



City of Guyton
City Council Meeting
September 14, 2021 – 7:00 p.m.

MINUTES OF MEETING

Call to Order – The City of Guyton Council held a Council Meeting on June 8, 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, and Council Member T. Marshall Reiser were present at this meeting. **Other Administrative Staff Present** – Interim City Manager Mike Eskew, City Attorney Ben Perkins and Clerk Crisa Fort were present. **Guest Present** - The guests sign-in sheets are filed in the office of the City Clerk.

Invocation – Mayor Dean gave the invocation.

Pledge of Allegiance – The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Deen

Consideration to approve the agenda – Councilman Reiser made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Councilwoman Pelote seconded the motion. **Motion passed unanimously.**

Consideration to approve Minutes of Meetings - Councilman Johnson made a motion to approve the minutes from the August 10, 2021, and August 24, 2021, Regular Council Meetings. Councilman Lee seconded the motion. **Motion passed unanimously.**

Reports were given by the following Staff or Committees:

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| • | Police Department | James Breletic |
| • | Fire Department | Clint Hodges |
| • | Public Works/Water/Sewer | EOM |
| • | Planning and Zoning | Lon Harden |
| • | Historical Commission | Pearl Boynes |
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Public Comments (Limited to Agenda Items only) – No public comments were made.

NEW BUSINESS

Second reading and consideration of Ordinance 2021-07 regarding rezoning of 108 Central Blvd – Councilman Johnson made a motion to approve the ordinance. Councilman Lee seconded the motion. **Motion passed unanimously.**

Consideration to approve purchase of lawnmower from Shea Tractor out of Water/Sewer SPLOST funds – Councilman Johnson made a motion to approve the purchase of lawnmower from Shea Tractor out of Water/Sewer SPLOST funds. Councilman Lee seconded the motion. **Motion passed unanimously.**

Consideration to approve dump trailer purchase or approve dump truck repair – Councilman Johnson made a motion to approve the dump trailer purchase in the amount of \$7155.38. Councilman

Reiser seconded the motion. **Motion passed 4 to 1 with Mayor Dean, Councilman Johnson, Councilman Reiser, Councilwoman Pelote voting yes and Councilman Lee voting no.**

Consideration to approve DDR/EID proposal expense out of the WWTP Construction Fund — Councilman Johnson made a motion to approve the DDR/EID proposal expense out of the WWTP Construction Fund. Councilman Lee seconded the motion. **Motion passed unanimously.**

Consideration to approve TSPLOST action plan overseen by the City Manager - Councilman Reiser made a motion to approve TSPLOST action plan overseen by the City Manager. Councilman Johnson seconded the motion. **Motion passed unanimously.**

Consideration to appoint Judge Donald Sheppard as the judge pro tem of the Guyton Municipal Court Councilman Johnson motioned to appoint Judge Donald Sheppard as the judge pro tem of the Guyton Municipal Court. Councilman Lee seconded the motion. **Motion passed unanimously.**

Consideration to approve Resolution 2021-09 engaging with Gilbert+Associates for the purpose of writing a grant proposal for the Georgia State Fiscal Recovery Fund - Councilwoman Pelote made a motion to approve Resolution 2021-09 engaging with Gilbert+Associates for the purpose of writing a grant proposal for the Georgia State Fiscal Recovery Fund. Councilman Reiser seconded the motion. **Motion passed unanimously.**

Consideration to approve \$6,500 for Well Building Replacement overseen by City Manager - Councilman Johnson motioned to approve \$6,500 for Well Building Replacement overseen by City Manager. Councilman Lee seconded the motion. **Motion passed unanimously.**

Consideration to approve \$17,500 budget for Christmas expenditures overseen by Councilwoman Pelote and Mayor Deen – Councilman Johnson motioned to approve \$17,500 budget for Christmas expenditures overseen by Councilwoman Pelote and Mayor Deen. Councilman Reiser seconded the motion. **Motion passed unanimously.**

Consideration to approve demolition proposal regarding 113 W Central Blvd. - Councilman Reiser motioned to approve demolition proposal regarding 113 W Central Blvd. Councilman Johnson seconded the motion. **Motion passed unanimously.**

Consideration to approve \$1000 for advertising upcoming Guyton Events – Councilman Reiser motioned to approve \$1000 for advertising upcoming Guyton Event. Councilman Johnson seconded the motion. **Motion passed unanimously.**

Consideration to approve Resolution 2021-10 regarding SPLOST IGA – Councilwoman Pelote motioned to approve Resolution 2021-10 regarding SPLOST IGA. Councilman Johnson seconded the motion. **Motion passed unanimously.**

Consideration to approve Resolution 2021-03 regarding Employee Handbook – Councilman Reiser motioned to approve Resolution 2021-03 regarding Employee Handbook. Councilwoman Pelote seconded the motion. **Motion passed unanimously.**

Dates to Remember:

- a. Tuesday, September 28, 2021, at 6:00 p.m.- Planning and Zoning Public Hearing, Guyton Gymnasium, 505 Magnolia Street, Guyton, GA 31312
- Tuesday, August 3, 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

- b. Tuesday, September 28, 2021, at 7:00 p.m.- Planning and Zoning Meeting, Guyton Gymnasium, 505 Magnolia Street, Guyton, GA 31312
- c. Tuesday, October 5, 2021, at 7:00 p.m. - City Council Workshop, Guyton Gymnasium, 505 Magnolia Street, Guyton, GA 31312
- d. Tuesday, October 12, 2021, at 7:00 p.m. - City Council Meeting, Guyton Gymnasium, 505 Magnolia Street, Guyton, GA 31312
- e. Saturday, October 16, 2021, from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.- Guyton Sale on the Trail, Guyton Walking Trail
- f. Wednesday, October 27, 2021, from 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.- American Red Cross Blood Drive, Guyton Gymnasium, 505 Magnolia Street, Guyton, GA 31312
- g. Saturday, October 30, 2021, from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.- Guyton Trick or Trail! Guyton Walking Trail
- h. Early voting will be held at the Effingham County Elections Office, 284 GA-119 S, Springfield, GA 31329 from October 12 to October 29 from 9:00am to 5:00pm, Monday-Friday. Saturday early voting will be October 16 and 23, 9:00am -5:00pm.

City of Guyton voters will vote at their regular County polling location on Election Day, which will be either Pilgrim Baptist Association or Pineora Baptist Church. If you are unsure of where to vote check www.mvp.sos.ga.gov or call the elections office, 912-754-8030.

Consideration to move from the Regular Meeting into an Executive Session referencing Litigation and Property Acquisition – Councilwoman Pelote made a motion at approximately 8:09 p.m. to move from this meeting into an Executive Session reference Litigation and Property Acquisition. Lee seconded the motion, **Motion passed unanimously.**

Consideration to take any action needed arising from Executive Session – None

Public Comments (Limited to Agenda Items only) – None

Adjournment – Councilwoman Pelote made a motion at approximately 8:52 p.m. to adjourn this meeting. Councilman Johnson seconded the motion. **Motion passed unanimously.**


Crisa Fort, Interim City Clerk




Russ Deen, Mayor