

# City of Guyton, Georgia

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## **Minutes of the Special Called Guyton City Council Meeting held on Wednesday, May 4, 2016 at Guyton City Hall at 8:00 am.**

Present: Mayor Jeff Lariscy, Councilmen Steve Collins, Councilmen Michael Johnson, City Manager Robert Black, City Clerk Lauree Morris and Marshall Reiser, from the Planning and Zoning Committee.

Mayor Lariscy called the meeting to order and asked for consideration to approve the agenda. Councilmen Collins so moved. Councilmen Johnson seconded, and the motion to approve the agenda passed.

On behalf of the Planning and Zoning Committee, Marshall Reiser presented the two (2) variance request for fences and the recommendations of the Committee on said request.

Larry Berry at 202 Church Street is requesting a fence variance to replace the existing fence with a privacy fence, which will be 6' in height and one side will extend to the property line. After consideration and review, the Committee recommends approval of this variance request.

The second variance request is that of Edna Robinson of 307 Church Street who has filed for an extension for her privacy fence, for which a variance was previously granted on a portion thereof. With respect to the variance of November 10, 2015, Robinson has taken more action than was approved; she has placed a privacy fence around a good portion of her yard instead of just replacing the previously chain linked portion. In addition, the fence placement has not been done professionally and she may possibly be infringing on property rights of others. For these reasons, the Committee recommends denying the variance extension request.

Mayor Lariscy presented the consideration and approval of recommendation from Planning and Zoning on the fence variance for Edna Robinson at 307 Church Street. The Mayor stated he would entertain a motion to communicate with Edna Robinson to remove the fence and start (the fencing process) over with a professional job. Councilmen Collins moved to deny the variance request. Councilmen Johnson moved to amend the denial to call for removal of the fence in violation. After discussion, Councilmen Collins withdrew his motion. It was stated that the City Inspector did inspect the fence and found it was installed sub-standardly. Council discussed that additional remedies including a possible fine against Robinson could be sought if compliance does not occur. Mayor Lariscy called for a new motion on the matter. Councilmen Johnson moved to deny the variance request; to direct Robinson to remove all privacy fence to meet standards of professional grade in addition to the perimeters of the original chain link variance, which was approved in a previous variance on November 10, 2015; to remedy any property right violations due to the fence; and to reapply for additional variance if desired. Councilmen Collins seconded and the motion passed.

Mayor Lariscy presented the consideration and approval of recommendation from Planning and Zoning on fence variance for Larry Berry at 202 Church Street. Councilmen Collins moved to approve the variance as recommended by Planning and Zoning. Councilmen Johnson seconded and the motion passed.

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For any and all fence variance request, the Planning and Zoning Committee wants each approval to contain the stipulation that the fence is installed to professional grade standards and be maintained. Council concedes these stipulations.

Having no additional business, Councilmen Johnson moved to adjourn. Councilmen Collins seconded and the meeting was adjourned.

*Lauree Morris*

Lauree Morris, City Clerk

*Jeff Latisy*

Jeff Latisy, Mayor

