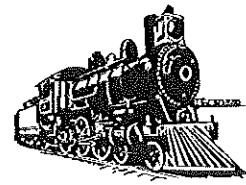


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Minutes of the Guyton City Council Meeting held on Tuesday, January 12, 2016 at Guyton City Hall at 7:00 pm.

Present: Out-going Mayor Michael Garvin, In-Coming Mayor Jeff Lariscy, Out-going Council Member Kelli Lariscy, In-Coming Councilmen Steve Collins, Councilmen Michael Johnson, Councilmen Ulysses Eaton, City Attorney Ray Smith, City Manager Robert Black, City Clerk Lauree Morris as well as citizens.

Clerk Morris called the meeting to order. She called the newly elected officials to the front and Jeff Lariscy took the oath of office for Mayor. Steve Collins took the oath of office for Council post number one.

After the oaths, Clerk Morris turned the meeting over to Mayor Lariscy.

Out-going members were thanked for their service and Mayor Michael Garvin was recognized for his many years of devotion, and he was presented a plaque.

Mayor Lariscy asked Fire Chief Gary Jarriel to offer the invocation, which was then followed by a moment of repose for those who may practice some other faith. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilmen Johnson.

Mayor Lariscy stated that the Agenda would need to be amended to add the election of a Mayor Pro-tem (include as item 6A). Lariscy called for a motion to approve the Amended Agenda, which was made by Councilmen Johnson and seconded by Councilmen Eaton. Approved by all.

Councilmen Eaton made a motion to approve the Minutes of the December 8, 2015 meeting and Councilmen Johnson seconded. Motion carried.

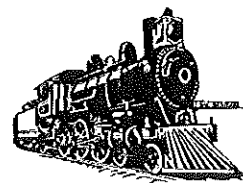
Mayor Lariscy called for the election of a Mayor Pro-tem. Councilmen Eaton nominated Councilmen Johnson. Councilmen Johnson agreed and after no additional nominations it was called for a vote. A motion was made by Councilmen Eaton but there was no second. The floor was reopened for nominations. Attorney Smith indicated that it would be desirable to proceed with the nomination and election at tonight's meeting but it was not necessary. A motion was made by Councilmen Collins for Councilmen Goldwire to continue as the Mayor Pro-tem. Although Goldwire was not present, those that were onsite were 99% sure Goldwire would agree to serve again. Councilmen Eaton seconded the motion to approve Councilmen Goldwire as the Mayor-pro tem and the motion was approved.

PLANNING AND ZONING: No report.

LEISURE SERVICES COMMISSION: Robert Hunter, commission chairman, greeted the new Mayor and Council member and congratulated them. He reported that the commission held their meeting last night and they voted to hold the Community Picnic on June 25, 2016th. He apologized for not getting the date to Clerk Morris before the end of the year. Hunter stated that line dancing has started again and bingo participation has picked up. He discussed the issues with the Christmas parade. Although he thanked the City staff for their help, there are still issues that need to be corrected. One of those

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being the gaps in the parade floats and another is lack of port-a-potties at the staging area. Mayor Lariscy stated that this and other issues are already being addressed with the parade team meetings.

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMITTEE: Although Pearl Boynes stated she did not have a report, she greeted and congratulated the new Mayor and Council Member, and told them she looked forward to working with them.

After calling for other committee reports, of which there were none, the Mayor requested that all public comments relating to the Agenda be made as we move down the Agenda.

OLD BUSINESS:

Manager Black provided an update on the use of the Guyton Civic Center (gym) by the Effingham County Board of Commissioners for practice and basketball games for various dates from November 2015 until February 2016. He informed the Council that the County will not be using our facility. He stated that Robert Hunter and Joseph Lee have been approached by individual coaches about using the facility, and they were directed to wait until the new administration was in place before addressing and responding to the requests.

Manager Black asked for consideration to accept the proposal of Gary Jarriel, Guyton Volunteer Fire Department Fire Chief, to add payroll hours, which will put in place a full-time Fire Chief. Councilmen Collins asked how this would be funded and why it was needed. It was explained that the fire department budget has excess funds on an annual basis, which in the past has been used for equipment purchases. It was explained that the need has existed for some time but it was not possible before due to personal time constraints of the former chief. It was also explained that now we have a person who can take care of the needs of our department in the Chief's capacity and with City growth, the ISO review and other matters, the City would benefit from a full-time person in this position. Councilmen Collins stated that he wanted to review prior to giving his approval. After additional discussion, Council Johnson made a motion to approve the proposal of Gary Jarriel to add payroll hours to put in place a full-time Fire Chief. Councilmen Eaton seconded. Councilmen Collins opposed but the motion passed.

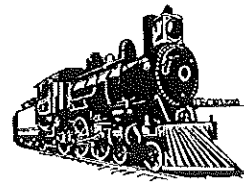
NEW BUSINESS:

Manager Black asked for consideration to adopt a Resolution honoring out-going Mayor Michael Garvin for his many years of service to the City of Guyton. The Resolution was read by Mayor Lariscy. Councilmen Eaton moved to approve the Resolution. Councilmen Johnson seconded. Councilmen Collins opposed. Motion passed.

Manager Black asked for consideration to move or cancel the January 26 Council Meeting. After discussion on why the meeting should not be held [lack of agenda items historically and most importantly, members returning home for Mayor's Day in Atlanta], Councilmen Eaton presented a motion to cancel the meeting, which was seconded by Councilmen Johnson and approved.

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Manager Black asked for consideration to approve a budget calendar for FY 2016/2017 of which they had been provided a copy. Council reviewed the calendar, which Eaton stated was very organized. Councilmen Eaton moved to approve the budget calendar. Councilmen Johnson seconded and the motion passed.

Manager Black asked for consideration to approve a Resolution to change one (1) 911 address on Hidden Creek Drive. Council members were provided a map of the subdivision which clearly indicated the need to renumber 28C Hidden Creek Drive to 32E. Black indicated that he has spoken to the owner of the property who is also desirous of the change, which our Public Safety Department also thinks is necessary. Councilmen Eaton called for a motion to approve the Resolution. Councilmen Johnson seconded and the motion was approved.

Manager Black called for a discussion on Chapter 7-3 of the City of Guyton Ordinances regarding street number on houses. Council members were provided a copy of the ordinance. The needs of enforcing this ordinance was discussed. Not only it is vitally important for a safety issue, but this will be beneficial to the City government in other respects. Manager Black indicated that we could start a public awareness campaign by placing information on the water bills and highlighting it like we recently did for water bill payment issues, which garnered a lot of attention. Clerk Morris asked about the penalties cited in the Ordinance and whether or not we would enforce them. Councilmen Johnson asked about placing house numbers on/near the road for those houses that are off the roads. Attorney Smith stated that we would need to amend the Ordinance to include this language. Mayor Lariscy stated that we should move forward with a public awareness campaign on the existing Ordinance and address an amendment need in the future.

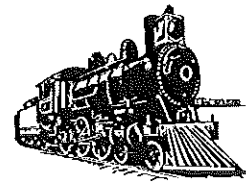
Manager Black called for a discussion and approval of the State of Georgia Department of Transportation offer to purchase two right-of-way parcels for the round-a-bout. Attorney Smith indicated that there are still some areas of concern with the properties in question, and that there may actually be another parcel. The maps provided by the DOT were reviewed and those do not match up with maps from Effingham County. Attorney Smith is also concerned that no appraisals have been done on the properties. After additional discussion, Mayor Lariscy moved to table this matter for additional investigation. Councilmen Johnson so moved. Councilmen Eaton seconded and it was approved.

Manager Black called for a discussion on revisions needed to the Personnel Policy Section 8.4 and Section 8.8 to remove the inconsistency and to Section 6.4.2c to correct a typographical error. Council members were provided with a memorandum regarding this matter. Attorney Smith stated that as a public entity, the United States Constitution protects employees against unreasonable search and seizure, and we need to review the drug testing issue before we move forward with requiring it as a condition of pre-employment. Councilmembers agree with this statement so this matter will be continued.

Regarding Section 6.4.2c, Councilmen Eaton made a motion to correct the Personnel Policy to correct the typing error. Councilmen Johnson seconded and it was approved.

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The Minutes shall reflect that the Personnel Policy, Section 6.4.2c shall now read as follows:

"On December 31, the City will reimburse the employee for any unused PTO/Sick time at the employee's current rate of pay."

Committee Reports

Councilmen Goldwire was not present to provide a financial report so the report was given by Clerk Morris. For December, the beginning and ending balance in the General Fund was \$176,733.62 and \$164,112.40. For the Contingency Fund, the beginning and ending balance was \$535,103.96.

Councilmen Eaton had no report for Streets and Lanes other than to mention a very large pile of shrubbery that has been on the side of the road for some time as it was too large to pick up.

No report for Water and Sewer.

No report for Recreation and City Property other than the comment that it will soon be time to address the ballfields.

Chief Kelphe Lundy provided a police report that provided the number of calls and the peak times, which were 7 am and between 3 and 10 pm.

Fire Chief Gary Jarriel provided a fire report and indicated that 2015 closed out with a total of 468 calls. He stated that ISO is coming between January 25 and 28, and the consultant has been hard at work helping get them ready.

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

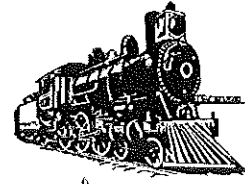
Monday, January 18 – City Hall closed for MLK Jr. Day
Monday, January 18, 10 am – MLK Parade in Springfield
Wednesday, January 20, 4 pm – Guyton Municipal Court
Tuesday, January 26, 8 am – City Council Meeting *CANCELLED*
Tuesday, February 9, 7 pm – City Council Meeting
Wednesday, February 17, 4 pm – Guyton Municipal Court
Tuesday, February 23, 8 am – City Council Meeting

Mayor Lariscy called for additional comments relating to the Agenda. After none, he called for a motion to adjourn into Executive Session. Said motion was made by Councilmen Eaton, seconded by Councilmen Johnson and approved to discuss personnel issues.

After returning from Executive Session into Regular Session, and no additional business or comments, Mayor Lariscy called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilmen Eaton made the motion, which was seconded by Councilmen Johnson and approved. Meeting adjourned.

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Lauree Morris

Lauree Morris, City Clerk

Jeff Latiscy

Jeff Latiscy, Mayor

