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City of Guyton Regular Meeting December 9, 2025 — 7:00 PM

MINUTES OF MEETING

Call to Order — The meeting was called to order by Mayor Andy Harville at 7:00 PM. Councilmember Jeremiah Chancey, Councilmember Joseph Lee, and Councilmember Michael Johnson were present at this meeting.

Additional Administrative Staff Present — City Manager Bill Lindsey, City Attorney Ben Perkins, and City Clerk Moses Walker were present

Guest Present — The guest sign-in sheets are filed in the Office of the City Clerk.

Invocation — **Lon Harden** led the invocation

Pledge of Allegiance — The Pledge of Allegiance was led by **Lon Harden**

Bid Opening for the Guyton Police Department Surplus Vehicles: 2010 Chevy Tahoe and 2008 Ford Expedition

Two bids were submitted for the 2010 Chevy Tahoe. No bids were submitted for the Ford Expedition. Emergency Remarketing submitted the first bid for the Tahoe for \$578.18. The second bid for the Tahoe was from Daniel Brantley for \$1505.00. Daniel Brantley won the bid. The mayor mentioned that the city could put the Expedition on GovDeals Inc. Chief Lundy said that he would take the Expedition to Lane Brothers to be placed on auction.

Consideration to approve the agenda— **Michael Johnson** made a motion to approve the agenda with an amendment to New Business. **Joseph Lee** seconded the motion. New Business was amended to show item K as a consideration to approve the 2025 Christmas bonus for Guyton city employees for \$500.00 per employee. **Motion passed unanimously.**

Consideration to Approve the Minutes ----- **Michael Johnson** made a motion to approve the minutes of 11.12.25. **Jeremiah Chancey** seconded the motion. **Motion passed unanimously.**



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Reports from Staff or Committees

☉ Police Department	Kelphie Lundy
☉ Fire Department	Chief Hodges
☉ Public Works/Water/Sewer	EOM
☉ Planning and Zoning	Lon Harden
☉ Industrial Development	Lon Harden
☉ Historical Commission	Lucy Powell
☉ Leisure Services	Lula Seabrooks
☉ Downtown Development Authority	Miller Barger, Jr.
☉ Streets and Lanes	Jimmie Hill

Public Participation -

Ms. Lula Seabrooks asked if she could be allowed to return to the podium, after previously having given the Leisure Services monthly report, to address the Council under Public Participation. Although she had not signed up prior to the meeting to speak under Public Participation, Mayor Harville allowed her to come forward. Ms. Seabrooks questioned the Council as to why Highland Park had not been decorated for Christmas, as was the custom. Mayor Harville responded that EOM personnel had previously been responsible for decorating the park, but they are no longer responsible for streets and lanes. City staff have been unable to locate the lights that EOM had used. Ms. Seabrooks stated that it was important to the community that the park and other parts of the city be decorated for Christmas. City Manager Bill Lindsey suggested to Council that the possibility of purchasing additional decorations be considered as part of next year's budget discussions. All of the Council voiced agreement in that regard. Ms. Seabrooks also commented on recent efforts by Code Enforcement to address blighted and dilapidated properties in the city. She expressed concern that the city was not doing enough to assist residents, financially or otherwise, to help them clean up their property. She stated that many residents need assistance with this matter, and that she would appreciate anything that the Council could do.

Mr. Michael Garvin, 101 Dilmus Jackson, Highland Park, who also did not sign up to speak prior to the meeting, said that Code Enforcement has been in his area a lot and is working him down. Mr. Garvin said that he did not purchase a home in a subdivision because he wanted to have some say about what happens on his property. He stated that the residents have been in that area for fifty years or more and are not able to change their behavior in fifteen to thirty days. He brought up the fact that money has been given to the DDA to get them active, and that if the city is moving forward with code enforcement, there should be some sort of block grants or salvage



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area for them to take things. He feels that the pressure that is being put on the citizens should be looked into. Councilman Chancey stated he agreed that something should be done to assist those residents who need help to clean up their property. The sentiment from the rest of the council was that grants and other forms of assistance would be researched.

Old Business

A. None

New Business

A. Consideration to approve the renewal contract with Alcine Xtreme Fitness— Ms. Alcine thanked the council for the opportunity to bring Zumba to the city. The classes have been successful with one hundred and twenty-seven people in attendance for the year. She proposed adding the option to also work with the kids in Guyton, one or two days a week, for free, to keep them active during the summer. The council agreed to the additional proposal. **Jeremiah Chancey** made a motion to approve the contract renewal. **Michael Johnson** seconded the motion. **Motion passed unanimously.**

B. Consideration to approve the workman's comp renewal quote with GMA Worker Compensation Self-Insurance Fund- City Manager Bill Lindsey explained to Council that the deductible would remain the same. The estimated premium for 2026 will be \$24,179.00. Councilmember **Michael Johnson** made a motion to approve the agreement with the city attorney's edits and revisions. **Joseph Lee** seconded the motion. **Motion passed unanimously.**

C. Consideration to approve the quote for the installation of new fencing at Old School Park playground. City Manager Bill Lindsey presented quotes to install the fence from the following vendors: Veteran's Fencing Supply for \$18,860.13, HFF Services LLC for \$11,820.00. Both quotes proposed to install 4' x 6' black galvanized chain link fencing around the park, along with two (2) 4' walk gates and a 12' double drive. The quote from Veteran's Fencing Supply proposed additional fencing and barbed wire for the maintenance shop area. Councilman Johnson said that after the fence is installed, the city would have a ribbon-cutting ceremony to include the playground equipment. The hope is to have the fence within the next six weeks. The quote from HFF Services LLC was agreed as the best choice. Councilmember **Michael Johnson** made a motion to accept the quote from HFF Services LLC. Councilmember **Jeremiah Chancey** seconded the motion. **Motion passed unanimously.**



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D. Consideration to approve the proposed water meter change-outs- City Manager Bill

Lindsey said that there is a total of thirty-three meters that need to be changed. At the time of the meeting, one meter had already been changed. Most of them are 1400 and 1600 series meters and are no longer operational. Lindsey said that thirty thousand dollars was budgeted for the meter change-out. The current quote comes well under the budget, at \$7,921.00, with plenty left over for future change-outs. EOM also said that manual readings can be done, but the current meters no longer work with the software to get accurate readings. There is no way to inform the customer of how much water has been used during the billing period. Mayor Harville stated that his concern was how is this preventable and commented that there should be some sort of fail-safe in place. Councilman Lee also commented that due to this issue, the city lost money. Councilman Johnson asked if there were any meters left from the last purchase but EOM could not answer that question at the moment. Jimmie Hill said that he would get with David Cook to do an inventory of the meters. Councilmember Joseph Lee said that he would like a copy of the meter readings to be maintained. Jimmie Hill said that the new system will be able to maintain that information. Councilmember **Michael Johnson** made a motion to approve the water meter change outs. Councilmember **Jeremiah Chancey** seconded the motion. **Motion passed unanimously.**

E. Consideration to approve the Cost-Of-Living Adjustment for the 2026 calendar year-

City Manager Bill Lindsey stated that last year, the council approved a three percent COLA increase. He said that the budget is in good shape to support another three percent increase for 2026. The only areas over budget at this time are Street and Lanes (which was expected) and Recreation due to the new playground equipment. **Jeremiah Chancey** made a motion to approve the three percent COLA increase. **Michael Johnson** seconded the motion. **Motion passed unanimously.**

F. Consideration to approve the quote from Parker Engineering for the preliminary flood plain study for spray fields C&D at the wastewater treatment plant-

City Manager Bill Lindsey said that there is a preliminary quote for the study from Jim Collins of Thomas and Hutton for \$12,500.00. A full-blown study would cost another \$75,000.00. Parker Engineering is looking into GEFA funding, with the application being due at the end of the month. They are looking into how much dirt would need to be brought in. The idea is to raise the risers to take the plant out of the flood plain, which will solve the issue with the spray fields. This would take EPD and FEMA out of the picture if this is successful. We need to have the preliminary study in our pocket as a playing card, just in case. Lindsey recommended approving the preliminary study. Councilmember **Joseph Lee** made a motion to approve the quote from Parker Engineering for the preliminary flood plain study for spray fields C&D at the wastewater treatment plant. Councilmember **Michael Johnson** seconded the motion. **Motion passed unanimously.**



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G. Consideration to approve the designation of wastewater equipment as surplus – Jimmie Hill said he did an inventory of the equipment. The hay baler has not been used for two years. He said that the farmer who was previously cutting the grass quit and that the grass has not been baled for the same amount of time. He said that his theory is that the grass can be cut by whoever wants to personally use it. Councilmember Lee said that the city tried that before, but it didn't work. Councilmember Lee feels that the citizens' money would be thrown away if the equipment is surplus. He said that the city can hire someone to do it. Councilmember Johnson said that the city gave it away, burned it, and sold it in past times. Either way, the city would have to cut it. Mayor Harville suggested that the topic be tabled until the city can figure out the baling process of the grass once it is cut. Councilmember **Jeremiah Chancey** made a motion to table the topic. Councilmember **Michael Johnson** seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

H. Consideration to approve the quote for sewer line repair at the Guyton Police Department – City Manager Bill Lindsey said that there has been an issue for some time with the bathroom that was designated for the bull gang. There were some things that were flushed down the toilet that caused the line to back up. We had three different quotes with different objectives. The quote from Canady was in the amount of \$4416.90 to only replace the grease trap. The second quote was from Thompson and Thompson for \$89,724.69. The proposed work from the first two quotes was for more work than is actually needed. The third quote was from Ace's was in the amount of \$3,760.90. Ace's proposed to do what the city needs which is to clear the lines. City Manager Bill Lindsey recommended approving the quote from Ace's. It was stated that the lines run under the three wings out to the gym side. Mayor Harville stated that he would eventually like to see the whole complex redone, but that is in the future. Councilmember **Jeremiah Chancey** made a motion to approve the quote from Ace's in the amount of \$3,760.90. Councilmember **Michael Johnson** seconded the motion. **Motion passed unanimously.**

I. Discussion to establish a dog park in the City of Guyton – Councilmember Joseph Lee said that citizens are bringing dogs to the park where the children play. He had to remind a citizen not to have their dog in the park. He then realized that there is a need for a dog park in the city. It was suggested that the end of the baseball field on Magnolia Street could be utilized as a dog park. Mr. Johnson suggested two additional areas that can be used: Guyton Park and Highland Park. Councilmember Lee was opposed to placing a dog park where children play because they could possibly climb the fence. He said that we only need one dog park. Mayor Harville asked if he would accept the challenge to find out about pricing and what it takes to set up a dog park. He said that he would.



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J. Consideration to approve the disbursement of the anonymous donation to the Guyton Police Department - Chief Lundy said that this is something that is done every year, and agrees

that it should be divided among the department. As city attorney Ben Perkins stated, a lot of towns have police foundations to receive these types of donations from others as well. He will find out more information about it and get back to the city. Councilmember **Michael Johnson** made a motion to approve the disbursement of the donation to the Guyton Police Department. Councilmember **Joseph Lee** seconded the motion. **Motion passed unanimously.**

K. Consideration to approve awarding a \$500.00 Christmas bonus to city employees. Bill Lindsey spoke with Matthew Caine, who said that the budget can support awarding a Christmas bonus of \$500.00 to each city employee as was done last year. Councilmember **Jeremiah Chancey** made a motion to approve the \$500.00 Christmas bonus. Councilmember **Joseph Lee** seconded the motion. **Motion passed unanimously.**

Consideration to Adjourn ----- Councilmember **Michael Johnson** made a motion to adjourn. Councilmember **Jeremiah Chancey** seconded the motion. **Motion passed unanimously.** The meeting was adjourned at 8:12 P.M.

Dates to Remember

- ☉ **Saturday, December 13, 2025, Guyton Polar Express Christmas Parade, 11:00 A.M., Guyton Walking Trail, Guyton, GA 31312**
- ☉ **Wednesday, December 17, 2025, Guyton Community Blood Drive, 1:00 P.M.-6:00 P.M., Guyton Gymnasium, 5052 Magnolia Street, Guyton, GA 31312**
- ☉ **Wednesday, December 17, 2025, Downtown Development Authority Meeting, 10:00 A.M., Guyton City Hall, 310 Central Boulevard, Guyton, GA 31312**
- ☉ **Friday, December 19, 2025, Annual Christmas Luncheon, 11:00 A.M. – 1:00 P.M. Leisure Services Room, 505 Magnolia Street, Guyton, GA, 31312**
- ☉ **Guyton City Hall will be closed on Wednesday, December 24, and Thursday, December 25, 2025, in observance of Christmas. The office will reopen for business on Friday, December 26, 2025**
- ☉ **Tuesday, January 13, 2026, Guyton City Council Meeting at 7:00 P.M. – Guyton City Hall, 310 Central Boulevard, Guyton, GA 31312**



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