

City of Guyton, Georgia

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Minutes of the Guyton City Council Meeting held on Tuesday, February 9, 2016 at Guyton City Hall at 7:00 pm.

Present: Mayor Jeff Lariscy, Councilmen Steve Collins, Councilmen Michael Johnson, Councilmen Ulysses Eaton, Councilmen Franklin Goldwire, City Attorney Ray Smith, City Manager Robert Black, Assistant City Clerk Arlene Crittington as well as citizens.

Mayor Lariscy called the meeting to order. Assistant Clerk Crittington called Councilmen Franklin Goldwire as a newly elected official to the front and he took the oath of office.

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 Eaton.

Mayor Lariscy stated that the Agenda would need to be amended to change the current New Business item I from discussion and presentation of the audit to a discussion to change the meeting time of the second Council Meeting of the month and office hour times. Mayor Lariscy called for a motion to approve the Amended Agenda, which was made by Councilmen Eaton and seconded by Councilmen Goldwire. Approved by all.

Councilmen Johnson made a motion to approve the Minutes of the January 12, 2016 meeting and Councilmen Eaton seconded. Motion carried.

PLANNING AND ZONING: No report.

LEISURE SERVICES COMMISSION: No report.

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMITTEE: No report.

OLD BUSINESS:

Manager Black called for a discussion of public awareness campaign for street numbering on houses, per Chapter 7-3 of the City of Guyton Ordinances. Councilmen Johnson motioned to table this matter. Councilmen Goldwire seconded and the motion passed.

Manager Black called for a discussion and possible approval of the State of Georgia Department of Transportation offer to purchase two right-of-way parcels for the round-a-bout. Manger Black and Attorney Smith met with the Department of Transportation and our queries were resolved. Councilmen Eaton motioned to approve and accept the offer from the Department of Transportation. Council Johnson seconded and the motion was approved.

Manager Black called for a discussion on the revision needed to the Personnel Policy Section 8.4 and Section 8.8 to remove the inconsistency regarding drug testing. We will do this by changing Section 8.4 from "may require" to "will require" so both sections require drug testing before employment. Councilmen Goldwire motioned to approve this, Councilmen Johnson seconded and motion carried.

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Manager Black asked for consideration to accept salvage offer on Fire Department ladder truck and bus and make appropriate arrangements for removal. After discussion led by Fire Chief Jarriel, Councilmen Collins made a motion to place the ladder truck for sale with sealed bids. Councilmen Johnson seconded and the motion passed. Councilmen Collins amended the motion to include the bus and the police car. Councilmen Johnson seconded and the amended motion was passed.

NEW BUSINESS:

Manager Black called for a discussion and consideration of the first reading of Amendment to City of Guyton Personnel Policy to add Chapter 13, City of Guyton Vehicle Use and Policy. After discussion, the first reading was approved as moved by Councilmen Collins. Motion not seconded or approved. Councilmen Eaton made a commitment to discuss the matter with department heads.

Manager Black called for a discussion and first reading of the City of Guyton Credit Card Policy. The matter was discussed, but no motion was made to accept the policy.

Manager Black called for a discussion and first reading of the City of Guyton Travel Policy. Mayor Lariscy indicated that this policy is based closely on state policy, and it is presented to provide transparency. No motion was made to accept the policy.

Manager Black called for a discussion and approval of Fire Department Standard Operating Procedures Section 400.01 and 600.01 IV-A and IV-B as proposed by Fire Department personnel based on a recent ISO review. After discussion on these additions, Councilmen Johnson called to approve this procedure update. Councilmen Goldwire seconded and the motion was approved.

Manager Black asked for consideration to reappoint Mr. Jimmy Wells to represent the City of Guyton on the Effingham Industrial Development Authority. Councilmen Goldwire moved in favor of this matter, which was seconded by Councilmen Johnson and passed.

Mayor Lariscy discussed franchise fees and the monitoring of the same within Guyton by the Georgia Municipal Association (GMA). The Mayor discussed the need and cost associated with undertaking an audit with the service of GMA, which will benefit our revenue. Councilmen Goldwire made a motion to approve the matter Resolution/agreement. Councilmen Eaton seconded and the matter passed.

Mayor Lariscy discussed the 2016 through 2018 Committee assignments.

Manager Black asked for consideration to approve a Budget Amendment for Fiscal Year 2014/2015. After discussion, Councilmen Goldwire moved to table this matter, which was seconded by Councilmen Eaton and approved.

Mayor Lariscy stated that it was suggested to him that we move to a 4/10 schedule for City Hall [four hour work week/ten hour day]. This would benefit our citizens as well as our employees. Per the poll taken by Mayor Lariscy, the majority of folks would benefit from the proposed new schedule. No

action is to be taken at this time but the Mayor asked for this to be considered. Mayor Lariscy then

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discussed the consideration to change the fourth Tuesday morning City Council Meetings to 7 pm instead of 8 am. Again no action is being taken, the Mayor just asked for consideration.

Citizen Joseph Forbes was not present so his request to be heard regarding policy concerning termination of water services was not discussed.

Committee Reports

There was no financial report made by Councilmen Goldwire.

Regarding Recreation and City Property, there will be a work order placed to get the baseball field dragged.

Chief Kelphe Lundy provided a police report that provided the number of calls and the peak times.


Fire Chief Gary Jarriel provided a fire report.

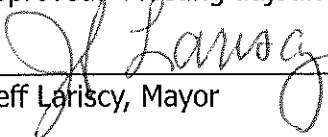
The dates to remember were recapped by Councilmen Goldwire as follows:

- Wednesday, February 17, 4 pm – Guyton Municipal Court
- Tuesday, February 23, 8 am – City Council Meeting
- Tuesday, March 8, 10 am – Seniors In the Know Event
- Tuesday, March 8, 7 pm – City Council Meeting
- Wednesday, March 16, 4 pm – Guyton Municipal Court
- Tuesday, March 22, 8 am – City Council Meeting
- Friday, March 25 – City Hall closed for Good Friday
- Monday, March 28 – Community Easter Egg Hunt

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 litigation and personnel.

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


Arlene Crittington, Assistant City Clerk


Jeff Lariscy, Mayor

