



City of Guyton
City Council Meeting
April 13, 2021 – 7:00 p.m.

MINUTES OF MEETING

Call to Order - The April 13, 2021 City of Guyton City Council Meeting was called to order by Mayor Russ Deen at approximately 7:00 p.m. Mayor Russ Deen, Mayor Pro Tem Michael Johnson, Sr., Council Member Joseph Lee, Council Member Hursula Pelote, and Council Member T. Marshall Reiser were present at this meeting. This meeting was held at the C.D. Dean, Jr., Public Safety Complex, Guyton Gymnasium located at 505 Magnolia Street in Guyton, GA. **Other Staff Present** – Interim City Manager Mike Eskew, Assistant City Attorney David “Bobo” Mullens and Acting City Clerk Jenna Tidwell were present. **Guest Present** - The guests sign-in sheets are filed in the office of the City Clerk.

Invocation – Lon Harden gave the invocation.

Pledge of Allegiance - Mayor Deen led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Consideration to Approve or Amend the Agenda - Mayor Deen asked that the Agenda be amended to add item “n” under New Business: Consideration to decommission surplus of City of Guyton Inventory. Reiser made a motion to approve. Pelote seconded the motion. **Motion passed unanimously.** Mayor Deen made a motion to approve the amended Agenda. Reiser seconded the motion. **Motion passed unanimously.**

Reports were given by the following staff or committees:

- Police Department – Chief James Breletic
 - Fire Department – Clint Hodges
 - Public Works – EOM
 - Historic Commission – Pearl Boynes – No report at this time
 - Planning and Zoning – Chair Lon Hardin
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Public Comments (Limited to Agenda Items Only) – Mr. David Sharp, presented on behalf of Habitat for Humanity. Requested council to grant free water and sewer taps for their projects in Guyton. Francis Ross spoke as a Guyton citizen and potential Habitat homeowner. Mayor Deen responded that legally the city cannot give water and sewer taps to charities. City Attorney David Mullins confirmed

NEW BUSINESS

Consideration to Appoint Interim City Clerk - Pelote made a motion to table this item. Lee seconded the motion. **Motion passed unanimously.**

Consideration to Approve for new signatories for bank services - Lee made a motion to approve new signatories for Bank Services. Pelote seconded the motion. **Motion passed unanimously.**

Consideration to engage Linda Rinear for Clerking Support Services - Reiser made a motion to engage Linda Rinear for clerking support services. Lee seconded the motion. **Motion passed unanimously.**

Consideration to accept road deed for Holly Cove Subdivision – Crystal Clark – This item was discussed, and no action was taken at this time.

Consideration to Adopt Ordinance Number 2021-01 – Fence Ordinance - Reiser made a motion to approve Ordinance Number 2021-01. Johnson seconded the motion. **Motion passed unanimously.**

Consideration to Adopt Ordinance Number 2021-02 – An Ordinance to Amend the Zoning Ordinance Of The City Of Guyton, Georgia, As Amended; To Increase The Minimum Lot Area For The R-1 Zoning District From 10,000 Square Feet To 21,780 Square Feet; To Repeal All Ordinances In Conflict Herewith; To Provide For Severability; And To Provide An Effective Date – Johnson made a motion to approve Ordinance Number 2021-02. Reiser seconded the motion. **Motion passed unanimously.**

Consideration to Adopt Ordinance Number 2021-03 – An Ordinance to Amend the Subdivision Regulations of The City of Guyton, Georgia As Amended to Provide for Increased Bonding Periods; To Provide for Severability; To Repeal All Ordinances in Conflict Herewith; And to Provide an Effective Date - Johnson made a motion to approve Ordinance Number 2021-03. Lee seconded the Motion. **Motion passed unanimously.**

Consideration to Nominate Candidates for The Effingham County Hospital Authority – Johnson made a motion to nominate Amanda Deen and Peggy Nelson, Tamela Mydell as candidates for the Effingham County Hospital Authority. Lee seconded the motion. **Motion passed unanimously.**

Consideration to Nominate Alternate Planning and Zoning Committee Member – No action.

Consideration to Pause Banking Services Transition Until Later Date – Reiser made a motion to not proceed with banking services transition until later date. Johnson seconded the motion. **Motion passed unanimously.**

Consideration to Approve Resolution (R2021-02) Appointing the Prosecuting Attorney for The Municipal Court of Guyton - Johnson made a motion to approve a resolution appointing the prosecuting attorney (Samuel J. Derocco IV) for the municipal court of Guyton. Lee seconded the motion. **Motion passed unanimously.**

Consideration to Approve Metal Work for Highland Park Restoration Project -Reiser made a motion to approve Lancaster Metals quote for metal work for Highland Park Restoration Project. Johnson seconded the motion. **Motion passed unanimously.**

Consideration to Approve GDOT Request for Traffic Signal – This item was discussed with no action being taken at this time.

Consideration to Decommission Surplus of City of Guyton Inventory - Pelote made a motion to approve decommission surplus of City of Guyton Inventory. Johnson seconded the motion. **Motion passed unanimously.**

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

- Dilmus Jackson CDBG Project – discussed by Council Member Pelote
 - GEMA Generator Grant – discussed by Interim City Manager Mike Eskew
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DATES TO REMEMBER:

04/21/21 from 8:00 a.m.to 5:00 p.m.- Guyton City Council Retreat to be held at the New Ebenezer Retreat Center, 2887 Ebenezer Rd, Rincon, GA 31326

04/27/21 at 7:00 p.m. – Planning and Zoning Committee, to be held at the City of Guyton Gymnasium, 505 Magnolia Street in Guyton

04/28/21 from 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. – American Red Cross Blood Drive, to be held at the City of Guyton Gymnasium, 505 Magnolia Street in Guyton

05/04/21 at 7:00 p.m. - City Council Workshop – to be held at the City of Guyton Gymnasium, 505 Magnolia Street in Guyton

Consideration to Move from The Regular Meeting into An Executive Session Reference Litigation and Personnel - Lee made a motion to move from the regular meeting into an Executive Session referencing litigation and personnel. Johnson seconded the motion, **Motion passed unanimously.**

Consideration to Take Any Action Needed Arising from Executive Session – No actions were taken arising from Executive Session.

Public Comments (Limited to Agenda Items Only) – No public comments were made at this time.

(Return to Item Tabled Earlier in Meeting)

Consideration to Appoint Interim City Clerk – Johnson made a motion to appoint Jenna Tidwell as the Interim City Clerk at the same pay scale as the previous City Clerk’s exit time. Reiser seconded the motion. **Motion passed unanimously.**

Adjournment - Johnson made a motion at approximately 8:25 p.m. to adjourn this meeting. Pelote seconded the motion. **Motion passed unanimously.**



Russ Deen, Mayor



Jenna Tidwell, Interim City Clerk

