



City of Guyton
City Council Public Hearing & Meeting
November 14, 2023 — 7:00 PM

MINUTES OF MEETING

Call to Order — The City of Guyton Council held a public hearing and meeting on November 14, 2023, at the City of Guyton Gymnasium, 505 Magnolia Street in Guyton. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Russ Deen at approximately 7:00 PM. Mayor Russ Deen, Mayor Pro Tem Michael Johnson, Councilmember Joseph Lee, Councilmember Hursula Pelote, and Councilmember Marshall Reiser were present at this meeting.

Additional Administrative Staff Present — City Manager Meketa Brown, City Attorney Ben Perkins, and City Clerk Fabian Mann were present.

Guest Present — The guest sign-in sheets are filed in the Office of the City Clerk.

Public hearing regarding a special use permit for a manufactured home at 97 Cemetery Road, Guyton, GA 31312

Josh Forbes appealed the Planning and Zoning Commission's decision to deny the special use permit for a mobile home at 97 Cemetery Road, Guyton, GA 31312.

The public hearing ended at approximately 7:27 PM.

Invocation — The invocation was led by **Lon Harden**.

Pledge of Allegiance — The Pledge of Allegiance was led by **Deen**.

Consideration to approve the agenda — **Johnson** made a motion to approve the agenda with the following amendments. **Lee** seconded the motion. **Motion passed unanimously**.

- Revising Item G: "Consideration to approve Resolution 2023-14 to award Clearing and Grubbing Contract to Southeastern Earth Construction, LLC. with a bid amount of \$246,050"
- Adding Item J: "Consideration for special use permit for 97 Cemetery Road, Guyton, GA 31312"
- Adding Item K: "Consideration to nominate and select Christmas parade grand marshal"

Consideration to approve the minutes

- 10/10/23 Regular Meeting

Reiser made a motion to approve the minutes. **Pelote** seconded the motion. **Motion passed unanimously.**

Reports from Staff or Committees

Police Department	James Breletic
Fire Department	Clint Hodges
Public Works/Water/Sewer	EOM
Planning and Zoning	Lon Harden
Industrial Development	Lon Harden
Historical Commission	Lucy Powell
Leisure Services	Lula Seabrooks
Library Board	Jim Odum
Chamber of Commerce	Hursula Pelote
Downtown Development Authority	Marshall Reiser

Public comments (limited to agenda items only) —

- Jeremiah Chancey spoke regarding the annexation request at 895 Gracen Road, Guyton, GA 31312, budget amendment, and necessity of a financial advisor.

Old Business

Second reading and consideration of Ordinance 2023-10 regarding annexation and rezoning of 895 Gracen Road, Guyton, GA 31312 — Johnson made a motion to approve the ordinance. **Reiser** seconded the motion. **Motion passed unanimously.**

New Business

Consideration to approve a rectangular rapid flashing beacon at Highway 17 and 3rd Avenue — Johnson made a motion to approve the rectangular rapid flashing beacon. **Lee** seconded the motion. **Motion passed unanimously.**

First reading of Ordinance 2023-11 approving a budget amendment for fiscal year 2022/2023

Consideration to approve \$7,500 for a Comprehensive Financial Review provided by Davenport & Company, LLC — Pelote made a motion to approve \$7,500 for a Comprehensive

Financial Review provided by Davenport & Company, LLC. **Reiser** seconded the motion. **Motion passed unanimously.**

Consideration to approve \$1,000 for DDA Development Ordinance Workshop — Johnson made a motion to approve \$1,000 for DDA Development Ordinance Workshop. **Pelote** seconded the motion. **Motion passed unanimously.**

Consideration to approve Resolution 2023-12 to impose a temporary moratorium on new commercial development in the Downtown Development District — Pelote made a motion to approve the resolution. **Reiser** seconded the motion. **Motion passed unanimously.**

Consideration to approve Resolution 2023-13 establishing a Records Retention Program and adopting a Record Retention Schedule — Johnson made a motion to approve the resolution. **Pelote** seconded the motion. **Motion passed unanimously.**

Consideration to approve Resolution 2023-14 to award Clearing and Grubbing Contract to Southeastern Earth Construction, LLC. with a bid amount of \$246,050 — Lee made a motion to approve the resolution. **Johnson** seconded the motion. **Motion passed unanimously.**

Consideration to reappoint Lon Harden as Guyton’s representative to the Effingham County Industrial Development Authority — Pelote made a motion to reappoint Lon Harden as Guyton’s representative to the Effingham County Industrial Development Authority. **Reiser** seconded the motion. **Motion passed unanimously.**

Consideration to approve \$2,000 for PFAS testing of groundwater — Johnson made a motion to approve \$2,000 for PFAS testing of groundwater. **Lee** seconded the motion. **Motion passed unanimously.**

Consideration for special use permit for 97 Cemetery Road, Guyton, GA 31312 — Johnson made a motion to approve the special use permit on the condition of fencing the front, left, and right sides of the property. **Lee** seconded the motion. **Reiser, Pelote, Johnson, and Lee** voted aye. **Deen** voted nay. **Motion passed with a vote of 4-1.**

Consideration to nominate and select Christmas parade grand marshal — Johnson made a motion to nominate and select Tonas Goros as the Christmas parade grand marshal. **Lee** seconded the motion. **Motion passed unanimously.**

Dates to Remember

Wednesday, November 15, 2023 from 10:00am to 2:00pm, Guyton Downtown Development Authority Meeting and Workshop, Guyton Gymnasium, 505 Magnolia Street, Guyton, GA 31312

Public Comments (limited to Agenda Items only) — No public comments.

Dates to Remember

Early Voting will be held at the Effingham County Board of Elections and Registration office located at 284 GA Highway 119 S, Springfield, GA at the following dates and times:

Monday, November 27th through Friday, December 1st from 9:00am until 5:00pm

Saturday, December 2, 2023 from 8:00am until 2:00pm – Guyton Winter Sale Along the Trail and Christmas Parade, Guyton Walking Trail, 310 Central Blvd., Guyton, GA 31312

Tuesday, December 5, 2023 from 7:00am until 7:00pm, General Runoff Election at your polling location

Saturday, December 9, 2023 from 4:00pm until 7:00pm, A Tour of Churches, Guyton Gymnasium, 505 Magnolia Street, Guyton, GA 31312

Saturday, December 9, 2023 from 6:00pm until 9:00pm, Historical Preservation Holiday Social, Guyton Gymnasium, 505 Magnolia Street, Guyton, GA 31312

Tuesday, December 12, 2023 at 5:30pm - Historical Commission Luminary Service, Ferguson/Guyton Cemeteries, Guyton, GA 31312

Tuesday, December 12, 2023 at 7:00pm - City Council Meeting, Guyton Gymnasium, 505 Magnolia Street, Guyton, GA 31312

Consideration to adjourn — Pelote made a motion to adjourn at approximately 7:20 PM. Johnson seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Attest:



Fabian M. Mann, Jr., City Clerk



City of Guyton



Russ Deen, Mayor