

City of Guyton, Georgia

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Minutes of the Guyton City Council Meeting held on Tuesday, January 10, 2017, at Guyton City Hall at 7:00 pm.

Present: Mayor Jeff Lariscy, Councilman Franklin Goldwire, Councilman Michael Johnson, Councilman Steve Collins, City Attorney Ray Smith, Interim City Manager Lauree Morris, Interim City Clerk Alison Bruton, as well as citizens.

Mayor Lariscy called the meeting to order.

A moment of repose was held for those who may practice another faith, followed by the invocation by Mayor Lariscy. The pledge of allegiance was led by Assistant Fire Chief Nick Smalley.

Mayor Lariscy asked for a motion to amend the agenda to add item 12D, approval of the lease agreement for city property located at 308 Central Blvd. Motion was made by Councilman Goldwire, seconded by Councilman Collins. Motion carried.

Mayor Lariscy asked for consideration to approve the minutes from the December 13, 2016 council meeting. Councilman Johnson so moved; Councilman Goldwire seconded and the minutes were approved.

PLANNING AND ZONING: No Report.

LEISURE SERVICES COMMISSION: Joseph Lee reported to council that everything is going well with Leisure Services, and that they did have a meeting on Monday, January 9, 2017, but without a chairperson they did not have an agenda.

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMITTEE: Pearl Boynes addressed council that the Historic Preservation society has three projects they were unable to complete in 2016 and are eager to complete them in 2017. One of those projects is to add lighting to the memory garden. As a committee, they are not happy with how the City of Guyton looks at this time, and they want to schedule a workshop with Mayor and Council to discuss beautification ideas. After a brief discussion, it was decided the workshop will be held on Monday, February 13, 2017 at 7pm.

OTHER COMMITTEE REPORTS: Interim City Manager Morris stated that the City had received a letter from CASA thanking the City for supporting the organization and the Superhero 5K event.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mayor Lariscy called for the consideration to set the qualifying fee for the November 7, 2017 Municipal Election for Council Post #3 and #4. The fee is \$72.00. Councilman Johnson made a motion to accept that rate, seconded by Councilman Collins. Motion carried.

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Councilman Johnson called for a discussion regarding Highland Park and seeking bids for removal of bathroom and placement of portables, bids for tree removal, and bids for roof replacement on gazebo and shelter, as well as replenishment of tree canopy (possible grant or other funding). After lengthy discussion with Council and citizens Lula Seabrooks and Lexye Shockley, Council decided to add this discussion to the scheduled workshop on February 13, 2017.

Mayor Lariscy called for a revision of the Personnel Policy to include a policy on City provided cell phones; however, he asked that this be tabled pending further action by the City Attorney Ray Smith. The motion was made by Councilman Goldwire, and seconded by Councilman Collins. Motion carried.

Per the amended agenda, Mayor Lariscy called for the acceptance of the rental agreement for city property located at 308 Central Blvd. After some discussion Councilman Johnson made a motion to table this pending further review of the agreement, seconded by Councilman Goldwire. Motion carried.

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES:

Legal: Attorney Ray Smith requested to present in Executive Session.

Finance and Taxes: It was noted that the report was not complete, and would be available at the next council meeting Thursday, February 16, 2017.

Streets and Lanes: Councilman Johnson reported he will be looking for options regarding the amount of tires and debris scattered around the city. Councilman Collins asked if this would be something to include in the February 13, 2017 workshop, and that was agreed.

Water and Sewage: Councilmen Collins provided a water and sewer update stating that things are continuing to move forward with the Wastewater Treatment Plant, especially since it has dried up from the rain.

Captain Strickland provided an update on enforcement actions being taken in the City.

Chief Kelphe Lundy provided a police report.

Chief Gary Jarriel provided a fire department report.

The dates to remember were recapped by Mayor Lariscy as follows:

Monday, January 16 - City Closed; MLK Day

Wednesday, January 18 - Guyton Municipal Court

Wednesday, February 15, 3:30pm - Guyton Municipal Court

Thursday, February 16, 7pm – City Council Meeting

Mayor Lariscy called for additional comments relating to the Agenda. After none, Councilmen Johnson moved that we adjourn into Executive Session. Councilmen Collins seconded, and the motion was approved by all.



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Upon returning from executive session discussing personnel and litigation matters, no actions were required.

Councilman Collins made a motion to adjourn the Council meeting, seconded by Councilman Johnson. Motion passed.

Alison Bruton, Interim City Clerk

Jeff Lariscy, Mayor

