



City of Guyton, Georgia

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Minutes of the Guyton City Council Meeting held on Tuesday, November 14, 2017, at Guyton City Hall at 7:00 pm.

Present: Mayor Jeff Lariscy, Councilman Michael Johnson, Councilman Steve Collins, City Attorney Ray Smith, City Manager Thomas Wirth, City Clerk Alison Bruton, as well as citizens. Councilman Goldwire was not in attendance.

Mayor Lariscy called the meeting to order. Due to Councilman Johnson running late, the meeting was called to order at 7:20pm.

A moment of repose was held for those who may practice another faith, followed by the invocation by Councilman Mr. Lon Harden. The pledge of allegiance was led by Councilman Johnson.

Mayor Lariscy asked for consideration to approve the agenda. Councilman Collins made a motion to approve the agenda, seconded by Councilman Johnson. Motion carried.

Mayor Lariscy asked for consideration to approve the minutes from the October 10, 2017 City Council Meeting. Councilman Collins so moved; Councilman Johnson seconded, and the minutes were approved.

PLANNING AND ZONING: No Report.

LEISURE SERVICES COMMISSION: Joseph Lee addressed Council stating that the Committee had a meeting, but no one was in attendance. There was no report.

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMITTEE: Pearl Boynes was not in attendance; however, Lexye Shockley addressed Council that she and Ms. Boynes and others had discussed wanting to solicit churches and businesses to decorate the trees along the trail through Guyton. After further discussion, a motion was made by Councilman Johnson to approve the concept and work out details with the Historic Preservation Committee. The motion was seconded by Councilman Collins, motion carried.

OTHER COMMITTEE REPORTS: None.

OLD BUSINESS:

Mayor Lariscy called for a discussion regarding fiber optics installation by Planter's Telephone, and whether they should be allowed to plow or continue to bore. City Manager Wirth stated that he recommends the City allowing boring only, as plowing would lead to major issues. Mayor Lariscy and Council discussed the fact that with lines close together, the risk for damage to those lines is greater with plowing. City Attorney Ray Smith stated that if the lines are properly marked, they are responsible to pay for damages and the repair. Councilman Johnson stated that if the lines are marked correctly, they should miss all the lines with the bore, but could rip a lot up with the plow. Councilman Collins asked if we could legally make them bore only. City Attorney Ray Smith stated he would research this. Councilman Collins then stated that they did not sign the agreement presented by Council previously. City Attorney Smith stated we would need to get the agreement between Planter's and Jim Young Construction to see what it says. A motion to table this topic was made by



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Councilman Collins, and seconded by Councilman Johnson. Motion carried.

Mayor Lariscy called for a discussion and updates regarding Crossgate Subdivision drainage. Councilman Collins made a motion to table this topic pending more information from the engineer. The motion was seconded by Councilman Johnson, and motion carried. City Attorney Ray Smith stated we would need to look closely at the system proponent versus the design.

Mayor Lariscy called for an update regarding the Guyton Civic Center repairs. Mr. Wirth stated he is meeting with DCA to discuss a CDBG Grant.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mayor Lariscy called for the recognition of post 3 and post 4 elected candidates. Congratulations were spoken to Councilman Michael Johnson and Joseph Lee.

Mayor Lariscy called for a discussion regarding drainage issues at 401 Central Ave. Mr. Jim Odum addressed Council and stated he appreciated the survey completed by the City. He questioned the 45-foot easement along his side of the property. Mr. Odum stated he knew nothing about this easement completed in 2001. A discussion took place regarding the legal paperwork the should be at the Courthouse. Mr. Odum stated that the ditch needs to be cleaned out and addressed. Mayor Lariscy stated he would review the ditch issues and look at the documentation.

Mayor Lariscy called for the opening of the sealed bids for the purchase of the municipal property located at 308 Central Blvd. Councilman Johnson made a motion to table this item. Councilman Collins requested to know why, to which Councilman Johnson stated because Councilman Goldwire was not in attendance, and because Council had not reviewed the appraisal. There was a brief discussion regarding the appraisal, and Councilman Johnson made a motion to table. The motion received no second, and motion died. At this time, Councilman Johnson excused himself from the meeting stating "no further business can be discussed."

Due to a lack of quorum, the meeting was adjourned.

Alison Bruton, City Clerk

Jeff Lariscy, Mayor

