

City of Guyton, Georgia

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Minutes of the Guyton City Council Meeting held on Tuesday, June 14, 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 Clerk Lauree Morris 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 said.

Mayor Lariscy introduced the two new Guyton administration employees: Alison Bruton, the waterworks clerk and Cheundra Pierre, the public service associate and municipal court clerk.

Mayor Lariscy asked for consideration to amend the Agenda to include adding the first reading of the fire fee ordinance as well as consideration to change the date of the July 12 council meeting. A motion to approve the Amended Agenda was made by Councilmen Johnson, seconded by Councilmen Goldwire, and approved.

Councilmen Goldwire made a motion to approve the Minutes of the May 24, 2016 meeting. Councilmen Johnson seconded, and the motion carried.

PLANNING AND ZONING: No report.

LEISURE SERVICES COMMISSION: Joseph Lee reported that the commission is preparing for the community picnic. He also reported that all other activities are going well.

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMITTEE: Chairperson Pearl Boynes provided a brief report regarding the light from Georgia Power for the Memory Garden, the sign for the historic cemetery tree and the Ice Cream Social, which will be held this Thursday.

No other committee reports were provided.

OLD BUSINESS:

Mayor Lariscy called for a motion to table the Utility Permit Ordinance regarding right-of-way permits. Councilmen Goldwire so moved. Councilmen Johnson seconded and the motion passed.

Mayor Lariscy led a discussion and sought approval to refinance the revenue bond. Mayor Lariscy advised that he has received updated interest rates from Stifel, which are even lower than before. After considering other financing options we have pursued, the refinance through Stifel would be the most beneficial to the City. Mayor Lariscy called for a motion to move forward with the refinancing through Stifel. Councilmen Collins moved; Councilmen Johnson seconded and the matter passed.

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Mayor Lariscy called for an update on the issues raised by Pat McCall at the last council meeting regarding non-enforcement of zoning issues and speeding on Central Boulevard. Councilmen Collins, Police Captian Stacy Strickland and Clerk Morris all provided information regarding our enforcement efforts. Mrs. McCall thanked Council for considering her concerns and for taking action.

Mayor Lariscy presented and held the first reading of the Fiscal Year 2016/2017 budget. The ordinance providing the amount of appropriations for each department was read. Some discussion was held regarding the tax/millage rate. The new budget includes a millage rate increase, which will not be voted on until after the budget is passed. In the event the millage rate is not approved, the budget will have to be amended to reflect the current rate and not the anticipated rate increase. It was noted that the proposed millage rate increase would only be \$90 for each \$100,000 assessed value.

Mayor Lariscy presented the first reading of the amended Ordinance to Provide Fire Fees. This proposed increase of fire fees has been discussed numerous times. It is necessary to increase the fees at this time to ensure our fire department continues to move forward. Mayor Lariscy provided some information regarding a recent meeting with Effingham County during which we were informed that the initial projections from the Service Delivery Strategy agreement were never modified to meet the actuals resulting in our department receiving too much money. The county is reviewing this matter and we will work with them regarding the discrepancy. Regardless of the outcome, we will receive less funding from the county going forward, yet another reason to modestly increase the fire fees.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mayor Lariscy led a discussion regarding the requested address change from 408 Brogdon Road to 408 Gordon Street. After a review of the property layout and discussion regarding safety, Councilmen Johnson moved to approve the resolution for this change of address. Councilmen Goldwire seconded and the matter was approved.

Mayor Lariscy presented the sealed vendor bids for the 2016 LMIG project, which is resurfacing 4th Street from the corner of Magnolia Street to the corner of Poplar Street for a length of 475' and resurfacing Poplar Street from the corner of 4th Street to Brogdon Road for a length of 2248'.

Bids were presented as follows:

Carroll & Carroll	\$ 50,209.50
Preferred Materials	\$ 55,987.00
Ellis Wood Contracting	\$ 68,231.25
RB Baker Construction	\$ 75,753.55
Griffin Contracting	\$125,083.70

After reviewing the contents of the bids, Councilmen Johnson moved to accept the bid of Carroll & Carroll in the amount of \$50,209.50. Councilmen Collins seconded and the matter was approved.

Mayor Lariscy presented a Resolution for the Second Amendment to the Fiscal Year 2015/2016 budget

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in order to include the down payment of \$60,000 for the new fire truck. Councilmen Johnson moved to approve the resolution. Councilmen Goldwire seconded and the matter passed.

Mayor Lariscy called for a discussion of our zoning ordinance and application. Councilmen Collins advised that we are reviewing the ordinances and Clerk Morris advised that we are reviewing our application process as we need to be more consumer-friendly, especially with our privacy fence variance requests.

Mayor Lariscy called for a discussion to change the Tuesday, July 12 council meeting to Thursday, July 14 since two council members (the mayor and the mayor pro-tem) will be returning from training. Councilmen Johnson moved to approve this change. Councilmen Collins seconded and the matter was approved.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

No financial report was provided by Councilmen Goldwire but will be presented at the next council meeting.

Councilmen Johnson provided a report on streets and lanes. A discussion was held regarding the effects of all the rain we recently experienced.

Councilmen Collins provided a report on water and sewer, and informed everyone that there is now an excavator onsite at the wastewater treatment plant site.

Councilmen Johnson stated there was not a report for recreation and property but he did remind everyone that the baseball fields continue to need work.

Captain Stacy Strickland provided a police report and Captain Nick Smalley provided a fire report.

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

- Saturday, June 26 – Community Picnic
- Tuesday, June 28, 7 pm – City Council Meeting
- Tuesday, June 28, 7 pm – Planning & Zoning Meeting
- Monday, July 4 – City Hall closed for Independence Day
- Thursday, July 14, 7 pm – City Council Meeting (date change)
- Wednesday, July 20, 3:30 pm - Guyton Municipal Court
- Tuesday, July 26, 7 pm – City Council Meeting
- Saturday, August 6 – Guyton Night Out

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

After returning from Executive Session into Regular Session, the Council briefly discussed a pending personnel matter. Councilmen Johnson made a motion to grant authority to Attorney Smith to

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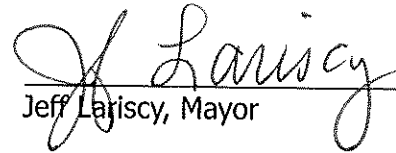


proceed as discussed in executive session. Councilmen Collins seconded and the matter passed.

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 Collins and approved. Meeting adjourned.



Lauree Morris, City Clerk



Jeff Lariscy, Mayor

