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# **City of Guyton**



Special Called City Council Meeting Via Teleconference March 26, 2020 – 10:00 a.m.

## **MINUTES OF MEETING**

#### Call to Order

The March 26, 2020 City of Guyton Special Called City Council Meeting was called to order by Mayor Russ Deen at approximately 10:00 a.m. Mayor Russ Deen held a roll call vote, Mayor Pro Tem Michael Johnson, Sr., and Council Member Hursula Pelote all said Aye that they were present at this meeting via teleconference.

*Others Present* - Interim City Manager Brett Bennett, Interim City Attorney Ben Perkins and City Clerk Tina Chadwick were present.

#### Consideration to approve the Agenda

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

#### ALL PUBLIC COMMENTS WILL BE LIMITED TO AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

Consideration to approve an Ordinance declaring a state of emergency because of COVID-19 and taking immediate emergency measures

Mayor Deen proceeded to summarize the Ordinance by Section.

Ms. Seabrooks addressed a concern that employees at Ken's IGA were not wearing gloves. Mayor Deen responded that he would speak to the owner regarding this. She also stated that people (children) were playing basketball at the park. Dr. Goldwire asked when the Ordinance would go into effect? Mayor Deen responded immediately and that this Ordinance is tailored to meet the needs of the City of Guyton. Andy Harville inquired as to who was going to enforce the Ordinance. Mayor Deen stated that he is asking citizens to comply. Mayor Pro Tem Johnson stated that some stores had door monitors counting the number of people allowed in the store at one time. Interim City Manager Brett Bennett said that if anyone is concerned about non-compliance, they could call police dispatch or 911 if it is an emergency. Dr. Goldwire wanted to make sure that Pastors could have a copy of the Ordinance and Mayor Deen stated that the Ordinance will be circulated on social media and online. Jeff Lariscy said thank you to the Mayor and Council for all that they are doing. Dr. Goldwire wanted to know if there was a plan to broadcast an announcement of this Declaration. WJCL stated that they would publicize it and Interim City Manager Brett Bennett said that we will distribute to all media outlets. Mayor Deen reported that this meeting was being

recorded and that he would publish it and post it on Facebook. Dr. Goldwire thanked the Mayor for doing this. Lucy Powell thinks that the Mayor and City Council are doing a wonderful job.

Johnson made a motion to approve an Ordinance declaring a state of emergency because of COVID-19 and taking immediate emergency measures. Pelote seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. Roll Call Vote: Pelote - Aye, Lee - Aye, Johnson - Aye, Deen - Aye, Reiser - Not Present

### Adjournment

Johnson made a motion at approximately 10:30 a.m. to adjourn this meeting. Pelote seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Russ Deen, Mayor