

MINUTES
City Council Meeting
Monday, September 15, 2014 – 7:00 p.m.

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

Opening: Councilmember Bethune offered the opening prayer and Mayor Holder invited everyone to join in the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

Roll Call: Mayor Holder presided. **Council Members:** Don Bethune, Bruce Campbell, Rosetta Cody, Marcia Daniel, Scott George and Kim Tice.

Staff: Ron Feldner, City Manager; Rhonda Ferrell-Bowles, Clerk of Council; James P. Gerard, City Attorney; Gilbert Ballard, Police Captain; Pam Franklin, HR Director; Charles Draeger, Water Operations Director; Ben Brengman, IT Director; Ron Alexander, Building Safety Director; Cliff Ducey, Parks & Recreation Director and Benny Googe, Public Works Director. *Absent:* David Lyons, Public Safety Director

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

Informal Public Comment: Mayor Holder opened the floor to receive public comment from the audience. Mayor Holder asked if there was anyone in the audience who wished to address City Council. There being no one wishing to address City Council, Mayor Holder closed the informal public comment portion of the meeting.

Formal Public Comment: Mayor Holder introduced Mr. Curtis Bean, Logistics Coordinator at Groves High School.

Mr. Bean presented a brief PowerPoint presentation to City Council summarizing the activities of the logistics student's activities. He said we have approximately sixty students participating in the logistics program.

Councilmember George thanked Mr. Bean and Dr. Duncan, Principal at Groves High School for the good job they are doing at Groves. He said the graduation for the logistics students was held here at City Hall.

Dr. Duncan said the student's that graduate from the logistics program generally get hired in the logistics field by area companies. He said Groves received word from the State that we are in the top 50% of the schools in the State. He said I plan to attend another council meeting to share with council the progress we are making at Groves.

Councilmember Cody said this is just a program for high school and not middle school.

Mr. Bean said we start recruiting students for the logistics program in middle school.

Councilmember Tice asked if the students participate in the logistics program all four years of high school.

Mr. Bean said no. He said the students attend three classes, because this is a career path class. He said students actually leave the class with a certification.

Councilmember Cody said I would like to thank you for what you do for our students.

Councilmember Daniel said I was very impressed with the young people at the graduation. She said do you have a waiting list for the class.

Mr. Bean said we don't have a waiting list for the class, but the class is filled to capacity.

Mayor Holder thanked Mr. Bean and Dr. Duncan for attending the meeting and sharing with everyone the positive things that are happening at Groves.

City Council Minutes: Upon motion by Councilmember Bethune, seconded by Councilmember Tice, City Council voted unanimously to approve the city council minutes dated 8/18/14.

Staff Reports:

Director of Planning, Zoning & Building presented the Planning, Zoning & Building Department's monthly status report.

Councilmember George said could you give us an update on the Gilly cell tower. He said this the 165 ft. cell tower going in behind the church. He said I'm not for this tower going into this location. He said there has been talk about another tower going on the Williams property and I had asked for the distance to be checked.

City Attorney said I can clarify. He said the ordinance says towers shall not be located any closer than 1,500 feet from an existing tower unless technologically require or visually preferable. He said there is not an existing tower since the Verizon tower has not been built.

Councilmember George said I don't want the tower there.

City Attorney said if you all want to change the ordinance you have that right. He said the Board reviewed and checked off all the criteria and they have no reason to deny.

Councilmember George said you will have two towers there. He said has anyone asked Mr. Gilly to move his tower.

Planning, Zoning & Building Director said we did contact Mr. Gilly and Verizon about moving the tower.

City Attorney said both Verizon and Mr. Gilly are in compliance with our ordinance.

Councilmember Tice said Mr. Gilly's case was tabled by the Planning Commission in November 2013, because he did not meet all the FAA requirements. She said the Planning Commission has reviewed all the dress codes to make sure he is in compliance. She said they can't put shrubs, but they will install slated fencing. She said the tabling part was done until he met his FAA requirements.

HR Director presented the Human Resources Department's monthly status report.

IT Director presented the Information Technology Department's monthly status report.

Councilmember Bethune asked the IT Director to make sure he posted the upcoming City Council Budget Workshops on the website and calendar.

Councilmember George said the face book updates have been good.

Public Works Director presented the Public Works Department's monthly status report.

Mayor Holder asked if the street lights in the Salt Creek area were installed.

Public Works Director replied Georgia Power is finished.

Councilmember George said the tree trimming along Chatham Parkway looks great.

Councilmember Bethune said the street sweeper has been down a lot.

Public Works Director said we have almost rebuilt the sweeper. He said the Alamo is the main piece of equipment we are having trouble with.

Councilmember George asked if there was a better piece of equipment than the Alamo.

Public Works Director replied yes, it is one of our capital request items in the 2015 budget.

Mayor Holder said how old is the street sweeper?

Public Works Director replied it is a 2007.

Councilmember Bethune said are you working on surveying the sidewalks for needed repairs.

Public Works Director replied we are working on it.

Councilmember Tice said the bamboo on the corner of Nelson needs to be cut so it doesn't block the view of traffic.

Councilmember Cody said the Public Works crews did a good job edging in my neighborhood.

Councilmember Campbell said have you had a chance to talk to the gentleman about his driveway.

Public Works Director replied not yet, but I am planning to this week.

Parks & Recreation Director presented the Parks & Recreation Department's monthly status report.

Councilmember Bethune said we are having a low turnout on soccer.

Parks & Recreation Director said we started the soccer programs in 2007. He said the soccer program for the younger children has dropped off. He said I don't know why it dropped off, but we are trying to build it up. He said the turnout for the older kid's soccer program is good.

Councilmember Bethune said some of the lights in the senior center parking lot and under the shelter are out.

Parks & Recreation Director said we will take care of it.

Water Operations Director presented the Water Operations Department's monthly status report.

Councilmember Bethune said I had a resident call me to compliment your crew for the good job they did.

Captain Ballard presented the Public Safety Department's monthly status report.

Councilmember Bethune said can you tell me how the enforcement of the rollout cart ordinance is going.

Captain Ballard the enforcement has begun.

Councilmember Bethune said I have seen improvement in my area.

Items for Consideration

First Reading, Ordinance, Zoning Map Amendment (Timothy Aiken): Clerk of Council read the first reading of an ordinance to amend the zoning ordinance and map of Garden City, Georgia, as amended; to rezone from R-2 to C-1 certain property owned by Timothy S. Aiken on Lynah Avenue; to repeal all ordinances in conflict herewith; to provide an effective date; and for other purposes.

Councilmember George made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Campbell to approve the ordinance on the first reading. Councilmember Campbell, Councilmember Cody, Councilmember Daniel, Councilmember George, Councilmember Tice and Mayor Holder voted in favor with Councilmember Bethune abstaining from the vote.

Councilmember Daniel made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Tice to suspend the rules of council to hold the second reading on the ordinance. Councilmember Campbell, Councilmember Cody, Councilmember Daniel, Councilmember George, Councilmember Tice and Mayor Holder voted in favor with Councilmember Bethune abstaining from the vote.

Second Reading, Ordinance, Zoning Map Amendment (Timothy Aiken): Clerk of Council read the second reading of an ordinance to amend the zoning ordinance and map of Garden City, Georgia, as amended; to rezone from R-2 to C-1 certain property owned by Timothy S. Aiken on Lynah Avenue; to repeal all ordinances in conflict herewith; to provide an effective date; and for other purposes.

Councilmember Campbell made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Tice to adopt the ordinance on the second reading. Councilmember Campbell, Councilmember Cody, Councilmember Daniel, Councilmember George, Councilmember Tice and Mayor Holder voted in favor with Councilmember Bethune abstaining from the vote.

First Reading, Ordinance, Radar Permit: Mayor Holder read the first reading of an ordinance to adopt revisions to the list of roadways to be approved for the use of speed detection devices.

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

Upon motion by Councilmember Bethune, seconded by Councilmember Campbell, City Council voted unanimously to suspend the rules of council to hold the second reading on the ordinance.

Second Reading, Ordinance, Radar Permit: Mayor Holder read the second reading of an ordinance to adopt revisions to the list of roadways to be approved for the use of speed detection devices.

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

Resolution, Capital Improvement Element: Mayor Holder read a resolution by the Mayor and Council of Garden City, Georgia, to adopt the 2013 Capital Improvement Element Annual Update.

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

Resolution, Beautification Committee Appointments: Mayor Holder read a resolution to appoint Ms. Kristy Ward and Ms. Susan Cobb to fill the current vacancies on the Garden City Beautification Committee.

Upon motion by Councilmember Tice, seconded by Councilmember Cody, City Council voted unanimously to adopt the resolution.

Vehicle Surplus Request: Mayor Holder said we have for consideration of a request by the Public Safety Director to declare Unit #0404, Unit #0440, Unit #0443, Unit #0849, and the 1986 Chevrolet C-30 as surplus.

Upon motion by Councilmember George, seconded by Councilmember Cody, City Council voted unanimously to declare the vehicles as surplus.

Councilmember Bethune reminded everyone of the GICH Housing Team will be holding its 1st Housing Fair from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. this Saturday at the Garden City Gym. He invited everyone to attend.

Adjournment: Upon motion by Mayor Holder, seconded by Councilmember Tice, City Council adjourned the meeting at 7:57 p.m.

*Transcribed by: Clerk of Council
Approved by Council: 10/6/14*