



City of Guyton  
City Council Hearing and Meeting  
December 13, 2022 – 7:00 p.m.

MINUTES OF MEETING

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**Call to Order** – The City of Guyton Council held a Council Meeting on December 13, 2022, 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, Councilmember Joseph Lee, Councilmember Marshall Reiser, and Councilmember Hursula Pelote were present at this meeting.

**Other Administrative Staff Present** – City Manager Meketa H. Brown, City Accountant Matthew Caines, City Clerk Matthew Walker, and City Attorney Wes Rahn were present.

**Guest Present** - The guests sign-in sheets are filed in the office of the City Clerk.

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**Invocation** – **Harden** gave the invocation.

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

**Consideration to Approve the Agenda** – **Reiser** made a motion to approve the amended agenda adding executive session relating to personnel. **Pelote** seconded the motion. **Motion passed unanimously.**

**Consideration to Approve Minutes of Meetings for the November 8, 2022, Council Meeting, and for the November 22, 2022, Special Called Council Meeting** – **Pelote** made a motion to approve minutes of meeting from November 8, 2022, and November 22, 2022. **Lee** seconded. **Motion passed unanimously.**

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**Reports from Staff or Committees**

Police Department	James Breletic
Fire Department	Clint Hodges
City Clerk	Matthew Walker
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

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**Public Comments (will be limited to Agenda Items only)** – **Theodore Hamby** discussed council retirement; **Karen Keech** discussed council retirement, budget amendment, and public comments.

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**Old Business**

**Second reading and consideration to approve Ordinance 2022-11 amending the 2021/2022 Budget – Reiser made a motion to approve Ordinance 2022-11 amending the 2021/2022 Budget. Pelote seconded. Motion passed 3-2. Lee and Johnson voted nay. Deen, Pelote, and Reiser voted aye.**

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#### **New Business**

##### **Proclamation designating January 2023 as Human Trafficking Prevention Month**

**Consideration to approve a Preliminary Engineering Report expense for sewer expansion – Lee made a motion to approve a Preliminary Engineering Report expense for sewer expansion. Reiser seconded. Motion passed unanimously. (Deen recused himself)**

**Consideration to approve tree removal expense for upcoming TSPLOST projects - Johnson made a motion to approve Brinson's Tree & Stump Removal to remove the noted trees for \$11,100.00 with an effective end date of February 1, 2023. Reiser seconded. Motion passed unanimously.**

**Consideration to approve an alcohol beverage license for Chirag Patel – Johnson made a motion to approve an alcohol beverage license for Chirag Patel. Lee seconded. Motion passed unanimously.**

**Consideration to approve 5-year vestment for Employee Retirement - Reiser made a motion to approve 5-year vestment for Employee Retirement. Johnson seconded. Motion passed unanimously.**

**Consideration to approve Council Retirement Plan - Johnson made a motion to approve Council Retirement Plan. Lee seconded. Motion failed. Lee and Johnson voted aye. Deen, Reiser, and Pelote voted nay.**

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#### **General Government**

##### **Spray Field Update – Mayor Deen**

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#### **Dates to Remember**

**Wednesday, December 21, 2022 from 1:00pm to 6:00pm – American Red Cross Blood Drive, Guyton Gymnasium, 505 Magnolia Street, Guyton, GA 31312**

**Friday, December 23, 2022 and Monday, December 26, 2022 – City Hall closed for Christmas**

**Tuesday, January 10, 2023 at 7:00pm – Guyton City Council Meeting, Guyton Gymnasium, 505 Magnolia Street, Guyton, GA 31312**

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**Consideration to move from the Regular Meeting into an Executive Session referencing Personnel, Litigation, and Property – Pelote made a motion to move into Executive Session to discuss personnel, litigation, and property. Johnson seconded. Motion passed unanimously.**

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

**Johnson made a motion to give \$500 Christmas Bonus to all City of Guyton employees who have not submitted a letter of resignation. Reiser seconded. Motion passed unanimously.**

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**Johnson** made a motion to give all city employees a 5% COLA pay raise starting the first pay period of 2023. **Pelote** seconded. **Motion passed unanimously.**

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**Public Comments (will be limited to Agenda Items only) – No public comments**

**Consideration to adjourn-** **Reiser** made a motion to adjourn. **Pelote** seconded. **Motion passed unanimously.** Meeting adjourned at approximately **9:29** p.m.

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Russ Deen, Mayor

Attest:



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Matthew D. Walker, City Clerk

