



# CITY OF GUYTON

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**City of Guyton  
Regular Meeting  
March 10, 2026 — 7:00 PM**

**MINUTES OF MEETING**

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**Call to Order** — The meeting was called to order by Mayor Andy Harville at 7:00 PM. Councilmember Joseph Lee and Councilmember Michael Johnson were present at this meeting. Councilmember Jeremiah Chancey was not present.

**Additional Administrative Staff Present** — City Manager Bill Lindsey, City Attorney Wes Rahn, and City Clerk Moses Walker were present

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

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**Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance**— Councilmember Michael Johnson led the invocation. Pastor Eric Palmberg of New Providence Church was scheduled to give the invocation, but was not present for the meeting.

**Pledge of Allegiance** ---- The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilmember Michael Johnson

**Consideration to approve the agenda**—Councilmember Michael Johnson made a motion to approve the agenda. Councilmember Joseph seconded the motion. **Motion passed unanimously.**

**Consideration to Approve the Minutes** ----- Councilmember Michael Johnson made a motion to approve the minutes of the Regular monthly meeting held 2.10.26 and the Special Called meeting held 2.19.26. Councilmember Joseph Lee seconded the motion. **Motion passed unanimously.**

## Reports from Staff or Committees

☉ Police Department	Kelphie Lundy
☉ Fire Department	Clint Hodges
☉ Public Works/Water/Sewer	EOM
☉ Planning and Zoning	Lon Harden
☉ Industrial Development	Lon Harden
☉ Historical Commission	Lucy Powell (Lon Harden presented)



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| Leisure Services               | Lula Seabrooks             |
| Downtown Development Authority | Miller Barger, Jr.(absent) |
| Streets and Lanes              | Jimmie Hill                |

## Public Participation

Jordan Thornhill, Chiefs Motorcycle Club President, addressed council regarding having a car and motorcycle show July 4, 2026, in the City of Guyton. Mayor Harville suggested that the fireworks display be removed from the show for safety reasons. He said that there is going to be a cost associated with security, which would have to be discussed with Chief Kelphe Lundy and the City Manager, Bill Lindsey. The Mayor did not see a problem with the club utilizing the property. The mayor said that the only problem that he could see is maybe the city having to look into portable restrooms. Councilmember Lee suggested that a conversation with the YMCA, should be had since it would be on their property. The mayor stated that he already had a conversation with the President of the YMCA, and they seemed excited about it. Mr. Thornhill stated that he is looking forward to the event being held annually. The mayor asked about volunteers to assist with parking. Mr. Thornhill said that the club would provide them. The event is not being conducted totally free of charge, but the club wants to keep it affordable for everyone. He will come back and provide a list of all of the vendors once things are confirmed. City Attorney Wes Rahn asked about a short-form agreement being put in place. City Manager Bill Lindsey agreed to have it done. Mr. Thornhill also said that he had trash pick-up covered as well.

## Old Business

**A. Consideration to approve the quote from Mason Tractor Company for the Intimidator 12XC for \$49,460.00 for Streets and Lanes** – Mayor Harville said that the quote looks a lot better than the previous quote submitted at last month's meeting. The mayor asked where it could be used. Superintendent Jimmie Hill said that he can build a container and put the chips there, which can be used anywhere. If the public wants the wood chips, they can get them for free. Councilmember Johnson said that the city doesn't really collect enough limbs in that amount to get a chipper. His concern is that the city has been hauling it off so what would be the difference? Councilmember Lee felt like the city would be giving back to the citizens, and that he did not see a problem with purchasing the chipper. Councilmember Johnson asked if another chipper had been looked at. Hill said that we are getting the least expensive one since it was from the Sourcewell contract. The mayor said that he liked the idea of giving back to the citizens. Councilmember Joseph Lee made a motion to approve the purchase. Councilmember Michael Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.



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**B. Consideration to approve the quote of \$4,460.00 from Switch Electric for the storage building on Sixth Street** – The mayor liked the idea of the quote getting cheaper each month. He said that he looked in the building, and it does need lights. This price is two thousand dollars cheaper than the first quote. Councilmember Lee asked if the lights would be overhead or underground. Jim Hill said that GA Power will be running the lights underground to the building. Councilmember Joseph Lee approved the Switch electric install quote for \$4,460.00. Councilmember Michael Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

## **New Business**

**A. Code Enforcement presentation concerning grant funding to assist with blighted properties in the City of Guyton** – Code Enforcement Officer Hunter Lyon said his primary focus has been on the vacant and highly damaged properties within the city. The problem has been deceased owners with no will or next of kin to contact or they live out of the state. There have been three buildings torn down, and the properties have been cleaned up, with one having a new home built on the property, whose owner moved back from Pennsylvania. There is a property on Magnolia Street that belongs to a local church that is working on getting funds together to tear down a home that currently has no back on it. He's also working with a resident by the name of Miss Jackson on Brogdon Road, who currently lives in CA. She wants to tear down the current structure on the property to build a new home in order to move back to Guyton. Each property has been allowed to be repaired if needed. Blighted property is the biggest problem in the city at the moment. There have been some pushbacks, but at some point, they do have to be addressed and repaired. We can look into CHIP grants, CDBG grants, and the I Want to Mow Your Lawn Organization, which can help with cutting grass. United Way has also been looked at for some type of possible assistance instead of citing the residents all the time. Lyon said he'd like to get some help with grants to assist the community. The property has to be occupied in order to receive the CHIP grant. If a resident is not able to come into compliance, Lyon said that he tries to work with them. Communication is key to getting results. The city has not adopted the International Property Maintenance Code (IPMC) yet, which needs to be done. Without it, we cannot enforce the codes.

**B. Consideration to approve the reappointment of Carl Heindel as Vice-Chairperson for the Downtown Development Authority in the City of Guyton** – Councilmember Johnson suggested that this item be tabled because the city charter and the by-laws of the DDA conflict regarding the city appointing an officer to the DDA. City Attorney Wes Rahn asked for an explanation of the conflict. Councilman Johnson said that the city's charter does not state that the council should appoint a member to the board, but they should pick their own board members. City Attorney Wes Rahn said that they pick their own officers, but the council appoints the Director. Wes stated that he disagreed with the way the item was written on the agenda. The city does not appoint the officer. City Manager Bill Lindsey said that it would be a reappointment to the board, not as an officer. He was given that title by the board members. He received the two-



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year term when DDA was initially set up, but this would be for a four-year term, which is stipulated in their by-laws and the city charter. Rahn stated that Heindel is up for appointment, but as Vice-Chairman, that would be up to their discretion under the new by-laws of the DDA. The council does appoint the members. The motion will not be as stated as the reappointment of Vice-Chairman, but as a member of the DDA. Rahn said that when he redrafted the DDA bylaws, there was an express provision written that says, if there ever is a conflict between the bylaws and the resolution, the city resolution would control to ensure that there is no conflict. The by-laws and DDA resolution should be kept separate, which will enable them to do some of the things that they do. **Councilmember Michael Johnson** made a motion to approve the reappointment of Carl Heindel as a member of the DDA board. **Councilmember Joseph Lee** seconded the motion. **The motion passed unanimously.**

**C. Consideration to approve the quote of \$9,717.70 for rental equipment to repair the Family YMCA driveway.** -- City Manager Bill Lindsey said that the quote is for a full month, but the city will not need it for that long. Streets and Lanes Superintendent Jim Hill said that the rental equipment would not be needed for a full month. The quote for a week is \$4,195.00. Hill also said that he got a quote for GAB and measured it for 3 inches for two hundred tons at \$46.00 per ton. He suggested grading it first, then seeing how much material is needed. The box plate on the motor grader is not big enough to actually move the material. Councilman Johnson asked if he thinks that he needs one to two weeks. Hill said, only for a few days. He would also fix the entrance to Lynn Bonds as well. Councilmember Johnson asked if the company would move the grader. Hill said that he can drive it. Hill said that in one week, they could take care of everything that needs to be taken care of. It was reiterated that the price would be \$4,195.00 for the week, which is for the grader and the roller. The mayor asked if there is any concern about the roller on the street. Hill said that he would not roll it down the street but hoped to move it on the flatbed trailer. Councilman Johnson asked how much it would cost for a contractor to do it. Hill said about five times the quoted amount for the week. Hill also said that he would take care of the holes in the field. **Councilmember Michael Johnson** made a motion to approve the quote of \$4,195.00 for the rental equipment. **Councilmember Joseph Lee** seconded the motion. **The motion passed unanimously.**

**D. Consideration to approve the guidelines and establishment of a Farmers Market in the City of Guyton** - City Manager Bill Lindsey said that this is something that he has had in mind for about a year. We have an opportunity to establish something that is unique to us. We have the venue on the trail or the gym in case of inclement weather. People like fresh goods. Everything is expensive so this will allow everyone to buy fresh food. It will be a positive opportunity for local businesses and bring the residents out as well. The guidelines have been borrowed from surrounding communities for Guyton to come up with our own. The idea is if you grow it or make it locally, it can be sold. It will be held on Saturday mornings from 8:00 A.M. to 12:00 noon. Vendors can set up at 7:00 A.M. and tear down at 12 noon. We would like to have it every week. Typically, this starts in March at the beginning of the growing season. We are a little



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behind, so the proposal is to start on April 11<sup>th</sup>, 2026, but next year, start in the month of March. This will give us some time to advertise. Lindsey said that he has spoken with Susan Kraut from the chamber, and they will help us get the word out along with posting it in the Herald and on the TV stations to help get the word out. There will be a fee to cover the operational cost, not to make money. The vendors make money. We are providing a venue to present their products. The proposal is the option to pay to participate for a full season, which will be \$50,00, to pay for a half season, which will be \$25.00 or pay per Saturday, which will be \$10.00. This is in line with other farmers' markets in the area. Statesboro has a big setup that charges \$125.00 for a full season. Baxley charges a one-time fee of \$25.00 for a year. The only stipulation is that prepared foods must have a Cottage Food License and be able to prove that they were prepared in a certified kitchen. This is not a partnership. Councilmember Johnson said that it was a good idea. **Councilmember Joseph Lee** made a motion to approve the Farmers Market. **Councilmember Michael Johnson** seconded the motion. **The motion passed unanimously.**

**E. Discussion of EOM contract for water and sewer services in the City of Guyton** – Mayor Harville suggested that this discussion be tabled until there is an opportunity to discuss it further with EOM. **Councilmember Michael Johnson** made a motion to table the EOM contract discussion. **Councilmember Joseph Lee** seconded the motion. **The motion passed unanimously.**

**F. Consideration to donate the 2008 Ford Expedition from the Guyton Police Department to the Savannah Technical College Police Academy** – Mayor Andy Harville said that this is one of the vehicles that was placed on auction but did not receive any bids. He asked Chief Lundy to come up if he had anything to say on it. Chief Lundy stood and said that getting rid of it was self-explanatory. Mayor Harville asked if the city gets any type of credit for donating the vehicle. Chief Lundy said that the city does not. It would only be a thank you, which sometimes goes a long way. **Councilman Michael Johnson** made a motion to approve the quote. **Councilman Joseph Lee** seconded the motion. **Motion passed unanimously.**

## Dates to Remember

- 🕒 **Wednesday, March 18, 2026, Downtown Development Authority meeting, 10:00 A.M., Guyton City Hall, 310 Central Boulevard, Guyton, GA 31312**
- 🕒 **Thursday, March 19, 2026, Bingo from 11:00 A.M. until 12:00 P.M. – Leisure Services Room, 505 Magnolia Street, Guyton, GA 31312**



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- ☉ **Thursday, March 19, 2026, BOC/Municipalities Dinner hosted by the Effingham County Board of Commissioners at 6:00 P.M., Commissioners Office South Community Room, 804 S. Laurel Street, Springfield, GA 31329**
- ☉ **Friday, April 3, 2026, Guyton City Hall will be closed in observance of Good Friday. The office will reopen on Monday, April 6, 2026**
- ☉ **Tuesday, April 14, 2026, Guyton City Council Meeting at 7:00 P.M. --- Guyton City Hall, 310 Central Boulevard, Guyton, GA 31312**

**Consideration to move from the Regular Meeting to an Executive Session regarding Personnel. ---At 8:09 P.M., Councilmember Michael Johnson made a motion to move from the Regular Meeting into the Executive Session. Councilmember Joseph Lee seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.**

**Consideration to move from the Executive Session back to the Regular meeting – Councilmember Johnson made a motion to move back to the Regular meeting from the Executive Session. Councilmember Joseph Lee seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The Regular Meeting resumed at 8:46 P.M.**

**Consideration to take any action needed arising from the Executive Session-- Upon returning to the Regular Meeting, Councilmember Michael Johnson made a motion to increase City Manager Bill Lindsey's salary by three percent. Councilmember Joseph Lee seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.**

**Consideration to adjourn--- Councilmember Johnson made a motion to adjourn. Councilmember Joseph Lee seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 8:47 P.M.**



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Attest:

Moses Walker, City Clerk