



City of Guyton
Special Called City Council Meeting
Via Teleconference
June 4, 2020 – 6:00 p.m.

MINUTES OF MEETING

Call to Order

The June 4, 2020 City of Guyton Special Called City Council Meeting was called to order by Mayor Russ Deen at approximately 6:00 p.m. Mayor Russ Deen, Mayor Pro Tem Michael Johnson, Sr., Council Member Hursula Pelote and Council Member T. Marshall Reiser were present at this meeting via teleconference.

Other Staff Present - Interim City Manager Brett Bennett, Interim Assistant City Attorney David "Bobo" Mullens and City Clerk Tina Chadwick were present via teleconference.

Consideration to move from the Regular Meeting into an Executive Session discussion or deliberation regarding hiring

Reiser made a motion to adjourn the Regular Meeting into an Executive Session discussion or deliberation regarding hiring at approximately 6:05 p.m. Pelote seconded the motion. **Motion passed unanimously.**

Consideration to Approve a Contract with William W. Sawyer for the position of City Manager

Andy Harville asked if we had changed the Contract from what was presented earlier. Bennett stated that there were some minor tweaks from the Attorney side. Harville would like to know what the changes were. Bobo proceeded to explain that the changes were all clean up on language. Bobo then presented the changes that were made to the Contract. Harville asked if Sawyer's contract was in line with the City's Personnel Policy. Bennett stated that generally City Manager's have Contracts because there are certain aspects on the Contract that deviate from the Personnel Policy and that is the purpose of being a Contract employee. Harville then asked if Sawyer automatically gets his vacation and sick days where a regular employee would not because of the probationary period. Bennett stated correct. Harville then asked what automobile Sawyer will be given. Bennett stated that it is a Buick. Johnson then stated that it is a 1985 or 1989 Buick Century. Harville then said that the car is thirty years old. Bennett stated it is an older vehicle that the City has had for some time. Harville wants to clarify that making the Motions before public comments, wouldn't it make more sense that we have public comment before the Council decide on what the Motion would be. Mayor Deen stated that this is not on the Agenda tonight and if Harville would like to discuss protocol we can address that in another Council Meeting. Harville stated that he had emailed the Mayor regarding the Contract two days ago and he hadn't gotten an answer back until he had said something earlier. Bennett stated that the Mayor did not have the Contract as it was being negotiated. Generally, the discussion takes place after a motion and a second, Robert's Rules. Harville asked if Sawyer's salary comes out

on the income side, Bennett stated it comes out of expense. It would be the City Manager's Line Item. Harville asked if the City had a new budget yet and Bennett stated it is still 2020.

Johnson made a motion to Approve a Contract with William W. Sawyer for the position of City Manager as presented in Executive Session. Lee seconded the motion. **Roll Call Vote: Pelote – Yay, Reiser – Yay, Lee – Yay, Johnson – Yay and Deen – Yay. Motion passed unanimously.**

Consideration to Adjourn the Special Called Council Meeting

Reiser made a motion to adjourn the Regular Meeting at approximately 6:42 p.m. Pelote seconded the motion. **Motion passed unanimously.**



Russ Deen, Mayor



Tina Chadwick, City Clerk

