



City of Guyton  
**City Council Meeting**  
**November 10, 2020 – 7:00 p.m.**

MINUTES OF MEETING

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**Call to Order**

The November 10, 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, City Attorney Ben Perking 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 Agenda**

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

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**Consideration to approve Minutes of Meetings**

Reiser made a Motion to Approve the Minutes of the Tuesday, October 6, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. – City Council Workshop, Tuesday, October 6, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. – Special Called City Council Meeting, Tuesday, October 13, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. – Public Hearing – Zoning Ordinances and the Tuesday, October 13, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. – City Council Meeting. Pelote seconded the Motion. **Motion passed unanimously.**

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## Reports from Staff

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City Manager – Bill Sawyer – Met with the Contractor for the Gym Windows and they will give us an updated bid on the windows – Annexation Letters have been mailed out (Annexation – Vandiver Tract) – GEMA Generators – EOM is helping with a more plausible way to put the Generators in and that has been sent to GEMA for approval – Bids for Guardrails and Crossgate will be on December the 1<sup>st</sup>. at 3:00 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. – TSPOLST passed and the City should receive the funds April of 2021

Police Department – Chief James Breletic – 608 Calls – 20 Incident Reports – 3 Accident Reports – 19 Supplemental Reports – 3 Arrests and 54 Citations

Public Works – EOM – Charlie Heino – September – produced 7.98 Million Gallons of Drinking Water and Treated 5.76 Gallons of Wastewater – 302 Work Orders.

Fire Department – Chief Clint Hodges – 357 calls county wide – 25 calls within the City. Reiser commends the Fire Department for the quick response to his property (false alarm) and for their professionalism.

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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 Approve a Sanitation Contract (Waste Management/Waste Pro or Atlantic)

Waste Management – Russ Hightower – Current provider for the City. Hightower states they are using state of the art equipment. Johnson wants to know the change from Monday's to Tuesdays. Hightower states that it is due to route changing. Pelote wants to know about the pricing. Hightower states that there are some changes in pricing. Hightower gave updated pricing amounts for their service. Hightower states that it would be a \$75 charge for a Cardboard Container.

Waste Pro – Brett Bennett – Waste Pro will be providing a trash cart and recycle cart for all residents, and they are offering an option to see if resident wants a trash cart or recycle cart or two trash carts or no second cart at all. The resident would decide what option they would choose. Bennett gave pricing amounts for their service. Bennett describes the track easy program and third eye. Johnson asked about what days of the week they would pick up trash – Bennett states that they would sit down with the City to determine that – it is a partnership. Reiser asked about Community Events and Bennett stated that there was just some language in the Contract regarding that, but they would help with Community Events. Reiser asked about Cardboard Containers – Bennett said they could offer that. Pelote asked about Track Easy and if a Truck misses a stop

could they back up and pick up the trash. Bennett stated he doesn't remember the response time, but generally they would go and pick it up that day. Bennett states that there is no charge for a Cardboard Container.

Atlantic – Ben Wall – Owner of Atlantic Waste Services and they are located in Pooler. They are in the process of building a transfer station. Wall gives a history of the company. They have over 30 municipality contracts. They service Effingham County, Pooler and Richmond Hill. Those Contracts were with Waste Management or Waste Pro at one time and they have decided to go with Atlantic because they are a local company. 7 Trucks 5 days a week in this County running right through this City. This would be a Friday or maybe a Wednesday pickup. We could accommodate a Monday if the City chooses. Wall discussed their pricing. Atlantic would provide brand new carts. A phone number is on every single cart. They are a local company and they are high service. Have very few skips or misses. They would provide two recycling containers free of charge.

Sawyer – Ask Ben how to proceed currently.

Perkins asks everyone to submit a sealed bid for the next Meeting.

Sawyer ask the providers to send in sealed bids.

Reiser ask where the other two companies are located. – Bennett – Hardeeville, SC – Hightower – Hardeeville, SC

Reiser made a Motion to Table the Sanitation Contract. Pelote seconded the Motion. **Motion passed unanimously.**

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### **Consideration to Approve SPLOST Funds for Highland Park Improvements**

Mayor Deen thanks Lieutenant Allen, Chief Breletic and the Prison Detail for all the hard work on Highland Park. Mayor Deen goes over the list of proposals he has. Mayor Deen would like a second bike rack. Reiser asked about a drinking fountain for pets to have water. Pelote thinks that the drinking fountain for pets would be a good idea. Johnson agrees with the idea of the drinking fountain for pets. Reiser thinks this will encourage more people to use the Trail.

Johnson made a Motion to Approve SPLOST Funds for Highland Park Improvements. Reiser seconded the Motion. **Motion passed unanimously.**

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### **Consideration to Approve the City Manager to coordinate with the County regarding the Guyton Prison Work Detail**

Sawyer states that in the Agenda Packet there is a Contract with respect to the Prison Work Detail. It is a Fiscal Year Contract. \$47,000 a year to pay for an Officer to work with that Detail. The City needs to acquire a 15-passenger van and put a cage in it

Reiser made a Motion to Approve the City Manager to coordinate with the County regarding the Guyton Prison Works Detail. Pelote seconded the Motion. **Motion passed unanimously.**

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**Consideration to Approve the use of SPLOST Funds to pay the Guyton Prison Work Detail and to purchase needed Transportation and Equipment for this Detail**

Sawyer and the City Attorney has discussed this at length today. Perkins was made aware of an Article on a Website regarding this item on the Agenda and the Article implied that there was impropriety there. Perkins states that this matter was appropriate for the use of SPLOST Funds. Perkins discusses and reads the Statute that applies to the use of SPLOST Funds.

Johnson made a Motion to Approve the use of SPLOST Funds to pay the Guyton Prison Work Detail and to purchase needed Transportation and Equipment for this Detail. Lee seconded the Motion. **Motion passed unanimously.**

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**Consideration to Approve an Intergovernmental Agreement with Effingham County regarding the Guyton Prison Work Detail.**

Sawyer states that this Agreement outlines the Agreement with the City and County regarding the Detail.

Reiser made a Motion to Approve an Intergovernmental Agreement with Effingham County regarding the Guyton Prison Work Detail. Pelote seconded the Motion. **Motion passed unanimously.**

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**Consideration to Approve the New Guyton Insurance Rates**

Sawyer states that our insurance rates are going up around \$300 a person. Nine people are on the this plan the cost will rise by \$4,218.48 a year. Deen asked if this would be a Budget Amendment. Sawyer states that it would.

Reiser made a Motion to Approve the New Guyton Insurance Rates. Johnson seconded the Motion. **Motion passed unanimously.**

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**Consideration to Authorize the City Manager to bid Banking Services for the City of Guyton**

Sawyer states that the City has a good amount of money in our Accounts and Sawyer thinks that the City we can get some interest on our Accounts. RFP will go out to all the Banks in our area.

Pelote made a Motion to Authorize the City Manager to bid Banking Services for the City of Guyton. Reiser seconded the Motion. **Motion passed unanimously.**

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**Consideration to Approve the use of SPLOST Funds to pay for a new Server and Switch for the City of Guyton.**

Sawyer states that the City has servers that are antiquated at City Hall and at the Police Department and that the City needs new Servers. Georgia Technologies will help the City with this.

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Reiser made a Motion to Approve the use of SPLOST Funds to pay for a new Server and Switch for the City of Guyton. Johnson seconded the Motion. **Motion passed unanimously.**

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### **Consideration to Approve a New Phone System for the City of Guyton**

Sawyer states that this can't be used out of SPLOST Funds. The City needs 10 phones. Georgia Technologies will supply the new phone system. Deen states that there is no upfront cost. The City can transfer calls to their cell phones. Reiser states that this an improvement over a landline.

Pelote made a Motion to Approve a New Phone System for the City of Guyton. Reiser seconded the Motion. **Motion passed unanimously.**

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### **General Government**

**Guyton Gym Windows – Bill Sawyer** – The City will be coming back to Council regarding this

**GEMA Generator Grant – Bill Sawyer** – Working with EOM on this Grant

**Crossgate – Guardrails - Bill Sawyer** – Bid December the 1<sup>st</sup> at 3:00 p.m. and 3:30 p.m.

**TSPOLST – Bill Sawyer** – April 1, 2021 the City will receive this money

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### **Dates to Remember**

Wednesday, November 11, 2020 – City Hall will be closed for Veterans Day

Wednesday, November 18, 2020 and Thursday, November 19, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. – City Council Retreat - C.D. Dean, Jr., Public Safety Complex, Guyton Gymnasium, 505 Magnolia Street, Guyton, GA 31312

Tuesday, November 24, 2020 at 6:00 p.m., Planning and Zoning Committee Public Hearing – Vandiver Tract – Hwy 17 – Annexation, C.D. Dean, Jr., Public Safety Complex, Guyton Gymnasium, 505 Magnolia Street, Guyton, GA 31312

Tuesday, November 24, 2020 at 7:00 p.m., Planning and Zoning Committee Meeting, C.D. Dean, Jr., Public Safety Complex, Guyton Gymnasium, 505 Magnolia Street, Guyton, GA 31312

Thursday, November 26, 2020 and Friday, November 27, 2020 – City Hall will be closed for Thanksgiving Day and the Day after Thanksgiving

Tuesday, December 1, 2020 at 7:00 p.m., City Council Workshop, located at the C.D. Dean, Jr., Public Safety Complex, Guyton Gymnasium, 505 Magnolia Street, Guyton, GA 31312

Tuesday, December 8, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. – City Hall Public Hearing - Vandiver Tract – Hwy 17 – Annexation, C.D. Dean, Jr., Public Safety Complex, Guyton Gymnasium, 505 Magnolia Street, Guyton, GA 31312

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Tuesday, December 8, 2020 at 7:00 p.m., City Council Meeting, located at the C.D. Dean, Jr., Public Safety Complex, Guyton Gymnasium, 505 Magnolia Street, Guyton, GA 31312

Thursday, December 24, 2020 and Friday, December 25, 2020 – City Hall will be closed for Christmas Eve and Christmas

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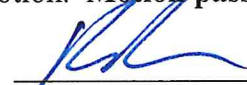
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Andy Harville wants to know if Perkins agrees that SPLOST can't be used for a salary. Perkins states that he thinks that you can use SPLOST Funds to pay someone's salary.

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**Consideration to Adjourn this Meeting**

Reiser made a Motion at 8:14 p.m. Pelote seconded the Motion. **Motion passed unanimously.**

  
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Russ Deen, Mayor

  
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Tina Chadwick, City Clerk

