



City of Guyton
City Council Meeting
August 10, 2021 – 7:00 p.m.

MINUTES OF MEETING

CALL TO ORDER – The City of Guyton Council held a Council Meeting on August 10, 2021, at the City of Guyton Gymnasium, 505 Magnolia Street in Guyton. This meeting was called to order by Mayor Russ Deen at approximately 7:00 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. **Other Administrative Staff Present** – Interim City Manager Mike Eskew, City Attorney David Mullens and Linda Rineair were present. **Guest Present** - The guests sign-in sheets are filed in the office of the City Clerk.

INVOCATION – Reiser gave the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Deen.

CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE AGENDA – Mayor Deen asked that the agenda be amended to add two items:

- Under New Business, Item “n” - Consideration to designate an alternate qualifying officer.
- Under General Government, Item “b” - Consideration to add Council to the Retirement Plan.

Johnson made a motion to approve the agenda as amended. Pelote seconded the motion. **Motion passed unanimously.**

CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE MINUTES OF MEETINGS - Pelote made a motion to approve the minutes from the July 13, 2021, Regular Council Meeting. Johnson seconded the motion. **Motion passed unanimously.**

REPORTS FROM STAFF OR COMMITTEES:

- | | |
|-------------------------|----------------|
| • Police Department | James Breletic |
| • Fire Department | Clint Hodges |
| • Public Works | EOM |
| • Historical Commission | Pearl Boynes |
| • Planning and Zoning | Lon Harden |
-

PUBLIC COMMENTS (Limited to Agenda Items only) – No public comments were made.

NEW BUSINESS

Nomination of candidate for the position of City Clerk – Mayor Deen expressed thanks to Jenna Tidwell, Crisa Fort, and Mike Eskew for working so well together with a limited staff. Mayor Deen announced that he is nominating Meketa H. Brown for the position of the City Clerk for the City of Guyton. Mayor Deen called for a vote of Council. The Council Members unanimously voted to approve Meketa H. Brown as the City Clerk.

Meketa Brown will begin her duties as City Clerk on 08/23/2021 at 8:00 a.m. The Interim City Clerk will continue to serve up until that time.

Consideration to approve use of SPLOST funds for SCADA system and Well Repairs – (Project Estimates: Water Tower at \$18,964, Central Avenue Well at \$18,970, and the Pine Street Well at \$18,970)

Johnson made a motion to approve the use of SPLOST funds for SCADA system and Well Repairs. Lee seconded the motion. **Motion passed unanimously.**

Second reading with consideration to approve Ordinance 2021-05 regarding a budget amendment for FY 2020/2021 - Johnson made a motion to approve Ordinance 2021-05 regarding a budget amendment for FY 2020/2021. Reiser seconded the motion. **Motion passed unanimously.**

First reading of Ordinance 2021-06 regarding setting the 2021 Tax Levy (3.234 mills) - Mayor Russ Deen presented Ordinance 2021-06 regarding setting the City of Guyton Tax Levy.

First reading of Ordinance 2021-07 regarding rezoning of 108 Central Blvd. - Mayor Deen presented Ordinance 2021-07, regarding requested rezoning of 108 Central Blvd. from an R-1 zoning classification to a C-1 zoning classification.

Reiser stated: "I hereby disclose that I have a direct financial interest in 108 Central, the property that is the subject of a zoning decision to be made by the governing authority. I disqualify myself from participating in any vote related to my property. My financial interest in the property should not influence your decisions on this matter in any way."

Consideration to approve demolition proposal regarding 113 W. Central – Mayor Deen noted to Council that the City Engineer, Wesley Parker, was contacted and upon his advice request Council consideration to authorize the City Manager to have testing for asbestos as well as any other environmental that may be deemed necessary by the City Engineer. This is needed to receive accurate demolition proposals. A discussion followed.

Johnson made a motion to authorize the City Manager to spend up to Five Thousand Dollars to obtain hazardous materials testing. Pelote seconded the motion. **Motion passed unanimously.**

Consideration to approve proposal for soil studies at new spray field – Lee made a motion to approve the proposal (Nutter and Associates – Not to exceed \$65,000) for soil studies at new spray field. Reiser seconded the motion. **Motion passed unanimously.**

Consideration to approve DNR Main Street Rail Trail Project Agreement - Johnson made a motion to approve the DNR Main Street Rail Trail Project Agreement (Project # NRT-20(37)). Reiser seconded the motion. **Motion passed unanimously.**

Consideration to approve Resolution 2021-08 regarding SPLOST IGA - Johnson made a motion to approve Resolution 2021-08 regarding SPLOST IGA. Lee seconded the motion. **Motion passed unanimously.**

Consideration to approve repair expense for Guyton PD 2010 Tahoe (Up to \$4,000) – Johnson made a motion to approve repair expenses for the Guyton Police Department 2010 Tahoe, not to exceed four thousand dollars without additional Council approval. Reiser seconded the motion. **Motion passed unanimously.**

Consideration to approve amendment to Fire Station Lease adding an additional bay – Reiser made a motion to approve amendment to Fire Station Lease adding an additional bay. Johnson seconded the motion. **Motion passed unanimously.**

Consideration to approve Resolution 2021-03 regarding Employee Handbook – Reiser made a motion to approve Resolution 2021-03 regarding the Employee Handbook. Discussion followed with concerns being expressed by Johnson reference PTO and Vacation. **With lack of a second motion died.** Discussion followed on additional expenses. Johnson made a motion to approve additional expenses reference the employee handbook. **With lack of a second motion died.**

Consideration to designate an alternate Qualifying Officer - Johnson made a motion to designate Linda Rinear as an alternate Qualifying Officer. Lee seconded the motion. **Motion passed unanimously.**

The candidate qualification period will be held August 16, 2021, to August 18, 2021, between the hours of 8:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Private use of City Facilities – Multiple citizens are requesting use of City Facilities. The City Attorney will be consulted. The Interim City Manager was instructed to begin reaching out those interested in use of City Facilities.

Consideration to add Council Members to the City Retirement Plan – A discussion followed. Legal reviews will be conducted with this being discussed again at later meetings. **No action was taken.**

DATES TO REMEMBER:

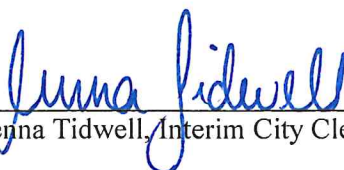
- a. Monday to Wednesday, August 16 – 18, 2021, 8:30 a.m. 4:30 p.m.– Election Qualifying, Guyton City Hall, 310 Central Blvd., Guyton, GA 31312
 - b. Wednesday, August 18, 2021, at 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. – American Red Cross Blood Drive, C.D. Dean Jr., Public Safety Complex, City of Guyton Gymnasium, 505 Magnolia St., Guyton, GA 31312
 - c. Thursday, August 19, 2021, at 7:00 p.m. – Trick or Trail Organizational Meeting, C.D. Dean Jr., Complex, City of Guyton Gymnasium, 505 Magnolia Street, Guyton, GA 31312
 - d. Tuesday, August 24, 2021, at 6:00 p.m. –Planning and Zoning Public Hearing, C.D. Dean Jr., Public Safety Complex, City of Guyton Gymnasium, 505 Magnolia St., Guyton, GA 31312
 - e. Tuesday, August 24, 2021, at 7:00 p.m. - Planning and Zoning Meeting, C.D. Dean Jr., Public Safety Complex, City of Guyton Gymnasium, 505 Magnolia St., Guyton, GA 31312
 - f. Tuesday, September 07, 2021, at 7:00 p.m. – City Council Workshop, C.D. Dean Jr., Public Safety Complex, City of Guyton Gymnasium, 505 Magnolia St., Guyton, GA 31312
 - g. Tuesday, September 14, 2021, at 6:00 p.m. - City Council Public Hearing, C.D. Dean, Jr., Public Safety Complex, City of Guyton Gymnasium, 505 Magnolia Street, Guyton, GA 31312
 - h. Tuesday, September 14, 2021, at 7:00 p.m. - City Council Meeting, C.D. Dean, Jr., Public Safety Complex, City of Guyton Gymnasium, 505 Magnolia Street, Guyton, GA 31312
-

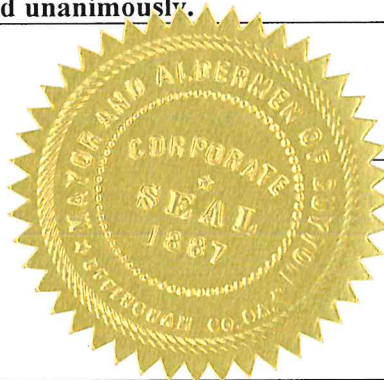
CONSIDERATION TO MOVE FROM THE REGULAR MEETING INTO AN EXECUTIVE SESSION referencing Personnel and Property Acquisition - Johnson made a motion at approximately 7:52 p.m. to move from this meeting into an Executive Session reference personnel, and property acquisition. Pelote seconded the motion. **Motion passed unanimously.**

Council returned from Executive Session back into the regular meeting at approximately 8:06 p.m.

CONSIDERATION TO TAKE ANY ACTION NEEDED ARISING FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION – Reiser made a motion to increase Crisa Fort’s pay by 5%. Pelote seconded the motion. **Motion passed unanimously.**

ADJOURNMENT – Johnson made a motion at approximately 8:09 p.m. to adjourn this meeting. Reiser seconded the motion. **Motion passed unanimously.**


Jenna Tidwell, Interim City Clerk




Russ Deen, Mayor