

City of Guyton, Georgia

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SPECIAL CALLED CITY COUNCIL MEETING - June 29, 2018

MINUTES

ITEM OF BUSINESS

ACTION REQUESTED OF COUNCIL

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| 1. <i>Call to Order</i> | Mayor Lariscy, 4:00pm |
| 2. <i>Moment of Repose for Those Who Practice Some Other Faith</i> | |
| 3. <i>Invocation</i> | |
| 4. <i>Pledge of Allegiance</i> | |
| 5. <i>Approval of Agenda</i> | Consideration to approve the Agenda |

ALL PUBLIC COMMENTS WILL BE LIMITED TO AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

A. Discussion regarding fire service for the City of Guyton

Mayor Lariscy informed those in attendance that Effingham County had voted in a previous Board of Commissioners meeting to terminate the fire agreement between the city and county. He then stated he had sent Council a draft letter to review responding to the county's termination. Councilman Collins stated he would like to do something different than what the letter stated. He stated the city should move forward with providing service to the city, and the county can provide services to the county areas, thus maintaining an independent department. The contract states that a year notice is needed before official termination; however, if the county is in agreement, services could terminate prior to that point. There was lengthy discussion regarding the shortfalls on both the county and city regarding the current agreement, and the discrepancy in the figure the county states is owed to them, which Council feels is a wash. A meeting will then need to be held to create a new mutual aid agreement. After further discussion, a motion was made by Councilman Johnson to deny the options presented by the county and move forward with maintaining an independent department, allowing for the county to terminate the contract prior to the one-year mark if they choose to do so. The motion was seconded by Councilman Collins, and the motion carried.

B. Discussion regarding City budget, millage rate, and fire fee

Mayor Lariscy advised that two budget workshops had been held to discuss the city budgets. Councilman Collins asked City Manager Wirth if Calvin Nesmith or Josh Collins had been consulted on the waterworks budget to make sure all needs were met. City Manager Wirth advised that he had not reviewed it with them, but had been working closely with them. Councilman Collins advised he would like them to be involved moving forward to make sure all needs are met. In regards to the fire department budget, it was noted it does still include the approximate \$85,000.00 in revenue to be received from the County should the contract continue to the one-year mark. A motion was made to approve the general fund budget by Councilman Goldwire, seconded by Councilman Collins. Motion carried. A motion was made to approve the waterworks budget by Councilman Johnson, seconded by Councilman Collins. Motion carried. A motion was made to approve the fire department budget as presented by Councilman Johnson. Councilman Collins made an amendment to the motion to approve as presented with necessary changes needed to be reviewed within 60 days. The amended motion was seconded by Councilman Goldwire. Motion carried.

Mayor Lariscy then led the discussion regarding the setting of the millage rate. The current rate is 2.72; however, to prevent a tax increase, the city will need to adopt the rollback rate of 2.665 as presented by the County. Councilman Collins made a motion to accept the 2.665 rate, seconded by Councilman Johnson. Motion carried.

Council then had a discussion regarding the increase of the fire fees for the City. Effingham County voted to increase their residential fire fee to \$100.00. To maintain the independent department, an increase is needed. Council discussion raising the rates to match the County fees. Councilman Collins made a motion to increase the residential fire fees from \$65.00 to \$100.00, and continue the 54% increase across the board, seconded by Councilman Johnson. Motion carried.

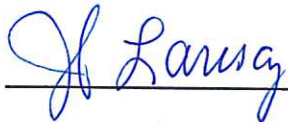
Councilman Collins then stated that the agenda was not clear regarding the budget that would be discussed, and wanted to discuss the current 2017-2018 budget as some line items were overspent. City Clerk Bruton passed out the budget amendments presented at the June 12, 2018 Council meeting. Council took a moment to review. It was stated that the new accounting program will not allow payments to be made on line items that will result in overspending. Councilman Collins made a motion to adopt the general fund budget amendments, seconded by Councilman Goldwire. Motion carried. Councilman Johnson made a motion to adopt the waterworks budget amendments, seconded by Councilman Lee. Motion carried.

6. Adjournment from Regular Session into Executive Session

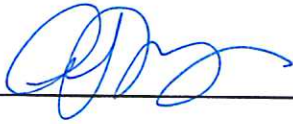
No executive session needed.

7. Adjournment

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



Jeff Lariscy, Mayor



Alison Bruton, City Clerk

