

City of Guyton, Georgia

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SPECIAL CALLED CITY COUNCIL MEETING - June 18, 2019

MINUTES

ITEM OF BUSINESS

ACTION REQUESTED OF COUNCIL

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| 1. Call to Order | Mayor Lariscy, 5:00pm |
| 2. Moment of Repose for Those Who Practice Some Other Faith | |
| 3. Invocation | |

Mr. Michael Gerwig led the Invocation.

4. Pledge of Allegiance

Councilman Johnson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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| 5. Approval of Agenda | Consideration to approve the Agenda |
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Councilman Johnson made a motion to approve the agenda, seconded by Councilman Lee. Motion carried.

ALL PUBLIC COMMENTS WILL BE LIMITED TO AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

- A.** Consideration and approval for Reappointment of Mr. Herb Jones to serve on CRC Council

Councilman Collins asked what the CRC does for the City. Mayor Lariscy stated that they offer services to the counties/municipalities. City Manager Hofman added that they assist with grants and other initiatives. Councilman Collins asked who pays them. City Manager Hofman stated if we are awarded a grant, they receive payment based on the grant. Councilman Collins made a motion to re-appoint Mr. Jones to the CRC Council, seconded by Councilman Johnson. Motion carried.

- B.** Open bids received for WWTP Operations followed by discussion and consideration

Three bids were received as follows:

1. EOM- Monthly, \$4,896.75
2. Tindall Enterprises- Monthly, \$2,960.00
3. J&T Environmental Services- Monthly, \$2,250.00

Mayor Lariscy reminded Council the RFP was for a 90-day interim period. Councilman Collins asked the EOM representative that was present where their closest WWTP that they operate is located. She responded that they monitor Effingham County's plant. He asked the same question to the J&T representative that was present, and he stated the closest WWTP is near the South Carolina Welcome Center. After further conversation between the representatives and Council, Councilman Johnson made a motion to award the bid to J&T Environmental, and Councilman Lee seconded the motion. Councilman Collins stated he would agree with the motion if J&T was able to begin tomorrow. After being told they could, the vote was called and the motion carried.

C. Discussion and consideration of hay baling services at the WWTP

City Manager Hofman stated he had spoken to Webb Farming in Springfield in regards to hay baling services. He stated they would charge \$700.00 to bale. Councilman Lee asked if they would be using our equipment. City Manager Hofman stated they would. After some discussion, Mayor Lariscy recommended moving forward with Webb Farming for a 90-day interim period, then do an RFP for a long term solution. Councilman Lee made a motion to that effect, seconded by Councilman Johnson. Motion carried.

D. Discussion and consideration of increased water and sewer rates

Mayor Lariscy took a moment to explain the different proposals. Councilman Collins asked if proposal #4 would be added to all bills or just sewer customers. City Manager Hofman stated it would be added to only sewer customers. Councilman Collins also clarified that the WWTP bond payments did not just start this past year, but the City has been making those payments since 2011. Councilman Johnson stated that the money was also used to pay off other debts as well as the plant. After some discussion, Councilman Collins made a motion to approve proposal #4, \$13.74 WWTP fee for sewer customers. After some discussion, Councilman Lee asked if City Manager Hofman could explain proposal #3. City Manager Hofman explained the increase to both water and sewer. After some discussion, Mayor Lariscy stated there was no second to Councilman Collins' motion. Councilman Johnson then made a motion to approve proposal #3. Councilman Collins stated that this proposal would be raising the water rates for citizens to pay for sewer that don't even have city sewer services. He added this is why he liked proposal #4 because it puts the fee on those using it. After further discussion, Councilman Johnson then made a motion to accept proposal #2, seconded by Councilman Collins. Motion carried. Council then agreed the new rates would take effect on the bills printed at the end of July.

E. Discussion and consideration of FY 2019-2020 budgets

Mayor Lariscy stated this is the second reading of the budget. Councilman Collins asked how much the FD budget had been increased. City Manager Hofman stated it was increased about \$140,000, about double what had been budgeted in previous years. Councilman Collins stated he has spoken to Interim Chief Huntley and he was told the department has had two fire calls in the past year; one was an electrical issue at the school, and the second they were assisting Effingham County on their call. He continued that he couldn't support increasing their budget 100% with that information. Councilman Lee then asked about the decrease to the PD budget. City Manager Hofman explained the PD budget to Council stating that the budget has been restructured, so it doesn't fit "apples to apples" with the previous budgets. There was discussion regarding \$77,000 that had been budgeted to repair a drainage issue near Crossgate Subdivision, but it has been determined that the City does not need to fund the repair, so Council stated \$80,000 needed to be moved from item 17 to item 16. Councilman Johnson made a motion to that effect, seconded by Councilman Collins and the motion carried. Mayor Lariscy stated he has reviewed the contract that Springfield has with the Effingham County Fire Department. He stated that all Springfield pays to the department is the \$95 fire fee, and the department is staffed 24/7. Councilman Collins stated the City could even charge them for equipment use and rent. Mayor Lariscy stated that Council could vote to double the expense on the citizens, or consider the merge with the County for more coverage. Councilman Lee stated that Council had already voted to keep the department. Mayor Lariscy discussed the budget implications. After lengthy discussion regarding the budget increases and equipment needed by the department, Councilman Collins made a motion for City Manager Hofman to work with Interim Chief Huntley to reduce the budget back to the \$155,080 with no fire fee increase, and the motion was seconded by Councilman Johnson. Motion carried.

F. Discussion regarding possible amendments to the City of Guyton Massage Ordinance

Mayor Lariscy stated the City Attorney Smith advised Council to table due to the State having just passed reforms pertaining to Massage Parlors. There was some discussion regarding the \$1,500 annual fee stated in our current Ordinance. Councilman Johnson made a motion to table this discussion, seconded by Councilman Lee. Motion carried.

G. Consideration to approve DCA SDS form submission for 2011 and Resolution addressing the same

Mayor Lariscy explained the Resolution and stated that it would ensure the consent order is followed. Councilman Collins expressed his issues with the Resolution, and Mayor Lariscy stated it was what the consultant had sent back to him. He then stepped out to make a phone call. Council continued to discuss the Resolution while Mayor Lariscy was out of the room. Mayor Lariscy came back into the room and stated he had misunderstood the email from the SDS consultant. Councilman Collins stated the

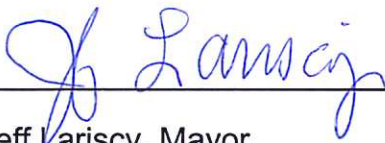
attorney that Council agreed to hire for the SDS process should review the Resolution. Mayor Lariscy then asked for a motion to table until the attorney could review, then he would do a phone poll for Council approval. Councilman Lee made a motion to that effect, seconded by Councilman Johnson. When the vote was called, Councilman Lee, Councilman Johnson, and Mayor Lariscy voted in favor of the motion. Councilman Collins voted opposed stating that Council would need to review the Resolution and then decide if they support it or not. Motion carried.

6. Adjournment from Regular Session into Executive Session


No Executive Session was needed.

7. Adjournment

Councilman Johnson made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Councilman Collins. Motion carried.



Jeff Lariscy, Mayor



Alison Bruton, City Clerk

