

City of Guyton, Georgia

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Minutes of the Guyton City Council Meeting held on *Thursday, July 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 Robert Hunter. The pledge of allegiance was said.

Mayor Lariscy asked for consideration to amend the Agenda to include a report from Stifel, an update on ordinance violations, and an update on re-zoning applications/review of ordinance. A motion to approve the Amended Agenda was made by Councilmen Goldwire, seconded by Councilmen Johnson, and approved.

Councilmen Collins requested a revision to the Minutes from the June 28, 2016 meeting. Councilmen Collins moved to approve the corrected minutes; Councilmen Goldwire seconded, and the motion carried.

PLANNING AND ZONING: No report.

LEISURE SERVICES COMMISSION: Robert Hunter reported that the commission continues to provide for the community. He stated that the meals program has really taken off and they are now providing the service to different organizations – no just children. City Intern Michael Wedincamp provided an update on the Community Picnic, which will be held from 4 to 8 pm on Saturday, July 30 at the Public Safety Complex.

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMITTEE: No report.

No other committee reports were provided.

OLD BUSINESS:

Mayor Lariscy requested a second reading and approval of the Utility Permit Ordinance regarding right-of-way permits. Councilmen Johnson moved to accept the second reading. Councilmen Goldwire seconded and the matter was approved.

Mayor Lariscy presented Trey Monroe, from Stifel, who provided an update on the bond refinancing for the wastewater treatment plant. Mr. Monroe stated that we have been advised by the attorneys to wait until after the next court hearing before we take any additional action on the refinancing. It is prudent that we do so due to issuance. He also disclosed a potential conflict to Council: Barrow works for a company that Stifel recently purchased. Although the divisions are not related and have no inner-departmental activities, he wanted Council to be informed. It will be the cities decision whether or not to continue with Stifel since this information is now known.

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Mayor Lariscy called for an update on ordinance violations. Councilmen Collins informed Council of recent action by Clerk Morris and Captain Stacy Strickland regarding Covenant Auto. He stated that the next step would be to issue citations for the parking violations. Captain Strickland was directed to do so. [Captain Strickland was not present to report due to training.] Councilmen Collins also provided an update on other ordinance violation actions that were being pursued with the present emphasis on main street.

Mayor Lariscy called for Councilmen Collins to address the re-zoning application and review of ordinance. Councilmen Collins asked for a progress update. Mayor Lariscy stated that he and Mr. Wedincamp would begin working on this next week.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mayor Lariscy asked for consideration and adoption of payroll procedure and policy retroactive for July 1, 2016. After brief discussion regarding the policy changing the payroll period from weekly to bi-weekly, Councilmen Johnson moved to adopt the procedure. Councilmen Collins seconded and the matter was approved.

Mayor Lariscy asked for consideration and adoption of a Resolution to Amend the Personnel Policy to match the new payroll procedures. Councilmen Goldwire so moved. Councilmen Johnson seconded and the matter was approved.

Mayor Lariscy presented an updated requisition process and called for a discussion on effect of City Manager Ordinance and necessity for amendment. Clerk Morris reminded Council this change of procedure was discussed at the budget workshop, and is a way to increase accountability of department heads. Mayor Lariscy stated the procedure is a good move. Attorney Smith stated he would have to review the ordinance but doubted that it would need to be amended.

Mayor Lariscy presented an updated utility service applications. Clerk Morris provided kudos to Michael Wedincamp and Alison Bruton for the hard work on these documents, which will stream-line our application process. With these new forms, we will have a checks and balances system for opening and closing accounts. Mrs. Bruton also presented Council with a new welcome packet that will be provided to our citizens when they sign up for service. Clerk Morris provided kudos again to Mr. Wedincamp and Mrs. Bruton on this fluid document, which will greatly benefit our citizens.

Mayor Lariscy called for a review of the personnel categories, and new policy of Fair Labor Standards Act. Clerk Morris indicated that due to computer/technical issues, she was not able to complete the documentation for this subject matter. Councilmen Johnson moved to table this matter until the next meeting. Councilmen Goldwire seconded and the matter was tabled.

Mayor Lariscy led a review of the second Tuesday of the month City Council meetings to consider the necessity of two meetings a month as well as the 7 pm start time. After discussion, Council agreed to cancel the second meeting dates. Attorney Smith stated this would be considered a first reading of the proposed Ordinance, which would be presented at next meeting.

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Councilmen Goldwire was not able to provide a financial report due to technical issues in City Hall.

Councilmen Johnson reported that the repaving of Fourth and Poplar streets was moving along and looked great. Superintendent O'Neal stated he just learned that effective immediately, we will receive four (4) trustees daily instead of two (2). Councilmen Collins asked about the progress for the new hire, and Mayor Lariscy stated applications are being reviewed.

Councilmen Collins stated that progress is being made on the wastewater treatment plant.

Councilmen Johnson stated that the grass cutting continues. A discussion was held regarding safety flooring for playgrounds, for which there is funding available.

Chief Lundy provided a police report. Councilmen Collins asked Chief Lundy if there was a log for calls that could be reviewed as he would like to review the same in order to obtain a better understanding. Chief Lundy confirmed.

Chief Jarriel provided a fire report. He stated that we look about average for the calls for the year regarding the county.

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

- Friday, July 15, 2 pm – Special Called City Council Meeting
- Wednesday, July 20, 3:30 pm - Guyton Municipal Court
- Tuesday, July 26, 7 pm – City Council Meeting
- Saturday, July 30, 4 to 8 pm – Community Picnic
- Saturday, August 6 – Guyton Night Out
- Tuesday, August 9, 7 pm – City Council Meeting
- Wednesday, August 17, 3:30 pm – Guyton Municipal Court
- Tuesday, August 23 – No Council Meeting

Attorney Smith provided a legal update and informed Council that we have a hearing at 10 am on Monday, August 1 before Judge Karpf for the "on the record" appeal by Barrow. He also informed Council that he just received documentation regarding the Crittington Department of Labor appeal, which was denied.

Councilmen Collins asked Attorney Smith if there was an agreement between the city and county to lay pipe for the wastewater treatment plant. Attorney Smith confirmed that there is a letter agreement.

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, Councilmen Collins asked Attorney Smith for an update on the review of the electricity right-of-way for Planters at the wastewater treatment

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plant. The information was resent to Attorney Smith.

Councilmen Johnson stated that we need to contact the store on Church Street and inform them that their deliveries should be made in their lot and not on the street, which was just repaved. Clerk Morris stated this is an ordinance violation and will be addressed.

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

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Lauree Morris, City Clerk

Handwritten signature of Jeff Lariscy in cursive script.

Jeff Lariscy, Mayor

