



City of Guyton  
**Special Called City Council Meeting**  
**Via Teleconference**  
**July 2, 2020**

**MINUTES OF MEETING**

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**Call to Order**

Mayor Russ Deen called the July 2, 2020 City of Guyton Special Called City Council Meeting to order at approximately 7:00 p.m. Mayor Russ Deen, Mayor Pro Tem Michael Johnson, Sr., Council Member Joseph Lee, Council Member T. Marshall Reiser and Council Member Hursula Pelote were present via teleconference at this meeting.

**Other staff Present:** City Manager Bill Sawyer, Interim Assistant City Attorney David “Bobo” Mullens and City Clerk Tina Chadwick were present.

**Consideration to approve the Amended Agenda**

Reiser made a motion to approve the Amended Agenda as presented. Johnson seconded the motion. **Motion passed unanimously.**

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**ALL PUBLIC COMMENTS WILL BE LIMITED TO AGENDA ITEMS ONLY**

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**NEW BUSINESS**

**Introduction of Ordinance Number 2020-05 – FY 2021 Budget**

Mayor Deen made a brief statement. When Mayor Deen took office six months ago he did not have a City Manager, or City Clerk and we had interim employees working in Public Works and at the Police Department. We had eighteen months where a bank reconciliation had not been done and a City Hall that was in disarray. Brett Bennett, Linda Rineair and Tina Chadwick have built an administration from scratch these past six months. The Mayor would like to personally thank them all for all of their hard work for getting us to where we are today. As for the mistakes with this budget process, the Mayor takes full responsibility and the buck stops with him and he states that we will fix what is wrong and continue to fix this City. City Manager, Bill Sawyer gave a brief overview of the Budget. Budget is balanced. We have \$1,093,095.72 in revenue and the same in expense. A reduction from last years budge of about \$56, 700. We have reduced the local option sales tax and local maintenance improvement grant. We have reduced legal and professional services. There was an issue with the City Council pay and that is why we have these meetings. Police Department budget increased because of three full time positions and a part time position. Salaries for Public Works there was an incremental increase. We reduced Zoning Codification from \$20,000 to \$8,500. We have a lot of experience with Codification and it is not going to be a \$20,000 expense. The City has no long-term debt. Sawyer briefly went over the Enterprise Funds and we should be to the good at \$139, 274.20. Sawyer said that we are self-supporting when it

comes to debt services. Reiser thinks that the numbers look good and we are fine tuning them as we continue to work. Sawyer went over upcoming dates for Hearings and Meetings.

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**Consideration to move from the Special Called Council Meeting into an Executive Session reference discussion or deliberation regarding amending the Employment Contract with William W. Sawyer regarding Section 6: Automobile**

Reiser made a motion, at approximately 7:10 p.m. to move from the Special Called Council Meeting into an Executive Session reference discussion or deliberation regarding amending the Employment Contract with William W. Sawyer regarding Section 6: Automobile. Pelote seconded the motion. **Motion passed unanimously.**

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**Consideration to Approve to Amend the Employment Contract with William W. Sawyer regarding Section 6: Automobile**

Johnson made a motion to authorize the Mayor to negotiate an Amendment to the City Manager's Contract to pay him a \$400 Monthly Stipend effective on August 1, 2020. Reiser seconded the motion. **Roll Call Vote: Motion passed unanimously.**

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**Consideration to Adjourn the Special Called Council Meeting**

Pelote made a motion to adjourn the Special Called Council Meeting at approximately 7:31 p.m. Johnson seconded the motion. **Motion passed unanimously.**

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Russ Deen, Mayor



Tina Chadwick, City Clerk

