

City of Guyton City Council Workshop September 1, 2020 – 6:00 p.m.

MINUTES OF WORKSHOP

Call to Order

The September 1, 2020 City of Guyton City Council Meeting was called to order by Mayor Russ Deen at approximately 6:00 p.m. Mayor Russ Deen, Joseph Lee, Council Member Hursula Pelote and Council Member T. Marshall Reiser were present at this meeting. Mayor Pro Tem Michael Johnson, Sr. joined the Workshop around 6:30 p.m.

TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION

a. Workshop format

Mayor Deen discussed having a City Workshop and this workshop is an open discussion. The City will have a Workshop the first Tuesday of every month.

b. Planning and Zoning Ordinances

The City is in the process of updating its City Ordinances.

c. CDBG Project

East Guyton Drainage – City Manager Bill Sawyer stated that this is a Community Development Block Grant. This is a \$750,000 Application. This is a 5-year plan.

Housing Rehabilitation – Repair homes at no charge to the homeowners. Sawyer must go home to home and provide a Survey. Reiser asked when the timeline is. Sawyer stated we will not know until April 2021. This is a 1-million-dollar project.

d. SPLOST Projects

Sawyer discussed the SPLOST projects. We have 1 Million dollars in SPLOST Funds

Crossgate Flooding and Drainage

Guardrails – Need to provide safety for our roads where there is a drop off
Roundabout Light - We have a Contractor to fix this light

Lawn Mower - We have purchased a Lawn Mower

Gymnasium – **Replace Windows** – The City needs to have a large room to be able to host events

e. Sanitation

Sawyer explained that they have met with Waste Management about 1 week ago. This is a month to month contract. The City has negotiated a good Contract. The City is going to bid our Waster Services out. The City has extra trash cans at City Hall.

f. September Emergency Ordinance

Mayor Deen discussed the new Emergency Order. This is an Ordinance from the Georgia Municipal Association. Reiser asked about Section 2 of the new Ordinance. Businesses can opt out of the required face mask by posting on sign on their front door. A discussion was had by Council regarding wearing masks. Emergency Orders via the City Charter only last 30 days.

g. TSPLOST Projects

Mayor Deen discussed the TSPOLST Projects that were included in the Agenda Packet. Vote yes on TSPLOST if you want to see the projects happen. A discussion was had about taxes.

h. Census

Mayor Deen explained that we are in the final month to fill out your Census. 6 out of 10 houses in Guyton are filling out their Census. Pelote said that she would willing to help with completing your Census.

i. City Hall Operations

Sawyer explained that City Hall will be back to normal operations and to the public as of September 8th.

j. City Newsletter

Mayor Deen explained the City Newsletter that the City started in September. City Clerk Tina Chadwick explained the Newsletter and timelines and ideas. Put Newsletters in the Post Office.

k. Open Discussion

Reiser stated that having these Workshops is what they heard at GMA and thinks it is a great idea to get the citizens involved.

Dates to Remember

a. Planning and Zoning Committee Public Hearing will be held on Tuesday, September 8, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. in the Leisure Services Room located at 505 Magnolia Street, Guyton, GA.

b. City Council Meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 8, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. at the C.D. Dean, Jr., Public Safety Complex, City Hall Gymnasium located at 505 Magnolia Street, Guyton, GA 31312.

Consideration to Adjourn this Workshop

Reiser made a motion to adjourn the Regular Meeting at approximately 7:00 p.m. Lee seconded the motion. **Motion passed unanimously**.

Russ Deen, Mayor