

**MINUTES**  
**City Council Meeting**  
**Monday, November 4, 2013 – 7:00 p.m.**

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

**Opening:** Mayor Pro-tem George 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, Bessie Kicklighter and Judy Shuman. **Absent:** Rosetta Cody

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

**Presentation by the Garden City Pride Association:** Councilmember Kicklighter, President of the Garden City Pride Association presented Captain Ballard of the Garden City Police Department a donation for the City's Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony and Christmas in the Park festivities. She said that the Garden City Pride Association started the Tree Lighting Ceremony and the Christmas in the Park festivities in 1998 and has been donating money to the City on an annual bases to help fund the Christmas festivities. She said for several years the Police Department has handled this event for the City and we know that they will do a great job this year.

**Informal Public Comment:** Mayor Holder opened the floor to receive informal public comment from the audience. There being no questions or comments from the audience, Mayor Holder closed the informal comment portion of the meeting.

**City Council Minutes:** Upon motion by Councilmember Kicklighter, seconded by Councilmember Bethune, City Council voted unanimously to approve the following meeting synopsis/minutes.

- City Council Meeting Minutes dated 10/21/13
- City Council FY14 IT Budget Workshop Synopsis dated 10/22/13
- City Council FY14 HR Budget Workshop Synopsis dated 10/22/13
- City Council FY14 Municipal Court & Police Budget Workshop Synopsis dated 10/28/13
- City Council FY14 Legislative & Executive Budget Workshop Synopsis dated 10/28/13
- City Council FY14 General Fund Budget Summary Workshop Synopsis dated 10/29/13

**Project Update:**

**Garden City Stormwater Masterplan** – The Deputy City Manager provided an update on the Stormwater Masterplan project to the City Council and the meeting audience. He said funding is provided through the Coastal Incentive Grant Cycle 16 to develop a master stormwater plan for the City over the next 15 months.

Deputy City Manager presented a Powerpoint presentation that focused on the initial tasks related to the project including identification of drainage basins within the City that will be initially studied in more detail as part of the project. The areas identified for more detailed study include those areas that the City staff know to be problematic during heavy rainfall events as well as those areas that the City staff has investigated as a result of recent complaints.

**Staff Reports:**

Zoning Administrator presented the Planning & Zoning Department's Monthly Status Report.

HR Director presented the Human Resources Department's Monthly Status Report.

IT Director presented the Information Technology Department's Monthly Status Report.

Public Works Director presented the Public Works Department's Monthly Status Report.

Parks & Recreation Director presented the Parks & Recreation Department's Monthly Status Report.

City Manager said I have no updates tonight.

**Items for Consideration:**

**Resolution, Waste Management Annual Increase** - Mayor Holder read a resolution adjusting the City's Waste Management fees pursuant to the City's service agreement with Waste Management of Georgia, Inc., to reflect the annual increase of 2.2% in the consumer price index; to provide an effective date; and for other purposes.

Deputy City Manager said Waste Management's contract states that they can adjust the fees on their contract anniversary date based on the consumer price index. He said the transfer of the new rate increase will be on the customer's accounts for November's billing.

Upon motion by Councilmember Bethune, seconded by Councilmember Kicklighter, City Council voted unanimously to adopt the resolution.

**Adjournment:** Upon motion by Councilmember Bethune, seconded by Mayor Holder, City Council adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

*Transcribed by Rhonda Ferrell-Bowles, Clerk of Council*

*Approved by City Council 11/18/13*