

# City of Guyton, Georgia

*Working Together to Make a Difference*



**PUBLIC HEARING - August 21, 2019**

## MINUTES

**ITEM OF BUSINESS**

**ACTION REQUESTED OF COUNCIL**

**1. Call to Order**

Mayor Lariscy, 7:00 PM

City Attorney Smith, Councilman Johnson, Councilman Lee, and Councilman Goldwire were not in attendance.

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

**3. Invocation**

Mayor Lariscy led the Invocation.

**4. Pledge of Allegiance**

Mayor Lariscy led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**5. Approval of Agenda**

Consideration to approve the Agenda

Councilman Collins made a motion to approve the agenda, seconded by Mayor Lariscy. Due to no other Councilmen being in attendance, the motion proceeded.

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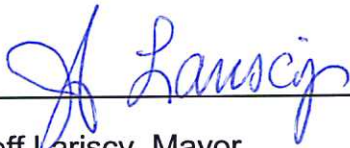
***Discussion to increase City of Guyton Millage rate to 3.655 mills***

Mayor Lariscy stated the proposal is to set the millage rate to 3.655 mills based on the adopted budget for 2019-2020. He also brought in a copy of his personal tax bill to compare the new rates to previous rates. Mayor Lariscy then explained that the County millage rate was 8.337 in 2016, and the County was sending a percentage of funds collected to each of the cities for roads and recreation. In 2017 the County decided to reduce the millage rate to 6.558, and no longer disperse those funds to the cities. This cost cities to lose revenue, and Guyton has not adjusted. Currently, the County M&O millage is set at 6.558 for everyone (city and county residents), 1.149 mills is being charged to the County residents for public works roads, and .934 mills is the

assessment for recreations for Guyton, Springfield, and unincorporated County. Rincon will not be charged the recreation mills because they have their own recreation department. Councilman Collins clarified that the County should have contacted Guyton to inform them of the millage reduction, but that did not happen. There was lengthy discussion between Council and citizens regarding the mills assessed by the County. Citizens requested more information regarding the recreation mills, and Mayor Lariscy stated he would attempt to gather more information for the remaining hearings. Marshall Reiser stated he wanted to know where the funds would be going. Mayor Lariscy stated that some funds are budgeted to be sent to the FD; however, if the County and Guyton come to an agreement on the FD, those funds may be able to be utilized for roads or other projects around the City. Councilman Collins stated there is still debt owed on two fire trucks. When the agreement is reached with the Council Fire Department, those fire fees will no longer be available to fund those debt payments. Councilman Collins then added that the city roads and drainage has been neglected for many years. There was discussion regarding the FD equipment, and the benefits of merging with Effingham County.

**6. Adjournment**

Councilman Collins made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mayor Lariscy. Due to no other Councilmen being in attendance, the motion proceeded.



Jeff Lariscy, Mayor



Alison Bruton, City Clerk