



City of Guyton
City Council Meeting
Via Teleconference
August 11, 2020 – 7:00 p.m.

MINUTES OF MEETING

Call to Order

The August 11, 2020 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 via teleconference.

Other Staff Present – City Manager Bill Sawyer, Interim Assistant City Attorney David “Bobo” Mullens and City Clerk Tina Chadwick were present via teleconference.

Moment of Repose for Those Who Practice Some Other Faith

Deen asked all present to take a brief repose for those who practice some other faith.

Invocation

Deen gave the invocation.

Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Deen

Consideration to approve the Amended Agenda

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

Consideration to approve Minutes of Meetings

Johnson made a motion to approve the minutes from the July 8, 2020 Budget Workshop FY2020/2021 at 7:00 p.m., July 14, 2020 City Council Meeting at 7:00 p.m., July 15, 2020 Public Hearing – FY 202/2021 Budget at 7:00 p.m., July 22, 2020 Special Called City Council Meeting at 7:00 p.m. and the July 30, 2020 Public Hearings Millage Rate at 11:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. Reiser seconded the motion. **Motion passed unanimously.**

Reports from Staff

Mayor – Russ Deen – Read for the Record a Statement from the White House.

City Manager – Bill Sawyer - Debt Services Bonds are due on September 1st. FEMA gave the City of Guyton money and the State gave the City money for generators. Parker Engineering is to present a long-range plan for the flooding issues in Guyton. Reiser asked about the Audit. Sawyer stated that the City still does not have a deadline for it to be completed.

Legal – Interim City Attorney – David “Bobo” Mullens – Update status on lawsuit. 113 Central Avenue. Have the building torn down. May 12, 2020 the owner agrees to have the property torn down by November 12, 2020.

Police Department - Chief Breletic – 441 Service Calls, 7 Incident Reports, 2 Accident Reports, 21 Investigative Supplemental Reports and 12 Citations. GCIC Audit – Agency was in compliance in all areas. There has never been an Audit on the GCIC Police Department. Pelote and Reiser thanked him on doing a good job. Johnson asked about the new vehicles. Chief Breletic stated that he has talked to Kansas City and they are waiting on one part and once they get that part in, we will get our vehicles.

Public Works – EOM – Charlie Heino – Reported on the Monthly Report that was attached to the Agenda Packet.

Fire Department – Chief Clint Hodges – Highest Call Volumes – 396 Total Calls

Public Comments (will be limited to Agenda Items only)

There were no public comments

NEW BUSINESS

Consideration to Appoint Captain Jerome Pereira to the Planning and Zoning Committee as an Alternate

Mayor Deen Nominated Captain Jerome Pereira to the Planning and Zoning Committee as an Alternate.

Lee made a motion to Appoint Captain Jerome Pereira to the Planning and Zoning Committee as an Alternate. Johnson seconded the motion. **Motion passed unanimously.**

Consideration to Adopt Ordinance Number 2020-06 – Tax Levy

Sawyer states that he would like the Mayor to sign the PT 38 to be delivered tomorrow to Effingham County.

Reiser made a motion to Adopt Ordinance Number 2020-06 – Tax Levy. Pelote seconded the Motion. **Motion passed unanimously.**

Consideration to Adopt Emergency Ordinance Number 2020-11 – A Declaration of A State of Emergency Arising Because of Resurgence of COVID-19; An Ordinance Taking Immediate Emergency Measures

Mayor Deen states that this is a continuance of the Order that we passed 19 days ago, and this new order will expire on September 9, 2020

Reiser made a motion to Adopt Emergency Ordinance Number 2020-11 – A Declaration of A State of Emergency Arising Because of Resurgence of COVID-19; An Ordinance Taking Immediate Emergency Measures. Lee seconded the motion. **Motion passed unanimously.**

Consideration to Approve Compensation for the Planning and Zoning Committee Members

Sawyer would like to pay the Planning and Zoning Committee Members \$50.00 per meeting that they attend a month.

Johnson made a Motion to Approve Compensation for the Planning and Zoning Committee Members. Lee seconded the motion. **Motion passed unanimously.**

Consideration of bids to purchase a Lawn Mower for the Public Works Department

Sawyer would like to purchase a lawn mower for the Public Works Department. The City is using a State Contract, so you do not have to bid this contract out. Sawyer would like to purchase a Commercial grade John Deere Lawn Mower for \$11,056.96 and use SPLOST Funds to purchase it. Johnson thinks it would be a good purchase for the City.

Johnson made a Motion to purchase a Z960M Zero Turn Mower from Blanchard Equipment for \$11,056.96 out of SPLOST Funds. Lee seconded the Motion. **Motion passed unanimously.**

Consideration to Approve Resolution Number R2020-05 – A Resolution of the City of Guyton to Authorize the Execution of the Coronavirus Relief Fund (CRF) Terms and Conditions Agreement

Mayor Deen stated that this is the Relief Fund coming from the Federal Government. This Resolution was put out by GMA to be able to cover the City.

Pelote made a Motion to Approve Resolution Number R2020-05 – A Resolution of the City of Guyton to Authorize the Execution of the Coronavirus Relief Fund (CRF) Terms and Conditions Agreement. Johnson seconded the Motion. **Motion passed unanimously.**

Consideration to Approve the Small Business Economic Recovery Grant Program

Mayor Deen stated that he has a small business in town and COVID has hurt his business. He would like to give small businesses in town \$1,000 in assistance and these businesses could benefit from this Grant. Pelote thinks that this could give these businesses some type of relief. Reiser and Deen noted that neither of their businesses would participate in the Small Business Economic Recovery Grant Program (\$1,000 Grant).

Johnson made a Motion to Approve the Small Business Economic Recovery Grant Program. Reiser seconded the Motion. **Motion passed unanimously.**

Dates to Remember

All City Meetings will be held at The Leisure Services Room located at 505 Magnolia Street, Guyton, GA 31312

Planning and Zoning Workshop – Thursday, August 13, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. in the Leisure Services Room located at 505 Magnolia Street, Guyton, GA 31312

Public Hearing – Planning and Zoning - Ordinance Numbers 2020-08, 2020-09 and 2020-10 – Tuesday, August 25, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. in the Leisure Services Room located at 505 Magnolia Street, Guyton, GA 31312

The Planning and Zoning Committee will meet on Tuesday, August 25, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. at the Leisure Services Room located at 505 Magnolia Street, Guyton, GA 31312

City Council Workshop – Tuesday, September 1, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. in The Leisure Services Room located at 505 Magnolia Street, Guyton, GA 31312

Monday, September 7, 2020 – City Hall will be closed in recognition of Labor Day

Public Hearing – Planning and Zoning Committee - Ordinance Numbers 2020-08, 2020-09 and 2020-10 – Tuesday, September 8, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. in the Leisure Services Room located at 505 Magnolia Street, Guyton, GA 31312

Regular City Council Meeting – Tuesday, September 8, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. in the Leisure Services Room located at 505 Magnolia Street, Guyton, GA 31312

Consideration to Adjourn this Meeting

Pelote made a motion to adjourn the Regular Meeting at approximately 8:21 p.m. Johnson seconded the motion. **Motion passed unanimously.**



Russ Deen, Mayor



Tina Chadwick, City Clerk

