

MINUTES

City Council Meeting

Monday, March 18, 2013 – 7:00 p.m.

Call to Order: Mayor Holder welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Devotional & Pledge: Councilmember Cody offered the opening prayer and Mayor Holder invited everyone to join in the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

Roll Call:

Members: Mayor Holder presided. **Council Members:** Don Bethune, Bruce Campbell, Rosetta Cody, Scott George, Bessie Kicklighter and Judy Shuman

Staff Members: Brian Johnson, City Manager; Ron Feldner, Deputy City Manager; Rhonda Ferrell-Bowles, Clerk of Council; James P. Gerard, City Attorney; Ben Brengman, IT Director; Pam Franklin, HR Director; Scott Allison, PED Director; Charles Draeger, Water Operations Director; David Lyons, Chief of Police; Jimmy Crosby, Fire Chief and Benny Googe, Public Works Director. **Absent:** Cory Salley, Finance Director and Cliff Ducey, Parks & Recreation Director

Mayor Holder said City Council held a pre-agenda session prior to tonight's meeting. He said no decisions were made during the pre-agenda session.

Informal Public Comment:

Ms. Langford said I have been a resident of Garden City for 17 years and I would like to thank Congressman Jack Kingston, Office Barbara O'Neal and the Garden City Police Department for their community outreach efforts. She said I am seriously ill and their assistance has been a blessing to me.

Public Hearings:

Alcoholic Beverage License, S&S Express – Mayor Holder open the public hearing on an alcoholic beverage license application by Naynaben Patel to sell wines, beer and/or malt beverages at S&S Express, 4918 Ogeechee Road, Garden City, Georgia.

Mayor Holder asked if there was anyone who wished to speak for or against the application. There being no questions or comments, Mayor Holder closed the public hearing.

City Council Minutes: Upon motion by Councilmember Kicklighter, seconded by Councilmember George, City Council voted unanimously to approve the minutes dated 3/4/13.

Staff Reports:

In the absence of the Finance Director the City Manager presented the Finance Department's Monthly Status Report.

Water Operations Director presented the Water Operations Department's Monthly Status Report.

Fire Chief presented the Fire Department's Monthly Status Report.

Police Chief presented the Police Department's Monthly Status Report.

Items for Consideration

Alcoholic Beverage License, S&S Express – Mayor Holder said we have for consideration of an alcoholic beverage license application by Naynaben Patel to sell wines, beer and/or malt beverages at S&S Express, 4918 Ogeechee Road, Garden City, Georgia. He said the Police Department recommends approval.

Upon motion Councilmember Bethune, seconded by Councilmember Kicklighter, City Council voted unanimously to approve the alcoholic beverage license application for S&S Express.

Resolution, L.O.S.T Certificate: A resolution by the Mayor and Council of Garden City, Georgia, authorizing the City Manager to execute a Certificate on behalf of Garden City specifying the percentage of Local Option Tax proceeds each subdivision in Chatham County shall receive in accordance with the Distribution Certificate.

Councilmember Kicklighter thanked the City Manager, Deputy City Manager, City Attorney and Finance Director for the work they did on the L.O.S.T renegotiations.

City Manager said we knew it would probably come down to population. He said we are prepared for the reduction. He said I had an unbelievable support staff and I couldn't have done it without them.

Mayor Holder said other municipalities jumped on our City Manager's shoulders and leaned on him during the L.O.S.T renegotiations.

Mayor Holder reminded everyone of the Easter Eggstravaganza on Saturday, March 23rd from 10:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. at Sharon Park.

Mayor Holder said we will be holding a Town Hall Meeting at 6:00 p.m. on March 26th at the Gym.

Adjournment: Upon motion by Councilmember Kicklighter, seconded by Councilmember Campbell, City Council voted unanimously to adjourn at 7:20 p.m.

Transcribed by Rhonda Ferrell-Bowles, Clerk of Council

Approved by City Council: April 1, 2013