



City of Guyton
City Council Hearing and Meeting
January 10, 2023 – 7:00 p.m.

MINUTES OF MEETING

Call to Order – The City of Guyton Council held a Council Meeting on January 10, 2023, at the City of Guyton Gymnasium, 505 Magnolia Street in Guyton. This meeting was called to order by Mayor Russ Deen at approximately 7:00 p.m. Mayor Russ Deen, Mayor Pro Tem Michael Johnson, Councilmember Joseph Lee, Councilmember Hursula Pelote, and Councilmember Marshall Reiser were present at this meeting.

Other Administrative Staff Present – City Attorney Brian Griffin, City Accountant Matthew Caines, City Manager Meketa Brown, and City Clerk Matthew Walker were present.

Guest Present - The guests sign-in sheets are filed in the office of the City Clerk.

Invocation – Johnson gave the invocation.

Pledge of Allegiance – The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Johnson.

Consideration to Approve the Agenda adding amendments – Item F- consideration to switch Poplar St Extension at 4th Street from 2022 LMIG to 2023 LMIG and move the 2022 LMIG funds to the Guyton Street Improvements Project. Item G – consideration to appoint Matthew Walker as Qualifying Officer for 2023 Municipal Elections. Item H – Consideration to approve 2023 Qualifying Dates and Fees. Item I – Consideration to approve 2023 Election Qualifying Fees advertisement; Under General Government – Item A – Camellia Project Update. Item B – GDOT TAP Grant – Reiser made a motion to approve the amended agenda. Pelote seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Consideration to Approve Minutes of Meeting for the December 13, 2022, Council Meeting – Johnson made a motion to approve minutes of meeting from December 13, 2022. Lee seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Reports from Staff or Committees

Police Department	Joseph Coppola
Fire Department	Clint Hodges
City Clerk	Matthew Walker
Public Works/Water/Sewer	EOM
Historical Commission	Lucy Powell – No Report
Leisure Services	Lula Seabrooks
Library Board	Jim Odum – No Report
Chamber of Commerce	Hursula Pelote
Audit	Matthew Caines

Old Business

Consideration to ratify the City Council’s Cost of Living Adjustment payroll decision from its regular December 13, 2022 meeting - Johnson made a motion to ratify the Council’s 12/13 vote to implement a 5% COLA effective 1/4/23. **Pelote** seconded. **Motion passed unanimously.**

New Business

First reading of Ordinance 2023-01 authorizing the Board of Elections and Registration of Effingham County to conduct the City of Guyton’s Municipal Elections to occur during the 2023 elections cycle

Consideration to approve Resolution 2023-01 authorizing the signature of the Intergovernmental Agreement to conduct Municipal Elections - Pelote made a motion to approve Resolution 2023-01. **Lee** seconded. **Motion passed unanimously.**

Consideration to approve Resolution 2023-02 awarding the 2022 Guyton Street Improvements contract award to McLendon Enterprises, Inc. in the amount of \$378,825.39. - Johnson made a motion to approve Resolution 2023-02 awarding the 2022 Guyton Street Improvements contract award to McLendon Enterprises, Inc., in the amount of \$378,825.39. **Reiser** seconded. **Motion passed unanimously.**

Consideration to approve Resolution 2023-03 to impose a temporary moratorium on the acceptance of applications related to manufactured homes and mobile homes within the municipal boundaries of the City of Guyton, GA - Pelote made a motion to approve Resolution 2023-03 to impose a temporary moratorium on the acceptance of applications related to manufactured homes and mobile homes within the municipal boundaries of the City of Guyton, GA. **Reiser** seconded. **Deen, Johnson, Pelote, and Reiser** voted aye. **Johnson and Lee** voted nay. **Motion passed 3 to 2.**

Consideration to approve Seniors in the Know Event - Johnson made a motion to approve Seniors in the Know Event. **Reiser** seconded. **Motion passed unanimously.**

Consideration to switch Poplar St. Extension at 4th Street from 2022 LMIG to 2023 LMIG and move the 2022 LMIG funds to the Guyton Street Improvements Project - Johnson made a motion to switch Poplar St. Extension at 4th Street from 2022 LMIG to 2023 LMIG and move the 2022 LMIG funds to the Guyton Street Improvements Project. **Reiser** seconded. **Motion passed unanimously.**

Consideration to appoint Matthew Walker as Qualifying Officer for 2023 Municipal Elections - Reiser made a motion to appoint Matthew Walker as Qualifying Officer for 2023 Municipal Elections. **Pelote** seconded. **Motion passed unanimously.**

Consideration to approve 2023 Qualifying Dates and Fees - Pelote made a motion to approve 2023 Qualifying Dates and Fees. **Johnson** seconded. **Motion passed unanimously.**

Consideration to approve 2023 Election Qualifying Fees advertisement - Lee made a motion to approve 2023 Election Qualifying Fees advertisement. **Johnson** seconded. **Motion passed unanimously.**

General Government

Camellia Project Update – Council Member Reiser

Dates to Remember

Monday, January 16, 2023 – City Hall Closed for Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

Monday, January 16, 2023 at 7:30am – Homer L. Wallace Unity Breakfast, Effingham County Recreation Department, Hwy 119, Springfield, GA 31329

Monday, January 16, 2023 at 10:00am – Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Parade, Laurel Street, Springfield, GA 31329

Tuesday, January 24, 2023 at 7:00pm – Planning and Zoning Public Hearing and Meeting, Guyton Gymnasium, 505 Magnolia Street, Guyton, GA 31312

Tuesday, February 14, 2023 at 7:00pm – Guyton City Council Meeting, Guyton Gymnasium, 505 Magnolia Street, Guyton, GA 31312


Consideration to move from the Regular Meeting into an Executive Session referencing Property - Johnson made a motion at 7:58 pm to move from the Regular Meeting into an Executive Session referencing Property. Reiser seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Consideration to take any action needed arising from Executive Session – No action taken


Public Comments (will be limited to Agenda Items only) – No public were present at this time

Consideration to adjourn- Pelote made a motion to adjourn. Reiser seconded. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at approximately 8:38 p.m.

City of Guyton


Russ Deen, Mayor

Attest:


Matthew D. Walker, City Clerk

