

# City of Guyton, Georgia

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

Present: Mayor Jeff Lariscy, 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 Rev. Lon Harden. The pledge of allegiance was led by Michael Johnson.

Mayor Lariscy asked for consideration to approve the Agenda, which was made by Councilmen Goldwire, seconded by Councilmen Johnson, and approved.

Mayor Lariscy asked for consideration to approve the minutes from the July 26, 2016 council meeting. Councilmen Johnson so moved; Councilmen Goldwire seconded and the minutes were approved.

**PLANNING AND ZONING:** No report.

**LEISURE SERVICES COMMISSION:** Chairman Robert Hunter provided a report that Zumba, line dancing and bingo are going well.

**HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMITTEE:** Chairwoman Pearl Boynes stated the committee did not hold a meeting tonight, but they requested that a workshop be planned with the mayor and council regarding the goals of the committee.

**COMMUNITY PICNIC:** Alison Bruton, Water Works and Assistant City Clerk, provided a detailed report on the successful community picnic, which was held on Saturday, July 30. She gave a breakdown of the various events and acknowledged both our volunteers and sponsors. Mrs. Bruton also shared the numerous comments she received from those who attended the event, all of which were overwhelming positive!

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Mayor Lariscy called for an update on whether or not an amendment is needed to the City Manager Ordinance based on the recent requisition processing revision. Attorney Smith provided a Resolution covering the interim processing change. Councilmen Johnson moved to approve the Resolution. Councilmen Goldwire seconded and the matter was approved.

Mayor Lariscy provided an update on the millage rate and provided an announcement of the upcoming public hearings. The Mayor explained that although the millage rate change is not a tax increase, we are required to advertise it as such. There will be three public hearings: 6 pm on 8/25, 11 am and 6 pm on 9/1. All are welcome to attend either/all of the hearing to learn additional information.

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Mayor Lariscy introduced Chief Thad Dixon from Fire Engine Services of Savannah who provided the results of the Guyton Fire Department ISO survey, which is our fire protection class rating. Chief Dixon stated that we had only an approximate six (6) week window to prepare for the inspection, and the results are satisfactory. We obtained a top of the class 4 rating and are very close to a class 3 rating. The areas for which we need improvement are noted on the survey results and will be addressed. Within a year we are allowed to request a follow up inspection in order to obtain a better rating, and of course, we are aiming for a class 3. Chief Dixon indicated that one of the best things to come out of the preparation for the survey is that the fire department now has digital records management.

NEW BUSINESS: None

## REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES:

Councilmen Goldwire provided a financial report.

Councilmen Johnson provided a streets and lanes report by stating that grass cutting is the major focus point currently. He stated that it would be beneficial to hold a workshop on streets/lanes and ordinances.

Councilmen Collins was not present to provide a water and sewage update.

Councilmen Johnson also provided a recreation and city property update. It was discussed that the grass needs cutting at the Public Safety Complex especially by the Civic Center as there are events going on. Mrs. Lexye Shockley stated that she was once again going to plant flowers by the signs at the Civic Center.

Chief Kelphe Lundy provided a police report. Mrs. Shockley approached mayor and council and handed in her resignation from the fire department. Chief Jarriel provided a fire department report.

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

- Wednesday, August 17, 3:30 pm – Guyton Municipal Court
- Thursday, August 25, 6 pm – Public Hearing on Property Tax Increase
- Thursday, September 1, 11 am & 6 pm – Public Hearing on Property Tax Increase
- Monday, September 5 – Closed for Labor Day
- Tuesday, September 13, 7 pm – Guyton City Council Meeting
- Wednesday, September 21, 3:30 pm – Guyton Municipal Court

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

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After returning from Executive Session into Regular Session, Attorney Smith provided an update on the mediation matter regarding EEOC, the powerline easement (for which he needs a map), and the Superior Court appeal case involving Barrow.

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

  
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Jeff Lariscy, Mayor

