



City of Guyton
City Council Meeting
May 11, 2021 – 7:00 p.m.

MINUTES OF MEETING

Call to Order – The City of Guyton Council held a Council Meeting on May 11, 2021 at the City of Guyton Gymnasium, 505 Magnolia Street in Guyton. This meeting was called to order by Mayor Russ Deen at approximately 7:05p.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. **Other Administrative Staff Present** – Interim City Manager Mike Eskew, City Attorney Brian Griffin and Interim City Clerk Jenna Tidwell were present. **Guest Present** - The guests sign-in sheets are filed in the office of the City Clerk.

Invocation – Pelote gave the invocation.

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

Consideration to approve or amend the Agenda – Mayor Deen made a motion to amend the agenda by adding item “m” under New Business (to approve expense GIRMA Liability Insurance) and adding item “n” under New Business (to approve the City Clerk position to be open to applicants) Pelote made a motion to approve the amended agenda as presented. Johnson seconded the motion. **Motion passed unanimously.**

Consideration to approve Minutes of Meetings - Reiser made a motion to approve the minutes from the March 2, 2021 Special Called Council Meeting, March 9, 2021 Regular Council Meeting, March 23, 2021 Special Called Meeting, April 13, 2021 Regular Council Meeting. Johnson seconded the motion. **Motion passed unanimously.**

Reports were given by the following Staff or Committees:

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| • Hospital Authority | Dr. Witt and Mrs. Yarbrough |
| • Police Department | Chief James Breletic |
| • Fire Department | Chief Clint Hodges |
| • Public Works | EOM |
| • Historical Commission | Pearl Boynes |
| • Planning and Zoning | Lon Harden |
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Public Comments (Limited to Agenda Items only)

NEW BUSINESS

First Reading of the FY2021/2022 Budget – Mayor Deen read the first reading of the FY2021/2022 Budget Ordinance # 2021-04.

Consideration to Approve EOM Contract -Mayor Deen made a motion to approve the agreement for operations, maintenance and consulting services with EOM. Reiser seconded the motion. Pelote was in agreement, Lee and Johnson oppose. **Motion passed.**

Consideration regarding Dilmus Jackson CDBG Grant – Pelote made a motion to discontinue the current CDBG project for the possibility of not being approved due to many properties that had vacancies. Reiser seconded the motion. **Motion passed unanimously.**

Consideration to approve Utility Bill Repayment Plan - Johnson made a motion to approve the Utility Bill Repayment Plan. Pelote seconded the motion. **Motion passed unanimously.**

Consideration to approve a postcard billing system for water/sewer/trash services –Failed due to lack of motion.

Consideration to approve purchase of a Pressure Sealer, if required - Pelote made a motion to approve the purchase of the FP SFS3000C pressure sealer/paper folder for our current billing system. Reiser seconded the motion. **Motion passed unanimously.**

Consideration regarding vote for GMA District 12 Officers – Reiser motioned to vote for the listed President, (Jonathan McCollar, Mayor, Statesboro Rey) 1st Vice President, (Allen Brown, Mayor, Hinesville) 2nd Vice President, (Beth Goette, mayor, Thunderbolt) and to nominate Mayor Deen for 3rd Vice President. Pelote seconded the motion. **Motion passed unanimously.**

Consideration to approve GDOT Traffic Signal Application to conduct a Traffic Study for a new Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacon on Hwy 119 - Pelote made a motion to approve GDOT Traffic Signal Application to conduct a Traffic Study for a new rectangular rapid flashing beacon on Hwy 119. Reiser seconded the motion. **Motion passed unanimously.**

Consideration to amend Effingham Fire Lease Agreement to include the use of two bays – Reiser made a motion to amend the Effingham Fire Lease Agreement to include the use of two bays. Pelote seconded the motion. **Motion passed unanimously.**

Consideration to approve Neighborhood Watch Plan - Reiser made a motion to approve the Neighborhood Watch Plan. Johnson seconded the motion. **Motion passed unanimously.**

Consideration to approve Blighted Properties Proposal - Reiser made a motion to approve the Blighted Properties Proposal. Pelote seconded the motion. **Motion passed unanimously.**

Consideration to approve a return to outdoor city events and the expenditure for the Kona Ice truck for the June Historical Commission Outdoor Social – Johnson made a motion to approve a return to outdoor city events and to approve the expenditure for the Kona Ice truck in June for the Historical Commission Outdoor Social. Lee seconded the motion. **Motion passed unanimously.**

Consideration to approve GIRMA Liability Insurance Expense – Johnson made a motion to approve GIRMA Liability Insurance expense. Pelote seconded the motion. **Motion passed unanimously.**

Consideration to open the City Clerk position be open to applicants – Pelote made a motion to open applications for the City Clerk of Guyton. Lee seconded the motion. Reiser was in agreement. Mayor Deen oppose. **Motion passed.**

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

The following items were discussed:

- a. Generator Grant
- b. Employee Handbook and Pay Plan

Dates to Remember				
Tuesday	May 24, 2021	7:00 p.m.	Planning and Zoning Committee Meeting	* Guyton Gymnasium*
Tuesday	June 1, 2021	6:30 p.m.	City Council Budget Public Hearing	* Guyton Gymnasium*
Tuesday	June 1, 2021	7:00 p.m.	City Council Workshop	* Guyton Gymnasium*
Tuesday	June 8, 2021	7:00 p.m.	City Council Meeting, (including Budget Adoption)	* Guyton Gymnasium*
Tuesday	June 22, 2021	7:00 p.m.	Planning and Zoning Committee Meeting	* Guyton Gymnasium*

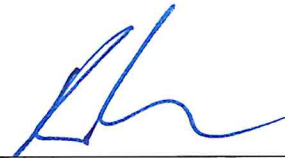
* The Gymnasium is in the C. D. Dean, Jr. Public Safety Complex at 505 Magnolia Street, Guyton, GA 31312*

Consideration to move from the Regular Meeting into an Executive Session referencing Litigation, Personnel, and Property Acquisition - Reiser made a motion at approximately 8:51p.m. to move from this meeting into an Executive Session reference litigation, personnel, and property acquisition. Johnson seconded the motion, **Motion passed unanimously.**

Consideration to take any action needed arising from Executive Session - No action was taken.

Public Comments (Limited to Agenda Items only) – No public comments were made.

Adjournment - Pelote made a motion at approximately 9:32p.m. to adjourn this meeting. Reiser seconded the motion. **Motion passed unanimously.**



Russ Deen, Mayor



Jenna Tidwell, Interim City Clerk

