressed concern about not widening the pipes. He stated that digging out the ditches did need to happen, but the pipes needed to be able to support that water flow. Councilman Johnson agreed that the projects needed to be handled through CDBG. Councilman Johnson made a motion to table this discussion until Council can discuss with make a plan with the engineer. The motion was seconded by Councilman Lee, and the motion carried. Councilman Goldwire returned to the room.

C. Mayor Lariscy

Discussion regarding services provided by Countryside Lawn Care

Mayor Lariscy asked if Council had any comments on Countryside Lawn Care, as Council was supposed review monthly. Councilman Collins stated he felt the City should have stopped using them in the winter months, but that has passed. Mayor Lariscy advised ICM Grubbs to keep this on his radar. Councilman Goldwire stated they have

improved over time, but that Council should still review. Council then discussed posting a request for bids and opening bids at the April meeting.

D. Mayor Lariscy Discussion and consideration of bids received for repairs at Del-a-rae Subdivision

Councilman Goldwire recused himself from the discussion and left the room. Council discussed the differences in the quotes obtained for the repairs to Del-a-rae. Mayor Lariscy recommended moving forward with Southern Civil once funding is verified. Councilman Collins made a motion to move forward with Southern Civil, seconded by Councilman Johnson. Motion carried.

E. Mayor Lariscy Discussion and consideration of bid received from Engineer Wesley Parker to review tank Reports

Mayor Lariscy reminded Council that there was question about the cost of this review at the last meeting. Wesley Parker has said it would cost \$1,000-\$1,500.00. Mayor Lariscy recommended approving the review by Wesley Parker up to \$1,500.00. Councilman Johnson made a motion to move forward with the review by Wesley Parker up to \$1,500.00, seconded by Councilman Collins. Motion carried.

F. Mayor Lariscy Discussion and consideration of \$10.00 increase to base water rates

Mayor Lariscy stated that all base rates would be affected by this increase, not just residential. This would help with the cost of repairs/maintenance to the water tanks, and the expense of the locator and repairs to infrastructure due to the Planter's construction. Councilman Lee stated he doesn't agree with increasing rates. Councilman Goldwire asked if there were any alternatives, and Mayor Lariscy stated he wasn't aware of any. Councilman Collins stated he didn't want to increase rates either, but the Planter's construction was forced on the City and was a moving target. Councilman Collins added Planters should have made a payment already, but it has not been received. There was some discussion amongst Council regarding the budget. It was added that doing all of the repairs and maintenance items to the water tanks would cost approximately \$350,000.00. The pump at one of the well houses has to be pulled too due to a probe being stuck. These are expenses that were not budgeted. Councilman Goldwire asked how the \$10.00 fee was determined. Councilman Collins stated he worked with office staff to determine how many water bill payments are made each month. Councilman Goldwire stated that the people that owe us money should be made aware of the burden to our citizens. Councilman Collins stated we should have time to table until the next meeting. Councilman Goldwire made a motion to table, seconded by Councilman Lee. Motion carried.

G. Councilman Collins Discussion and approval of timber bid notice

Councilman Collins stated the bid packets are ready to be posted and he wanted to confirm that it was ok to move forward. City Attorney Smith advised adding a line to the post stating that packets are available for pick-up at City Hall. Councilman Goldwire made a motion to approve the request for bids, seconded by Councilman Johnson. Motion carried.

12. New Business

A. Mayor Lariscy

Presentation, discussion, and consideration of support for the Boys and Girls Club in Guyton

City Clerk Bruton spoke to Council regarding the Boys and Girls Club. She stated there is a need in the community for child care for after-school and the summer. The other participants in orchestrating the group could not attend, so she requested the support of Council to continue moving forward with planning the group. Council stated they would like more information and support the continued efforts to bring additional planning information to Council.

B. Mayor Lariscy

Discussion and consideration of quote to install two heating units in Fire Department bay area

DPS McDonald stated the current heaters are not ventless devices and they may not be able to be repaired due to age. He recommended moving forward with ventless devices to prevent the trucks and pumps from freezing, and he would like to use SPLOST funds. Councilman Lee stated the two heaters were just recently taken out of the gym. After some discussion, Councilman Goldwire made a motion to have the heaters that were removed from the gym inspected for use in the FD, and if they aren't able to be used, move forward with the bid. This motion was seconded by Councilman Johnson and the motion carried. Councilman Lee stated he would like to be present for that inspection.

C. ICM Grubbs

Discussion regarding removal of oak tree at 501 W. Central Blvd.

Councilman Goldwire recused himself from the discussion and left the room. ICM Grubbs stated he had spoken to Mrs. Snow regarding the tree and had met an arborist that confirmed the tree was dying. The tree is partially in the City right-of-way. After some discussion of the bids received, Councilman Collins made a motion to approve the bid from Wright's Tree Service for \$1,800.00 as long as she signs a waiver allowing the tree to be cut and pays half of the cost due to the location of the tree (\$900.00). Councilman Lee seconded the motion and the motion carried.

D. ICM Grubbs

Discussion and consideration to amend section 6.7.3 of the Guyton Personnel Policy

Councilman Goldwire asked if anyone had reviewed the policy from other cities. ICM Grubbs stated that he had not. Councilman Lee made a motion to table and review at the next meeting, seconded by Councilman Goldwire. Motion carried.

E. ICM Grubbs

Discussion and consideration to amend section 2.5.1 of the Guyton Personnel Policy

ICM Gubbs stated that previously he had reached out to three citizens that had to cancel due to scheduling conflicts. This change would give some flexibility to the hiring committee. Councilman Johnson made a motion to approve, seconded by Councilman Lee. Motion carried.

F. Mayor Lariscy

Discussion and consideration of nominee for Chamber Board of Directors

Mayor Lariscy requested Council review between now and the March Council Meeting for nominees.

G. Mayor Lariscy

Discussion of consideration of Resolution for support of US Bike Route 1

There was discussion regarding the proposed route. Councilman Collins felt the roads were too narrow to support bicyclists and motorists. Councilman Goldwire made a motion to support the Resolution, seconded by Councilman Johnson. For the vote, Councilman Collins opposed, with Councilman Lee, Councilman Johnson, and Councilman Goldwire voting in favor. Motion carried.

Reports from Committees

Legal City Attorney Smith
City Attorney Smith requested discussion in executive session.

Finance & Taxes Councilman Goldwire
Councilman Goldwire gave the financial report.

Streets & Lanes Councilman Johnson
Councilman Johnson stated that potholes were being filled in. Ms. Lucy Powell asked about a pothole near the cemetery. Councilman Johnson advised that it would be looked at.

Water & Sewage Councilman Collins
Councilman Collins stated everything is going well with water/sewer.

Recreation & City Property Councilman Lee
Councilman Lee stated the fence at the ballfield is being installed, and the bleachers are being worked on in the gym. He added that the City is waiting on quotes for the windows.

Public Safety Director of Public Safety Kenneth McDonald
DPS McDonald gave the public safety report.

14. *Dates to Remember*

- Tuesday, March 5, 9am-1pm - Senior's in the Know
- Wednesday, March 6, 4pm - Guyton Municipal Court
- Monday, March 11, 7pm - Leisure Service Meeting
- Tuesday, March 12, 7pm - City Council Meeting

Wednesday, April 3, 4pm - Guyton Municipal Court
Monday, April 8, 7pm - Leisure Service Meeting
Tuesday, April 9, 7pm - City Council Meeting
Friday, April 19 - City Hall Closed, Good Friday
Saturday, April 20, 8am-2pm - Sale on the Trail
Saturday, April 20, 2:30pm - Guyton Easter Egg Hunt

15. Adjournment from Regular Session into Executive Session

A motion to adjourn to executive session was made by Councilman Goldwire, seconded by Councilman Johnson. Motion carried.

16. Executive Session (as needed)

Executive session was held to discuss personnel and litigation.

17. Adjournment of Executive Session back into Regular Session

A motion was made by Councilman Goldwire to open the meeting to regular session, seconded by Councilman Johnson. Motion carried.

There was no further business.

18. Adjournment

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Councilman Johnson, seconded by Councilman Collins. Motion carried.



Jeff Lariscy, Mayor



Alison Bruton, City Clerk

