



City of Guyton  
City Council Meeting  
September 8, 2020 – 7:00 p.m.

MINUTES OF MEETING

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**Call to Order**

The September 8, 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.

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

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**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.

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**Invocation**

Pastor Lon Harden gave the invocation.

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**Pledge of Allegiance**

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Deen

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**Consideration to approve the Amended Agenda**

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

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**Consideration to approve Minutes of Meetings**

Johnson made a motion to approve the minutes from the August 11, 2020 Public Hearing at 6:00 p.m. – Notice of Property Tax Increase/Millage Rate and August 11, 2020 City Council Meeting at 7:00 p.m. Pelote seconded the motion. **Motion passed unanimously.**

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## Reports from Staff

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City Manager – Bill Sawyer - Met with EPD regarding the Spray Application Field. The City has met with Sanitation Companies. The City has met with two Developers. Sawyer gave the Council an update on the City's Account Balances. Reiser reported that the Audit is nearly done.

Historical Commission – Pearl Boynes – Boynes spoke about purchasing a Brick for the Memorial Garden.

Police Department - Chief Breletic – 496 Calls, 10 Incident Reports, 3 Accident Reports, 25 Supplementals, 2 Cases with Warrants Pending and 12 Citations.

Fire Department – Chief Clint Hodges – 391 Calls for Service and 27 Calls within the City Limits.

Health Department – Darrell O'Neal – O'Neal shared Data regarding the Guyton Zip Code regarding the Pandemic. O'Neal states that you want to have 100 exposures for every 100,000 people or less. O'Neal states that the difference between COVID-19 and the Flu is that there is not a vaccine and there are no therapeutics for COVID-19.

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## Public Comments (will be limited to Agenda Items only)

No Public Comments

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## NEW BUSINESS

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### **Consideration to Adopt Ordinance Number 2020-08 – The City of Guyton to Amend and Restate the Zoning Ordinance and to Amend the Official Zoning Map of Guyton, Georgia**

Pelote made a motion to Table Ordinance Number 2020-08 – The City of Guyton to Amend and Restate the Zoning Ordinance and to Amend the Official Zoning Map of Guyton, Georgia. Reiser seconded the Motion. **Motion passed unanimously.**

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### **Consideration to Adopt Ordinance Number 2020-09 - The City of Guyton to Amend and Restate the Building Regulations**

Pelote made a Motion to Table Ordinance Number 2020-09 – The City of Guyton to Amend and Restate the Building Regulations. Reiser seconded the Motion. **Motion passed unanimously.**

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### **Consideration to Adopt Ordinance Number 2020-10 – The City of Guyton to Amend and Restate the Subdivision Regulations**

Pelote made a motion to Table Ordinance Number 2020-10 – The City of Guyton to Amend and Restate the Subdivision Regulations. Reiser seconded the Motion. **Motion passed unanimously.**

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**Consideration to Adopt Ordinance Number 2020-12 – A Declaration of a State of Emergency Due to COVID-19; an Ordinance Taking Immediate Emergency Matters**

Deen explained the new Ordinance and removing Item F - Businesses could put up signage stating if they required a consumer to wear a mask. Deen stated that this is the Ordinance put forth by GMA. Reiser explains the difference between this Ordinance and the last is that it allows a Business that does not consent to wearing face coverings and that they are opting out of this Ordinance. Reiser states that it helps our businesses to help enforce this and to work with the City. Johnson agrees that it will help our businesses help us by posting signage and by not hurting the businesses.

Reiser made a Motion to Adopt Ordinance Number 2020-12 – A Declaration of a State of Emergency Due to COVID-19; an Ordinance Taking Immediate Emergency Matters. Johnson seconded the Motion. **Motion passed unanimously.**

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**Consideration to Adopt Resolution Number R2020-06 – A Resolution by the Mayor and Council Members of the City of Guyton, Georgia to Authorize Submission of a FY 2021 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) application to the Georgia Department of Community Affairs (DCA) for Funding under Title 1 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as Amended**

Sawyer states that he needs unanimous consent from the Council before being able to move forward with this Application. Sawyer states that is a Million Dollar Grant Project in East Guyton. Sawyer explains that there are drainage issues that need to be repaired and houses need to be restored

Johnson made a Motion to Adopt Resolution Number R2020-06 – A Resolution by the Mayor and Council Members of the City of Guyton, Georgia to Authorize Submission of a FY 2021 Community Block Grant (CDBG) application to the Georgia Department of Community Affairs (DCA) for Funding under Title 1 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as Amended. Lee seconded the Motion. **Motion passed unanimously.**

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**Consideration to Adopt Resolution Number R2020-07 – Fair Housing Resolution**

Sawyer states that this Resolution states that the City is inclusive and whoever applies in that target area the City would not discriminate based on race.

Lee made a Motion to Adopt Resolution Number R2020-07 – Fair Housing Resolution. Pelote seconded the Motion. **Motion passed unanimously.**

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### **Consideration to Approve SPLOST Project – Crossgate Subdivision**

Sawyer states that this is a Subdivisions that had issues long before I got here. This is going to be a twofold issue. One is a SPLOST Project and the other is a T-SPLOST Project. Sawyer would like unanimous consent to start the bid process.

Johnson made a Motion to Approve SPLOST Project – Crossgate Subdivision. Pelote seconded the Motion. **Motion passed unanimously.**

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### **Consideration to Approve SPLOST Project – Guardrails**

Sawyer states that in East Guyton that Mr. Johnson and Mr. Lee have given some guidance as to some roads and the unsafe conditions of these roads and that these roads need guardrails.

Johnson made a Motion to Approve SPLOST Project – Guardrails. Lee seconded the Motion. **Motion passed unanimously.**

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### **Consideration to Approve SPLOST Project – Roundabout Light**

Sawyer states that on December 8, 2019 there was an accident that knocked down one of our lights in the Roundabout. This is a State Contract. SPLOST Project is \$7,118.

Pelote made a Motion to Approve SPLOST Project – Roundabout Light. Johnson seconded the Motion. **Motion passed unanimously.**

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### **Consideration to Approve SPLOST Project - City of Guyton Gym**

Sawyer asks for unanimous consent for him to bid out this SPLOST Project.

Reiser made a Motion to Approve SPLOST Project – City of Guyton Gym. Pelote seconded the Motion. **Motion passed unanimously.**

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### **Consideration to Approve CDBG Project – East Guyton Drainage**

Sawyer states that if the City would lump the East Guyton Drainage issue with the Housing Rehabilitation Project it would be a Million Dollar Project.

Johnson made a Motion to Approve CDBG Project – East Guyton Drainage and Housing Rehabilitation. Lee seconded the Motion. **Motion passed unanimously.**

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## General Government

City Hall is to resume normal business hours and is open to the public beginning Tuesday, September 8, 2020. Temperature checks will take place when you walk in the door at City Hall and you are required to wear a face mask when entering City Hall.

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### Dates to Remember

Tuesday, September 22, 2020 Planning and Zoning Committee Meeting at 7:00 p.m. located at the C.D. Dean, Jr., Public Safety Complex, Guyton Gymnasium, 505 Magnolia Street, Guyton, GA 31312

Tuesday, October 6, 2020 City Council Workshop at 6:00 p.m. located at the C.D. Dean, Jr., Public Safety Complex, Guyton Gymnasium, 505 Magnolia Street, Guyton, GA 31312

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### Consideration to move from the Regular Meeting into an Executive Session reference personnel and litigation

Lee made a Motion to move from the Regular Meeting into an Executive Session reference personnel and litigation at 7:47 p.m. Reiser seconded the Motion. **Motion passed unanimously.**

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### Consideration to take any action needed arising from Executive Session

No Action was taken.

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### Public Comments (will be limited to Agenda Items only)

No Public Comments

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### Consideration to Adjourn this Meeting

Johnson made a motion to adjourn the Regular Meeting at approximately 9:22 p.m. Reiser seconded the motion. **Motion passed unanimously.**

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Tina Chadwick, City Clerk



  
Russ Deen, Mayor