

**MINUTES**  
**City Council Meeting**  
**Monday, December 2, 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 Kicklighter 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; David Lyons, Chief of Police; Jimmy Crosby, Fire Chief; Pam Franklin, HR Director; Cliff Ducey, Recreation Director; Benny Googe, Public Works Director and Sara Berry, Public Works Administrative Assistant. **Absent:** Charles Draeger, Water Operations Director

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

**Public Hearings:**

**Alcoholic Beverage License Application, BILO, LLC** – Mayor Holder opened the public hearing to receive public comment on an alcoholic beverage license application by BILO, LLC to sell wines, beer and/or malt beverages at BILO, 4415 Augusta Road, Garden City, Georgia.

There being no questions or comments, Mayor Holder closed the public hearing.

**Alcoholic Beverage Managers License Application, BILO, LLC** – Mayor Holder opened the public hearing to receive public comment on a manager's alcoholic beverage license application by Ginger P. Burgess to sell wines, beer and/or malt beverages at BILO, 4415 Augusta Road, Garden City, Georgia.

Councilmember Bethune said this is the same manager that was at the old Piggly Wiggly store.

Mayor Holder it is the same manager changing to Bilo.

There being no further questions or comments, Mayor Holder closed the public hearing.

**Alcoholic Beverage License Application, NITI Inc. #3** – Mayor Holder opened the public hearing to receive public comment on an alcoholic beverage license application by Rajeshkumar P. Patel to sell wines, beer and/or malt beverages at NITI, Inc. #3, 1212 US Highway 80W, Garden City, Georgia.

There being no questions or comments, Mayor Holder closed the public hearing.

**City Council Minutes:** Upon motion by Councilmember Kicklighter, seconded by Councilmember Shuman, City Council voted unanimously to approve the minutes dated 11/18/13.

Mayor Holder said we have no staff reports tonight on the agenda. He said Department Heads will give their 2013 end of the year reports at the next council meeting in

**Items for Consideration:**

**Resolution, FY2014 Budget Adoption** – Mayor Holder read a resolution to adopt the FY2014 Operating and Capital Budgets; to provide appropriation of funds for operating and capital expenditures; and to appropriate funding for specific operating and capital funds of Garden City Government.

Councilmember Bethune thanked the Deputy City Manager, staff, and City Council for their work on the FY2014 Budget. He said I know that a lot of hard work went into the FY14 Budget, but I am going to vote in opposition, because I don't feel I can vote in favor with one department being 55% of the general fund budget.

Councilmember Kicklighter made a motion, seconded by Councilmember George, to adopt the Operating and Capital Budget for fiscal year 2014. Councilmember Campbell, Councilmember George, Councilmember Kicklighter, Councilmember Shuman voted in favor with Councilmember Bethune opposed.

**Resolution, Amendment to City Council Meeting Schedule** - Mayor Holder read a resolution to amend the regular meeting schedule of the Garden City City Council; to eliminate the December 16, 2013 regular meeting of City Council; to establish a special meeting of City Council on Monday, January 6, 2014 for the purpose of holding the inauguration ceremony of the City Council Members Elect; to eliminate the January 20, 2014 regular meeting of City Council in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day; and to establish a meeting of City Council on Tuesday, January 21, 2014.

Upon motion by Councilmember George, seconded by Councilmember Bethune, City Council voted unanimously to adopt the amendment to the city council meeting schedule resolution.

**Resolution, Special Election** - Mayor Holder read a resolution to call a special election for March 18, 2014, for the purpose of filling the City Councilperson's seat for District 1; to appoint the Board of Elections of Chatham County to perform all the duties of the municipal superintendent for the special election, with the exception of the qualification of candidates which shall be the responsibility of the Clerk of Council; to authorize the Chatham County Board of Registration to perform all duties of the Absentee Ballot Clerk for the special election; to set the qualifying fee of \$108.00; and for the purpose of setting qualifying dates and times: On January 27, January 28 and January 29, 2014 from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

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

**Resolution, AGW Leasing, Amendment to Tower Attachment Agreement (Water Tower 517 Bourne Avenue)** – Mayor Holder read a resolution by the Mayor and Council of Garden City, Georgia, to approve an amendment to the tower attachment lease agreement with AGW Leasing Company for the purpose of adding equipment to the City's water tower at 517 Bourne Avenue, Garden City, Georgia.

Upon motion by Councilmember Kicklighter, seconded by Councilmember Shuman, City Council voted unanimously to adopt the resolution amending the AGW Leasing tower attachment agreement.

**Resolution, Cingular Wireless, Amendment to Tower Attachment Agreement (Water Tower 517 Bourne Avenue)** – Clerk of Council read a resolution by the Mayor and Council of Garden City, Georgia, to approve an amendment to the tower attachment lease agreement with Cingular Wireless for the purpose of adding equipment to the City’s water tower at 517 Bourne Avenue, Garden City, Georgia.

Upon motion by Councilmember Bethune, seconded by Councilmember Shuman, City Council voted unanimously to adopt the resolution amending the Cingular Wireless tower attachment agreement.

**Alcoholic Beverage License Application, BILO, LLC** – Consideration of an alcoholic beverage license application by BILO, LLC to sell wines, beer and/or malt beverages at BILO, 4415 Augusta Road, Garden City, Georgia.

Upon motion by Councilmember Kicklighter, seconded by Councilmember George, City Council voted unanimously to approve the alcoholic beverage license application for BILO, LLC.

**Alcoholic Beverage Managers License Application, BILO, LLC** – Consideration of a manager’s alcoholic beverage license application by Ginger P. Burgess to sell wines, beer and/or malt beverages at BILO, 4415 Augusta Road, Garden City, Georgia.

Upon motion by Councilmember Campbell, seconded by Councilmember George, City Council voted unanimously to approve the alcoholic beverage managers’ license application by Ginger Burgess for BILO, LLC.

**Alcoholic Beverage License Application, NITI Inc. #3** – Consideration of an alcoholic beverage license application by Rajeshkumar P. Patel to sell wines, beer and/or malt beverages at NITI, Inc. #3, 1212 US Highway 80W, Garden City, Georgia.

Upon motion by Councilmember Campbell, seconded by Councilmember Bethune, City Council voted unanimously to approve the alcoholic beverage license application for NITI, Inc. #3.

**2014 Fee Schedule** – Consideration of revisions to the Utility Fees related to water and sewer for FY2014.

Upon motion by Councilmember George, seconded by Councilmember Bethune, City Council voted unanimously to approve the Fee Schedule for fiscal year 2014.

Mayor Holder reminded everyone of the Tree Lighting Ceremony and Christmas in the Park on Saturday, December 7<sup>th</sup>.

Mayor Holder said this is Councilmember Kicklighter’s and Councilmember Shuman’s last council meeting. He said it has been a pleasure serving with Bessie and Judy. He said I will miss them both.

Councilmember Shuman said it has been an honor to serve. She said I have learned a lot and made good friends. She said I will miss everyone.

Councilmember Kicklighter said I would speak, but I am afraid I will start crying if I say something.

Councilmember Bethune said I have learned from both of these individuals during my time on council. He said I would like to thank them for serving.

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

*Transcribed by Rhonda Ferrell-Bowles, Clerk of Council  
Adopted by City Council: 1/21/14*