

# City of Guyton, Georgia

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## **Minutes of the Guyton City Council Meeting held on Tuesday, March 22, 2016 at Guyton City Hall at 7:00 pm.**

Present: Mayor Jeff Lariscy, Councilmen Steve Collins, Councilmen Franklin Goldwire, Councilmen Michael Johnson, City Attorney Ray Smith, City Manager Robert Black, City Clerk Lauree Morris as well as citizens.

Mayor Lariscy called the meeting to order. Joseph Lee offered the invocation, which was followed by a moment of repose for those who may practice some other faith. The pledge of allegiance was said.

Mayor Lariscy asked for consideration to approve the Agenda. Councilmen Johnson so moved. Councilmen Collins seconded, and the motion passed.

Councilmen Goldwire made a motion to approve the Minutes of the March 8, 2016 meeting and Councilmen Johnson seconded. Motion carried.

PLANNING AND ZONING: No report.

LEISURE SERVICES COMMISSION: Chairmen Robert Hunter stated that line dancing is going good. He told everyone that the next big event is the Community Easter Egg Hunt, which will be held next week [Monday, March 28 from 4 to 6 pm].

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMITTEE: No report.

No other committee reports were provided.

### OLD BUSINESS:

Mayor Lariscy called for a discussion and adoption of parliamentary procedures provided by the Georgia Municipal Association (GMA). This item was tabled from the last meeting to allow additional time to review the procedures of GMA. In that the City does not have an official parliamentary guide, Council agreed this would be a good place to start. The Mayor called for a motion to accept these procedures. Councilmen Collins moved that we adopt the GMA parliamentary procedure. Councilmen Johnson stated we should try it for six (6) months. Councilmen Collins amended his motion to adopt the procedure for a trial period of six (6) months. Councilmen Johnson seconded and the motion passed.

Manager Black called for discussion and approval of refinance on revenue bond for waste water treatment plant. After a brief discussion, Councilmen Collins moved that we table this matter. Councilmen Goldwire seconded and the motion to table was approved.

Mayor Lariscy called for a discussion on the waste water treatment plant. Councilmen Goldwire moved that this matter also be tabled. Councilmen Johnson seconded and the motion was approved.

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Manager Black called for a discussion, second reading and approval of an Amendment to the Water and Sewer Ordinance to replace Section 5-1-11(a) and remove section 5-1-12(a) and (b). Mayor Lariscy credited Manager Black with a thorough review of the ordinance and the consideration of our citizens into the reworking for this amendment. Councilmen Johnson moved to accept the amendment. Councilmen Collins seconded and the amendment passed.

Manager Black called for a review of the water tank maintenance bids for water tank # 2 (Magnolia at 3<sup>rd</sup>) and selection of vendor. Councilmen Collins moved to table this matter as Public Works Superintendent O'Neal was not present. Councilmen Johnson seconded and the motion to table was passed.

## NEW BUSINESS:

Manager Black called for a resolution recognizing Isiah Royal for achieving three (3) consecutive state championship wrestling titles in his division and class. Mayor Lariscy welcomed Mr. Royal and his mother to the meeting. After reading the resolution, Mayor Lariscy called for a motion to approve the same. Councilmen Goldwire so moved. Councilmen Johnson seconded and the matter was approved. Mr. Royal was presented with an executed copy of the resolution.

Manager Black called for a discussion and first reading of an Amendment to Fire Rescue Fee Ordinance. Fire Chief Jarriel addressed the Council on this matter. He indicated that although the new ISO rating has not been received yet, and the budget for next year is not ready, the new rates will help the department meet their capital needs, not their operating expenses. Although the Council will look at budgetary numbers and a possible five (5) year capital needs plan, this matter will move forward.

Mayor Lariscy called for a discussion on possible SPLOST projects that can be undertaken. He requested that input be provided within a week of two by department heads, committees, and citizens so a wish list of projects can be obtained in order to provide direction on our funding.

Mayor Lariscy called for a discussion on proposed City of Guyton categorical allocations for the upcoming SPLOST referendum. The Mayor is proposing the following category funding rates: 30% each for roads, streets, lanes; public safety; and, water and sewer; and 5% for both recreation and technical capital outlay. A meeting will be held with the county on April 4, 2016 regarding this matter.

Mayor Lariscy called for a discussion regarding candidates who applied to fill Councilmen Eaton's remaining term and possible selection of candidate. After discussion, Councilmen Johnson moved that the Personnel Committee hold interviews with each of the four (4) candidates before the next Council meeting. Councilmen Collins seconded and the motion was approved.

Manager Black called for consideration to adopt the Statewide Mutual Aid and Assistance Agreement in conjunction with the Georgia Emergency Management Act. Effingham County Fire Chief Hodge addressed the Council to inform them that this is an updated agreement, good for a period of four (4) years. It will replace the 2012 agreement, and it includes standard language. He also informed the Council that this is separate from the County Emergency Management Plan. Councilmen Collins

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moved that this matter be tabled until the next meeting. Councilmen Johnson seconded and the matter was approved.

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

Friday, March 25 – City Hall closed for Good Friday  
Monday, March 28, 4 to 6 pm – Community Easter Egg Hunt  
Tuesday, April 12, 7 pm – City Council Meeting  
Saturday, April 16, 8 am through 2 pm – Spring Sale on the Trail  
Saturday, April 16 – Olde Effingham Days Festival  
Wednesday, April 20, 4 pm – Guyton Municipal Court  
Tuesday, April 26, 7 pm – City Council Meeting

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

After returning from Executive Session into Regular Session as moved by Councilmen Johnson, seconded by Councilmen Goldwire and approved by all, the Council briefly discussed a pending litigation matter. Councilmen Johnson made a motion authorizing Attorney Smith to send Barrow a letter informing him that construction will begin on the waste water treatment plant on or about May 1, 2016. Councilmen Collins seconded and the motion passed.

Attorney Smith reminded Council to be mindful of the definition of “capital outlay projects” when moving forward with SPLOST related matters. Attorney Smith also apologized for not responding sooner on the statewide fire agreement. He stated this is a standard agreement, and he would not have any issue signing off on the same.

The pending retirement of Manager Black, which is scheduled for March 25, 2016, was discussed. Manager Black stated his willingness to work a few hours each week, but would like consideration of his request for compensation. Said request is for fifteen (15) weeks of pay at \$445 per week for a sum of \$6,675. This represents compensation for forty (40) hours per week when he only received compensation for twenty (20) hours per week from 10/2015 through 1/2016 after his return from Florida. Council will consider the request and Manager Black agreed to work approximately sixteen (16) hours per week. Mayor Lariscy stated he will pursue advertisement for the position and work on an agreement for Manager Black, which can be presented at the next meeting.

Manager Black informed that Council that through a review of audit materials, it has been confirmed that the outstanding invoices presented by Hofstadter and Associates have not been paid. They will be processed for payment immediately.

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After 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.

Lauree Morris  
Lauree Morris, City Clerk

Jeff Lariscy  
Jeff Lariscy, Mayor

