

City of Guyton, Georgia

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CITY COUNCIL MEETING - August 13, 2019

MINUTES

ITEM OF BUSINESS

ACTION REQUESTED OF COUNCIL

1. *Call to Order*

Mayor Lariscy, 7:00pm

Mayor Lariscy called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

2. *Moment of Repose for Those Who Practice Some Other Faith*

3. *Invocation*

Mayor Lariscy led the Invocation.

4. *Pledge of Allegiance*

Councilman Johnson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

5. *Approval of Agenda*

Consideration to approve the Agenda

Members of Council requested the following amendments to the Agenda:

11 B. Amend to add the Basketball Court Restoration

11 O. Discussion and consideration of Whitesville Subdivision Phase VI plat

11 P. Discussion regarding JCB Equipment

11 Q. Discussion regarding water/sewer taps for Mossy Hollow

Councilman Collins made a motion to approve the agenda as amended, seconded by Councilman Johnson. Motion carried.

6. *Approval of Minutes*

Consideration and approval of the July 9, 2019 Minutes, July 17, 2019 Minutes, the July 18, 2019 Minutes, and the July 22, 2019 Minutes

July 9, 2019: Councilman Collins made a motion to approve, seconded by Councilman Johnson. Motion carried.

July 17, 2019: Councilman Johnson made a motion to approve, seconded by Councilman Lee. Motion carried.

July 18, 2019: Councilman Lee made a motion to approve, seconded by Councilman Collins. Motion carried.

July 22, 2019: Councilman Collins made a motion to approve, seconded by Councilman Johnson. Motion carried.

7. Planning & Zoning- No report.

8. Historic Preservation- No report.

9. Other Committee Reports- Comprehensive Plan Public Hearing

Mayor Lariscy stated the Council will not approve this evening, just discuss the plan. Councilman Collins stated that he has reviewed the plan and found errors. Mayor Lariscy stated he will post the plan to the City website for public participation.

ALL PUBLIC COMMENTS WILL BE LIMITED TO AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

10. Old Business

A. Mayor Lariscy

Discussion and consideration of Fire Department between City of Guyton and Effingham County

Mayor Lariscy stated that the County has returned the agreement with changes. Councilman Collins asked City Attorney Smith if he has had time to review. City Attorney Smith stated he had three or four things to review with Council and will discuss that in executive session. Some of the items mentioned were the date the employee is to move to the County, the "funds and assets" language, the arbitration language, among other language issues. Councilman Collins made a motion to table until after executive session, seconded by Councilman Johnson. Motion carried.

B. Councilman Collins

Discussion regarding Jim Young/Planter's non-payment and insurance company release

At this time, Mayor Lariscy left the room. Councilman Collins stated that City Attorney Smith advised he would send a letter to Planter's, but that has not happened. City Attorney Smith advised that he has worked with the past two City Manager's to gather site specific information. Councilman Collins stated that damage was found today from work that was done six months ago. City Attorney Smith stated he would like permission to email them about the letter. Councilman Collins explained the situation with Planter's

to citizens in attendance, stating that approximately \$50,000 is owed to the City for damages.

C. Councilman Collins Discussion regarding interim period for J&T Environmental contract for WWTP services, 90-day period to end September 17, 2019

Councilman Collins stated the 90-day interim period with J&T is drawing to a close, and Council needs to determine how they wish to move forward. Councilman Collins then added that he has requested a copy of the contract between the City and J&T from former City Manager Hofman and from J&T and has not been able to obtain a copy. He added that to his knowledge, they are doing a good job. Councilman Lee stated that since there are no complaints, go ahead and extend to one year. Mayor Lariscy stated he would work on language for a contract. City Attorney Smith advised Council could vote to extend the contract, and Councilman Collins stated that without seeing the contract, he is not comfortable with that. Mayor Lariscy stated a Council Meeting could be called if needed. Councilman Collins made a motion to table until a Special Called Meeting that will be scheduled for August 21, 2019 at 6:30pm. Councilman Johnson seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

11. New Business

A. Mayor Lariscy Opening of sealed bids for 303 Anderson Street Culvert

Mayor Lariscy stated he was not aware of what this bid request was for. Councilman Johnson stated that the residents are driving in the yard and over the side of the culvert which is packing dirt into the ditch area. Councilman Collins asked who is liable if the residents are damaging the property by driving over it. City Attorney Smith stated he was 90% sure that the homeowner would be responsible. He advised that he would review the Ordinances. City Attorney Smith then said Council could open the bid tonight, then wait for his response in regards to liability. Councilman Collins stated that the City Manager should have handled this. One bid was received from E&D Contracting in the amount of \$6,500.00. Councilman Johnson made a motion to table until City Attorney Smith responds, seconded by Councilman Collins. Motion carried.

B. Mayor Lariscy Opening of sealed bids for Highland Park Sign Restoration and Basketball Court Resurfacing

Two bids were received for the replacement of the Highland Park Sign. Thompson and Thompson Service Group submitted a bid in the amount of \$1,345.00, and Stuart Signs submitted a bid in the amount of \$4,826.00. Eco-sustainable Contractors submitted a bid on the basketball court replacement in the amount of \$34,500.00. A discussion took place to discuss the basketball court replacement project, as well as funding from SPLOST. Councilman Collins made a motion to accept the Thompson and Thompson bid for the Highland Park sign, to be funded by the general fund which will require a budget amendment, seconded by Councilman Johnson. Motion carried. Councilman

Lee made a motion to approve the basketball court project, seconded by Councilman Johnson. Motion carried. Councilman Johnson stated he would like to do a ribbon cutting ceremony once these projects are complete.

C. Mayor Lariscy Opening of sealed bids for Old Main Street Resurfacing (LMIG)

Mayor Lariscy stated the resurfacing requested was for South Central Blvd. to the Whitesville Subdivision. Two bids were received for this project: R.B.Baker submitted a bid for \$125,179.50, and Preferred Materials submitted a bid for \$155,325.00. Councilman Collins stated that the road doesn't only need to be resurfaced, it needs to be widened. There was discussion regarding the LMIG funds and Councilman Johnson questioned why Powell Road wasn't on the LMIG request. Mayor Lariscy stated he would review. There was also discussion regarding where the city limits begin and end. Councilman Johnson made a motion to table until the next regular meeting, seconded by Councilman Collins. Motion carried.

D. Mayor Lariscy Opening of sealed bids for water tank sediment removal

In-depth, Inc. submitted a bid for \$2,950.00. Pittsburg Tank and Tower submitted a bid for \$3,500.00. Tank Pro submitted a bid for \$3,750.00. Councilman Collins stated there were several things that the city engineer Wesley Parker stated were needed on the water tower. He added that he would like to review the recommendations of Wesley Parker and the new operators before moving forward. Councilman Collins then stated that he wasn't aware this bid was put out by the City Manager. Councilman Collins then made a motion to table until he can review with the engineer and the new water operator, seconded by Councilman Johnson. Motion carried.

E. Mayor Lariscy Discussion regarding the tree utilized for the Annual Tree Lighting event

Mayor Lariscy stated that the tree is dying and needs to be replaced. Councilman Johnson stated he would like to pursue a project with a new tree. Mayor Lariscy stated the City could do a Caboose lighting in the interim.

F. Mayor Lariscy Discussion and consideration to adopt Subdivision Ordinance and corresponding forms/applications

Mayor Lariscy stated he recommends tabling at this time as this is not completed. Councilman Collins made a motion to table, seconded by Councilman Johnson. Motion carried.

G. Mayor Lariscy Discussion and consideration to purchase trailer for Public Works Department

Mayor Lariscy stated that the city trailer was a part of the equipment theft some months ago. Multiple quotes were received for different sized trailers. Councilman Collins made a motion to purchase the Big Tex trailer, sized 77" x 12 feet, for \$2,000.00. Councilman Johnson seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

H. Mayor Lariscy Consideration and approval of Fire Fee Resolution

Mayor Lariscy stated the City should adopt the County rate schedule. Councilman Collins made a motion to approve the resolution to adopt the County rates, seconded by Councilman Johnson. Motion carried.

I. Mayor Lariscy Announcement of public hearing dates to discuss 2019 millage rate

Mayor Lariscy announced the dates for the millage rate Public Hearings.

J. Councilman Collins Discussion and consideration of approval of water application for approximately 50 water taps for property located at HWY 119/Old Louisville Road

Councilman Collins stated that a request has been made for approximately 50 water taps on Old Louisville Road near HWY 119. Councilman Collins then added that this area is in the service delivery area for the City. Councilman Collins made a motion to approve the request up to 50 lots contingent on the EPD permit. Councilman Johnson asked about paved streets in the subdivision, and Councilman Collins stated that would be the County jurisdiction. Councilman Lee seconded the motion and the motion carried.

K. Councilman Johnson Discussion regarding Employee of the Month Program

Councilman Johnson stated he felt this program would help make employees feel appreciated and that the employee could be announced at each meeting. Mayor Lariscy stated he would work with Councilman Johnson on the details.

L. Mayor Lariscy Appointment of City Clerk Bruton as Election Superintendent

Councilman Johnson made a motion to appoint City Clerk Bruton as the Election Superintendent. Councilman Lee seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

M. Mayor Lariscy Consideration and approval of participation in Leadership Effingham by City Clerk Bruton

Mayor Lariscy took a moment to explain the Leadership Effingham program. Councilman Collins made a motion to approve the application submittal. Councilman

Lee asked when the application needs to be submitted, and Mayor Lariscy stated September 9th is the deadline. Councilman Johnson seconded the motion and the motion carried.

N. Mayor Lariscy Consideration and appointment of Mayor Lariscy to Library Board

Mayor Lariscy stated this appointment would continue after his tenure as Mayor. Councilman Collins made a motion to approve, seconded by Councilman Lee. Motion carried.

O. Councilman Collins Consideration and approval of Whitesville Subdivision Phase VI plat

Councilman Collins stated that the water service is there, and the curb stops are there. He did find spelling errors on the plat that are going to be corrected. City Attorney Smith advised that once the plat is adopted, the City will own the streets. Councilman Collins stated that an engineer has signed off for the drainage as well. Councilman Collins then made a motion to approve contingent on the plat being corrected for spelling errors and the owners name. The motion died for lack of a second. Councilman Johnson stated he wanted to see the drainage issues before approving. Councilman Collins stated again that the engineer has approved the subdivision and the drainage.

P. Councilman Johnson Discussion regarding JCB Equipment

Mr. John Elmore spoke to Council about a Hydradig. He stated the he had been speaking to City Manager Hofman about a program to assist in purchasing this piece of equipment. Councilman Johnson stated that there are different attachments that would work for this as well.

Q. Councilman Johnson Discussion regarding Mossy Hollow water/sewer taps

Councilman Johnson was informed by former City Manager Hofman that there were no more taps because of Mossy Hollow. Councilman Collins stated that he was informed wrong. Councilman Lee asked how many taps are left. Councilman Collins stated that the total is not determined by taps, but by gallons. The current permit is for 250,000 gallons per day, and the City is using 85,000. Councilman Collins added that we have capacity, but need the additional spray fields built, and he isn't aware of where Mr. Hofman got that information, concluding that he has approved several water/sewer taps recently. Councilman Lee stated that Council needs to know when taps are approved. Councilman Collins stated that City Clerk Bruton could provide a report each month to Council if needed. Councilman Johnson stated he hasn't agreed to any taps with Mossy Hollow. City Attorney Smith stated that those taps have been approved, but Councilman Johnson disagreed. Councilman Lee asked if the City was holding 200 taps for Mossy

Hollow. Councilman Collins stated they are not being held; the builders will need to pay and apply for taps as needed.

12. Reports from Committees

Legal	City Attorney Smit
City Attorney Smith advised he will report in executive session.	
Finance & Taxes	Councilman Goldwire
No report- Councilman Goldwire not in attendance.	
Streets & Lanes	Councilman Johnson
Councilman Johnson stated that Interim Public Works Superintendent Jacob Ford was doing a great job repairing roads with the new plate compactor.	
Water & Sewage	Councilman Collins
Councilman Collins stated that the preliminary soil work is done, and the test came back well. He added that Wesley Parker will be working with the EPD to move forward on a new spray field.	
Recreation & City Property	Councilman Lee
No bids have been received for the gym windows.	
Police Department	Sheriff McDuffie
PD report presented to Council.	
Fire Department	Interim Chief Huntley
FD report presented to Council.	

13. Dates to Remember

****Monday, August 19 through Friday, August 23 - Qualifying Dates****

Wednesday, August 21, 7pm - Millage Rate Public Hearing

Thursday, August 29, 10am - Millage Rate Public Hearing

Thursday, August 29, 7pm - Millage Rate Public Hearing

Monday, September 2 - Labor Day, City Hall Closed

Wednesday, September 4, 4pm - Guyton Municipal Court

Tuesday, September 10, 7pm - City Council Meeting

Wednesday, October 2, 4pm - Guyton Municipal Court

Monday, October 14 - Early Voting begins

Tuesday, October 15, 7pm - City Council Meeting

**** October 15 - Final day for voter registration****

Saturday, October 19, 8am-2pm - Sale on the Trail

Thursday, October 31 - Fall Festival

Friday, November 1 - Early Voting ends

15. Adjournment from Regular Session into Executive Session

Motion to adjourn to executive session made by Councilman Johnson, seconded by Councilman Lee. Motion carried.

16. Executive Session (as needed)

Executive Session was held to discuss litigation.


17. Adjournment of Executive Session back into Regular Session

A motion to open regular session was made by Councilman Johnson, seconded by Councilman Lee. Motion carried.

Councilman Johnson made motion to direct City Attorney Smith to address what was discussed in regards to the fire agreement with Effingham County. The motion was seconded by Councilman Lee. Motion carried.

18. Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made by Councilman Lee, seconded by Councilman Johnson. Motion carried.



Jeff Lariscy, Mayor



Alison Bruton, City Clerk