

MINUTES
City Council Meeting
Monday, March 3, 2014 – 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. **City Council Members:** Scott George, Mayor Pro-tem, Councilmember Bethune, Councilmember Campbell, Councilmember Cody and Councilmember Tice.

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

Mayor Holder said the City Council held a Pre-Agenda Session prior to tonight's meeting. He said no decisions were made during the Pre-Agenda Session.

Oath of Office:

James P. Gerard, Municipal Court Judge Pro-tem administered the Oath of Office to Marcia Daniel District 001 Council Member.

Mayor Holder said we are happy to finally have Councilmember Daniel on board.

Councilmember Daniel introduced her family and friends in the audience and said that she is glad to be on board.

Informal Public Comment:

Mayor Holder opened the floor to receive informal public comment from the audience.

Ms. Sharon Bethune, Woodlawn Avenue, said I am here on behalf of my father Roy Crager. She said that very little work has been done by the homeowner on the house at 86 Rommel Avenue. She inquired if Council was going to hold the homeowner accountable for doing very little work on the house during the six months period given by the Judge. She said are you going to issue another six months permit to him. She said there needs to be some accountability put in place.

City Attorney said the matter is in the court's hands. He said the Judge gave him the six months period to get the work done. He said if the work is not done then the Judge will decide what needs to be done. He said this is a court matter and we will have to wait until April to see what the options are then.

City Council Minutes:

Upon motion by Councilmember Bethune, seconded by Councilmember George, City Council voted unanimously to approve the City Council Minutes dated 2/17/14 and the City Council Workshop Synopsis dated 2/24/14.

Staff Reports:

Interim Zoning Administrator presented the Planning and Zoning Department's Monthly Status Report. Human Resources Director presented the Human Resources 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.

Items for Consideration:**First Reading of an Ordinance to Amend Outdoor Advertising or Separate Use Signs:**

Clerk of Council read for the first reading an ordinance to amend the Code of Ordinances of Garden City, Georgia, as amended, to revise chapter 90, Article VI, pertaining to signs, for the purpose of allowing an outdoor advertising sign in addition to any free-standing sign on properties in mixed use, commercial, or industrial zoning districts within the City; to repeal all ordinances in conflict herewith; to provide an effective date; and for other purposes.

Upon motion by Councilmember Bethune, seconded by Councilmember Campbell, City Council voted unanimously to approve the ordinance on the first reading.

Councilmember Bethune made a motion, seconded by Councilmember George to suspend the rules of council to hold the second reading of the ordinance. City Council voted unanimously to suspend the rules of council and hold the second reading of the ordinance.

Upon motion by Councilmember Bethune, seconded by Councilmember George, City Council voted unanimously to adopt the ordinance on the second reading.

Resolution Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation Program:

Mayor Holder read a resolution authorizing the City of Garden City to enter into an agreement with Stevenson & Palmer Engineering for the provision of engineering services in connection with the rehabilitation of sanitary sewers located east of Highway 21 and south of Highway 307 in Garden City; to authorize the City's Acting City Manager to execute a work order and contract for such services and for other purposes.

Acting City Manager said fifteen months ago the City began an assessment of the City's sanitary sewer lines. He said an inventory was done that identified the lines that the City crews could repair and the lines that would require a specialize contractor.

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

Adjournment: Upon motion by Councilmember Bethune, seconded by Councilmember Cody, City Council voted unanimously to adjourn at 7:27 p.m.

Transcribed by Rhonda Ferrell-Bowles, Clerk of Council (Approved by Council 3/17/14)