

MINUTES
City Council Meeting
Monday, October 21, 2013 – 7:00 p.m.

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

Opening: Councilmember Campbell 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, Scott George and Bessie Kicklighter. **Absent:** Rosetta Cody and Judy Shuman

Staff: Ron Feldner, Deputy City Manager; Rhonda Ferrell-Bowles, Clerk of Council; James P. Gerard, City Attorney; Ben Brengman, IT Director; Al Jelinski, Captain; Jimmy Crosby, Fire Chief; Charles Draeger, Water Operations Director and Sara Berry, Public Works Administrative Assistant. **Absent:** Pam Franklin, HR Director; Benny Googe, Public Works Director and David Lyons, Chief of Police.

Receive Informal Public Comment: Mayor Holder opened the floor to receive informal public comment from the audience.

Mr. Gary Monroe, 46 Hawkinsville Road, said I am running for the at-large council seat. He said I would like to be a part of the city council and work with you to help Garden City. He said City Council and staff are a good group of individuals and I would like to join you at the round table. He said I look forward to working with Council, staff, and the people of Garden City.

Mr. Lingeela Johnson, 355 Hawkinsville Road, said the Homestead Association is hosting a campaign forum on October 30th at 7:00 p.m. at the Garden City Gym. He said the candidates for the at-large seat, Scott George and Gary Monroe along with the District 5 candidates Kim Tice and Steve Backman have been asked to participate in the forum. He said the moderator will be Sonny Dixon and we are excited to hear everyone's remarks. He said on behalf of the Homestead Association I would like to invite everyone to attend the candidate's forum.

Ms. Connie Powell, 310 Byck Avenue, said I recently sent a text to Councilman Scott George about a rundown vacant house in my neighborhood in the Chatham Villa area. She said that Councilman George got back to me on what to do and I contacted Captain Jelinski regarding the house.

Captain Jelinski said that the house had a fire and is currently in foreclosure. He said that the Code Enforcement Officer is contacting the bank to inform them that the house either needs to be fixed or torn down.

Councilmember Bethune said that the housing team has been doing a lot of work on several houses in the Chatham Villa area. He said that getting something done on some of these houses is a long drawn out process for our code enforcement officers.

There being no further questions or comments, Mayor Holder closed the informal comment portion of the meeting.

City Council Minutes:

Upon motion by Councilmember Bethune, seconded by Councilmember Kicklighter, City Council voted unanimously to approve the City Council Meeting Minutes dated 10/7/13, City Council FY14 Budget Workshop Synopsis dated 10/8/13, City Council FY14 Budget Workshop Synopsis dated 10/14/13 and City Council FY14 Budget Workshop Synopsis dated 10/15/13.

Staff Reports:

Deputy City Manager presented the Finance Department’s Monthly Status Report.

Water Operations Director presented the Water Operation Department’s Monthly Status Report.

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

Captain Al Jelinski presented the Police Department’s Monthly Status Report.

Items for Consideration:

Resolution - Capital Improvement Element (CIE) Annual Update: Clerk of Council read a resolution by the Mayor and Council of Garden City, Georgia, adopting the Capital Improvements Element (CIE) 2013 Annual Update.

Upon motion by Councilmember Kicklighter, seconded by Councilmember Bethune, City Council voted unanimously to adopt the Capital Improvement Element Annual Update Resolution.

Declaration of Police Surplus Vehicles: Mayor Holder said we have for consideration declaring the following (7) seven out of service police vehicles as surplus.

- o 2002 Ford Crown Victoria
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- o 2004 Ford Crown Victoria
- o 2005 Ford Crown Victoria
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Upon motion by Councilmember Kicklighter, seconded by Councilmember George, City Council voted unanimously to approve declaring the above listed police vehicles as surplus.

Resolution – 2013 LOST Certificate of Distribution: Clerk of Council read a resolution by the Mayor and Council of Garden City, Georgia, authorizing Mayor Holder to sign the new LOST Certificate on behalf of Garden City specifying the percentage of proceeds each subdivision in Chatham County shall receive, and showing the distribution of the Local Option Sales Tax to be in accordance with the Distribution Certificate.

Upon motion by Councilmember Bethune, seconded by Councilmember Kicklighter, City Council voted unanimously to adopt the 2013 LOST Certificate of Distribution Resolution.

Resolution Contract Execution – Revenue Discovery Systems (RDS): Mayor Holder said we have for consideration a resolution authorizing the City of Garden City to enter into an agreement with PRA Government Services, LLC, D/B/A RDS providing for the provision of tax administrative services for occupational tax, hotel/motel tax, mixed drink excise tax, and any other tax designated by the City; to

authorize the City's City Manager to execute the contract; to provide an effective date; and for other purposes.

Upon motion by Councilmember Kicklighter, seconded by Councilmember Bethune, City Council voted unanimously to adopt the Revenue Discovery Systems (RDS) Contract Execution Resolution.

Contract Execution – Chatham County Canal Maintenance Program: Mayor Holder said we have for consideration a resolution of authorizing the City of Garden City to enter into an agreement with Chatham County for the continuance of the county wide canal maintenance program to assist with maintaining the canals located in the City; to authorize the City's City Manager to execute the agreement; to provide an effective date; and for other purposes.

Upon motion by Councilmember Kicklighter, seconded by Councilmember George, City Council voted unanimously to adopt the Chatham County Canal Maintenance Program Contract Execution Resolution.

Adjournment: Upon motion by Mayor Holder, seconded by Councilmember Bethune, City Council voted unanimously to adjourn at 7:33 p.m.

*Transcribed by Clerk of Council
Approved by City Council 11-4-13*