



City of Guyton  
City Council Hearing and Meeting  
March 14, 2023 – 7:00 p.m.

MINUTES OF MEETING

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**Call to Order** – The City of Guyton Council held a Council Meeting on March 14, 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 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.

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**Invocation** – The invocation was led by **Lon Harden**.

**Pledge of Allegiance** – The Pledge of Allegiance was led by **Deen**.

**Consideration to Approve the Agenda** – **Johnson** made a motion to approve the agenda. **Reiser** seconded the motion. **Motion passed unanimously.**

**Consideration to Approve Minutes of Meeting for the February 14, 2023, City Council Meeting and for the February 28, 2023 Special Called City Council Meeting** – **Reiser** made a motion to approve minutes of meeting from February 14, 2023 and February 28, 2023. **Pelote** seconded. **Motion passed unanimously.**

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**Reports from Staff or Committees**

Police Department	James Breletic
Fire Department	Clint Hodges
City Clerk	Matthew Walker
Public Works/Water/Sewer	EOM
Planning and Zoning	Lon Harden
Industrial Development	Lon Harden
Historical Commission	Lucy Powell
Leisure Services	Lula Seabrooks
Hospital Authority	Tamela Mydell
Library Board	Jim Odum
Chamber of Commerce	Hursula Pelote

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**Public Comments (will be limited to Agenda Items only)** – **Theodore Hamby** spoke regarding **718 Central Blvd. purchase**

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**Old Business**

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**Second reading and consideration of Ordinance 2023-02 for the Defined Benefit Retirement Plan - Johnson** made a motion to approve Ordinance 2023-02 for the Defined Benefit Retirement Plan. **Reiser** seconded. **Motion passed unanimously.**

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#### **New Business**

**Consideration to ratify the LOI for the potential purchase of 718 Central Blvd. Guyton, GA, (PIN G0050001) that was approved in executive session and to authorize the Mayor to execute the Amendment to LOI - Johnson** made a motion to ratify the LOI for the potential purchase of 718 Central Blvd. Guyton, GA, (PIN G0050001) that was approved in executive session and to authorize the Mayor the execute the Amendment to LOI. **Lee** seconded. **Motion passed unanimously.**

**Consideration to ratify appraisal and ESA Phase 1 expenditures related to the potential purchase of 718 Central Blvd. Guyton, GA, (PIN G0050001) approved in executive session from SPLOST funds in the amount of \$3100 - Reiser** made a motion to ratify appraisal and ESA Phase 1 expenditures related to the potential purchase of 718 Central Blvd. approved in executive session from SPLOST funds in the amount of \$3100. **Pelote** seconded. **Motion passed unanimously.**

**Consideration to instruct the City Attorney and City Manager to proceed with acquisition of 718 Central Blvd. Guyton, GA, G0050001 for recreational purposes at a cost of \$750,000, including filing the necessary papers to condemn the property and obtaining title insurance to be paid from SPLOST and the proceeds of the two city Certificates of Deposit - Johnson** made a motion to approve instructing the City Attorney and City Manager to proceed with acquisition of 718 Central Blvd. Guyton, GA, G0050001 for recreational purposes at a cost of \$750,000, including filing the necessary papers to condemn the property and obtaining title insurance to be paid from SPLOST and the proceeds of the two city Certificates of Deposit. **Pelote** seconded. **Motion passed unanimously.**

**Consideration to authorize the City Manager to issue an RFQ for firms to develop Recreation Park Master Plan - Reiser** made a motion to authorize the City Manager to issue an RFQ for firms to develop Recreation Park Master Plan. **Pelote** seconded. **Motion passed unanimously.**

**Consideration to approve Pilgrim Walking Trail Agreement - Johnson** made a motion to approve Pilgrim Walking Trail Agreement. **Pelote** seconded. **Motion passed unanimously.**

**Consideration to approve Effingham County GIS Data License Agreement - Pelote** made a motion to approve Effingham County GIS Data License Agreement. **Reiser** seconded. **Motion passed unanimously.**

**Consideration to approve amendment to Agricenter IGA - Reiser** made a motion to approve amendment to Agricenter IGA. **Pelote** seconded. **Motion passed unanimously.**

**Consideration to approve expenditure of \$3,760 for Guyton Gym AC repair - Johnson** made a motion to approve expenditure of \$3,760 for Guyton Gym AC repair. **Pelote** seconded. **Motion passed unanimously.**

**Consideration to approve expenditure of funds to outfit the SRO Police SUV - Reiser** made a motion to accept Chief's recommendation and we pursue the quote listed as Quote A from McGlaggan Communications for the price of \$12,205. **Lee** seconded. **Motion passed unanimously.**

**Consideration to approve expenditure of funds for Georgia Trend Magazine Effingham Focus Ad participation - Reiser** made a motion to approve expenditure of \$1,649 for the Georgia Trend Magazine Effingham Focus Ad participation. **Johnson** seconded. **Motion passed unanimously.**

**Consideration to approve Walking Trail Improvement Proposal - Reiser** made a motion to table the discussion on Walking Trail Improvement Proposal until next month. **Pelote** seconded. **Motion passed unanimously.**

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#### General Government

**Modular and Manufactured Homes Survey – Mayor Deen reminded residents about survey**  
**Downtown Development Authority – Mayor Deen asked for more volunteers to serve**  
**Trash Amnesty Day -Mayor Deen discussed the two Trash Amnesty Days for Guyton**  
**YMCA of Coastal GA – Mayor Deen and City Manager Brown discussed YMCA Workshop**

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#### Dates to Remember

**Tuesday, April 4, 2023 at 7:00pm – Guyton YMCA of Coastal GA Workshop, Guyton Gymnasium, 505 Magnolia Street, Guyton, GA 31312**

**Tuesday, April 11, 2023 at 7:00pm – City Council Meeting, Guyton Gymnasium, 505 Magnolia Street, Guyton, GA 31312**

**Saturday, April 22, 2023 from 8:00am to 2:00pm – Earth Day Festival and Guyton Sale Along the Trail, Guyton Walking Trail, 310 Central Blvd., Guyton, GA 31312**

**Wednesday, April 26, 2023 from 1:00pm to 6:00pm – American Red Cross Blood Drive, Guyton Gymnasium, 505 Magnolia Street, Guyton, GA 31312**

**Friday, April 28, 2023 from 12:00pm to 6:00pm and Saturday, April 29, 2023 from 9:00am to 1:00pm – Trash Amnesty Days, Guyton Gymnasium, 505 Magnolia Street, Guyton, GA 31312**

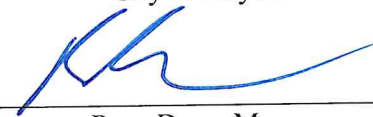
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**Public Comments (will be limited to Agenda Items only) – No public comments at this time**

**Consideration to adjourn- Pelote** made a motion to adjourn. **Johnson** seconded. **Motion passed unanimously.** Meeting adjourned at approximately 7:46 pm.


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City of Guyton



Russ Deen, Mayor

Attest:

  
Matthew D. Walker, City Clerk

