



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

MINUTES OF WORKSHOP

Call to Order

The October 6, 2020 City of Guyton City Council Meeting was called to order by Mayor Russ Deen at approximately 6:00 p.m. Mayor Russ Deen, Council Member 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 7:06 p.m.

TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION

a. Audit – Year Ended June 30, 2019

Matthew Caines discussed the Audit and the Financial Statements. There were Findings, but we have resolved those Findings, but you will see those same Findings next year. Segregation of Duties. Reiser states that the opinion of the Audit was unqualified which means that there are no findings of material issue for anyone to be concerned about. Caines states that the City looks in pretty good financial shape and that he will be starting the 2020 Audit soon.

b. Skip Starling – Update on Fire Equipment Sale

Skip Starling gave an update on the loose items that are still up for sale. The two major fire trucks are still up for sale. We have about \$71,000 in sales.

c. Tom Barnes – City Art Project

Tom Barnes is a local artist and he would like to put art projects on the Pilgrim Trail. He would like to put 12 to 20 pieces of sculpture along the Trail. Mr. Barnes thinks that these sculptures would attract tourism around art. Mr. Barnes thinks that the City could apply for an Art Grant to pay for these art projects. A discussion by citizens ensued about the history of the Pilgrim Trail and the Caboose. Pelote thinks that multicultural art would be great along the Trail. Mrs. Pelote discusses the Men of the Forest.

d. SPLOST Projects

Sawyer discussed the SPLOST projects.

Walking Trail - \$66,000 Grant - \$22,000 was approved for repairs to the Walking Trail – it was a pre-application. The Grant was not approved.

Roundabout Lights – The light will be here in December and all the lights in the Roundabout will be repaired

Crossgate Flooding and Drainage – Crossgate is ready to bid

Guardrails – Surveys have been completed and the bid process is ready to go

GEMA Generator – Two Firms are looking at those Grants

Gymnasium – Replace Windows – The 23rd of October the City will open Bids

Karen Keech asked about the SPLOST Projects

e. Utility Authority – Refinance Bonds

Sawyer discusses the purpose of having a Utility Authority – Water/Sewer – Created by a Resolution. This Authority would reduce the financial burden on the City. Three years ago, the City Refinanced the Bonds.

f. Mask Ordinance

Mayor Deen discusses the Pandemic and statistics regarding this Pandemic. Mayor Deen would like the businesses to help with this Ordinance. Citizens discuss this Ordinance. Businesses can opt out this Ordinance.

g. City Accounts – Mayor/City Manager Discussion

There are two City Accounts that he would like to close and move to the General Fund. The City will act on this at the October City Council Meeting.

h. Sanitation

Sawyer states that the City currently uses Waste Management to pick up the City's garbage. The City is in the process of meeting with Waste Management, Waste Pro and Atlantic.

i. Events

There are no City Halloween Events this year. The City will be posting the CDC Guidelines on the Website tomorrow. The Holiday Season Events are discussed by Council.

j. Open Discussion

Robert Hunter explained what TSPOLST is about and why to vote on this.

Dates to Remember

- a. Tuesday, October 13, 2020 at 6:00 p.m., City Council Public Hearing – New

Zoning Ordinances, C.D. Dean, Jr., Public Safety Complex, City of Guyton
Gymnasium, 505 Magnolia Street, Guyton, GA 31312

- b. Tuesday, October 13, 2020 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
- c. Saturday, October 24, 2020 at 8:00 a.m., 8th Annual Superhero Run
- d. Tuesday, October 27, 2020 at 7:00 p.m., Planning and Zoning Committee
Meeting, Leisure Services Room, 505 Magnolia Street, Guyton, GA 31312
- e. Early Voting - October 12, 2020 – October 30, 2020

Consideration to Adjourn this Workshop

Reiser made a motion to adjourn the Regular Meeting at approximately 7:43 p.m. Pelote seconded the motion. **Motion passed unanimously.**



Russ Deen, Mayor



Tina Chadwick, City Clerk

