

# City of Guyton, Georgia

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**SPECIAL CALLED CITY COUNCIL MEETING - July 31, 2018**

## MINUTES

**ITEM OF BUSINESS**

**ACTION REQUESTED OF COUNCIL**

1. **Call to Order** Mayor Lariscy, 7:00pm
2. **Moment of Repose for Those Who Practice Some Other Faith**
3. **Invocation**

Mayor Lariscy led the Invocation.

4. **Pledge of Allegiance**

The Pledge of Allegiance was said by all in attendance.

5. **Approval of Agenda** Consideration to approve the Agenda

Councilman Goldwire made a motion to approve the agenda, seconded by Councilman Johnson. The motion carried.

### **ALL PUBLIC COMMENTS WILL BE LIMITED TO AGENDA ITEMS ONLY**


#### **A. Consideration and Appointment of candidate to the position of Director of Public Safety**

Mayor Lariscy advised those in attendance that there were a number of applicants for the position, that was narrowed down to five (5). One candidate withdrew from consideration, and the other four (4) were interviewed. The interview panel consisted of two citizens, one being a local business owner, Councilman Goldwire, City Manager Wirth, Mayor Lariscy, and a representative from the Effingham County Sheriff's Office. The candidate that the panel agreed to is Kenneth McDonald. He has a Master's degree in Public Administration, served as a fire investigator for Savannah, and is currently the chief detective for Port Wentworth. At this time, the Mayor called for the appointment of Kenneth McDonald. Councilman Goldwire said it was a great process, he was pleased

with the candidates, and time was well spent reviewing the candidates. Councilman Goldwire then made a motion to appoint Mr. McDonald to the position of Director of Public Safety, seconded by Councilman Collins. A discussion followed in which Councilman Johnson stated he would have liked to have seen the other candidates applications. Mayor Lariscy stated that the way the policy is written, is the Mayor presents the candidate to Council following the process with the hiring panel. Councilman Lee brought up that Mr. McDonald had previously worked in Guyton, and wanted to know why he left. Mayor Lariscy stated it was to pursue other options. He had felt he hit a plateau in Guyton. After further discussion, Mayor Lariscy stated there was a motion and a second, and asked for the vote. Councilman Goldwire and Councilman Collins voted to appoint Kenneth McDonald, Councilman Lee voted opposed, and Councilman Johnson abstained. According to the City Charter for the City of Guyton, to abstain from a vote is a vote of approval, so the motion carried. Following the vote, Councilman Johnson stated that Council would be keeping a close eye on him. Mayor Lariscy added that he will be sworn in at the next Council meeting.

### **6. Adjournment**

Councilman Collins made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Councilman Johnson. Motion carried and the meeting was adjourned.



Jeff Lariscy, Mayor



Alison Bruton, City Clerk

