

City of Guyton, Georgia

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SPECIAL CALLED CITY COUNCIL MEETING - October 28, 2019

MINUTES

ITEM OF BUSINESS

ACTION REQUESTED OF COUNCIL

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| 1. <i>Call to Order</i> | Mayor Lariscy, 7:00 PM |
| 2. <i>Moment of Repose for Those Who Practice Some Other Faith</i> | |
| 3. <i>Invocation</i> | |
| 4. <i>Pledge of Allegiance</i> | |
| 5. <i>Approval of Agenda</i> | Consideration to approve the Agenda |

A motion to approve the agenda was made by Councilman Collins, and seconded by Councilman Goldwire. Motion carried.

ALL PUBLIC COMMENTS WILL BE LIMITED TO AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

A. Discussion and consideration of the updated Comprehensive Plan

Mayor Lariscy stated that the plan was developed with assistance from the CRC, DCA, and citizen participation, and that approval is needed to be made by October 31, 2019. Councilman Collins questioned paragraph three of the resolution regarding the agreement being prepared according to the Standards and Procedures for Local Comprehensive Planning established by the Georgia Planning Act of 1989. He stated he was not familiar with these standards and wanted to ensure that this was correct. Mayor Lariscy stated that the Coastal Regional Commission handled the oversight of the plan compilation so he was sure they would abide by these regulations. There was a discussion regarding the attendance of the planning meetings. Mayor Lariscy recommended approving the Comprehensive Plan contingent on the verification that the plan follows the standards listed on the resolution. Councilman Goldwire asked for clarification on what the question is. Mayor Lariscy explained he recommendation, and

Councilman Collins stated that the resolution says the City agrees that these standards were followed, and he just wants to make sure that the City actually made sure those standards were followed. Councilman Goldwire stated that the time to question this would have been during the process. After some further discussion, Mayor Lariscy stated he would reach out to the CRC to ensure the correct policies were followed. Councilman Collins made a motion to approve the resolution contingent on the Mayor confirming that the comprehensive plan was prepared according to the Standards and Procedures for Local Comprehensive Planning established by the Georgia Planning Act of 1989. Councilman Goldwire seconded the motion, and then asked what the next step would be if it could not be verified that the standards were followed. Mayor Lariscy stated that he would have to follow up with Council to possibly amend the resolution. Mayor Lariscy called for a vote and the motion carried. Mayor Lariscy stated he will advise Council tomorrow regarding the response from the CRC. Councilman Collins then asked about the letter that is included with the comprehensive plan that states that consideration was given to both the Regional Water Plan and the Georgia Department of Natural Resource Rules for Environmental Planning Criteria. He stated he was concerned because this letter states something different than the resolution presented to Council. Mayor Lariscy stated he will follow up with this question as well, adding that the CRC has been charged with keeping us in compliance.

B. Discussion and consideration of contract with J&T Environmental for water/wastewater operations

Mayor Lariscy stated that J&T has been handling our water/sewer operations up to this point. This agreement formalizes the current agreement into a contract. City Attorney Smith has reviewed the agreement and made necessary changes. Councilman Lee asked if J&T is going to be handling the work, or are they going to be bidding the work out to someone else. Mayor Lariscy directed him to section 5 of the agreement, which states that the agreement can't be assigned without the prior written consent of both parties, which he believes would mean the City would have to agree to any subcontracting of work. Councilman Johnson made a motion to approve the agreement, seconded by Councilman Goldwire. Motion carried.

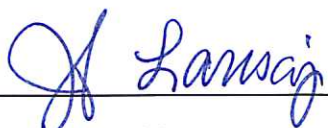
C. Discussion of options for the discharge of effluent at the WWTP

Councilman Collins stated that Wesley Parker informed him of a conversation he had with Ms. Dickson from the EPD. She had asked Wesley about the possibility of Springfield and Guyton working together to do a direct discharge into the Ogeechee River vs building new sprayfields, and wanted that information conveyed to the City Council. Mayor Lariscy asked if Wesley had already spoken to Springfield, and Councilman Collins stated that he had spoken to Springfield, and they are permitted for

1.2 MGD, but are currently pumping 600,000, so as far as their treatment plant was concerned, they could treat it. Evidently, she indicated to Wesley, the EPD may have some issues with them discharging into the Ebenezer Creek, so she felt that Springfield and Guyton working together to discharge to the Ogeechee would be better. Mayor Lariscy stated he would like Council's approval to move forward with discussions with Springfield. He added that if the EPD is suggesting these conversations, then these conversations should happen. Councilman Collins stated that both City Manager's should meet to discuss this information. Councilman Johnson agreed with the meeting between the City Manager's and also stated that the EPD should send us a letter with this information. Mayor Lariscy stated that he doesn't believe the City would receive that information in a letter form, but Wesley is involved with Springfield's plant, so he will have the information we need. Councilman Collins expressed that the City needed to move forward quickly. Councilman Lee asked where the City stands on the new spray fields. Mayor Lariscy stated that the soil tests have been done, and Wesley Parker was putting together a report when the EPD suggested going this route. He expressed concern with moving forward with building new sprayfields if the EPD, knowing that the City was working on this, would suggest going a different route. Mayor Lariscy said the City could submit the letter, and then the EPD could deny the request. Councilman Lee asked if that would be up to the Council to decide, and Mayor Lariscy stated that it would be up to the EPD. Councilman Johnson stated that he would like to be included in those meetings, especially if the EPD is going to be there. Councilman Johnson stated that Rincon has been discharging on their golf course, and stated there are probably other options that the City could move forward with. Councilman Collins stated that our current water is not treated to that level. A discussion then took place regarding what would be required to treat the water to that level. Councilman Collins stated that hopefully the lawsuit with Hofstadter would move forward soon. Mayor Lariscy informed him that the City Attorney stated the suit will move forward in December. Councilman Collins expressed his disapproval of the time this has taken, and suggested hiring a new attorney to move forward.

6. Adjournment

Councilman Goldwire made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Councilman Johnson. Motion carried and the meeting was adjourned.



Jeff Lariscy, Mayor



Alison Bruton, City Clerk

