

**MINUTES**  
**City Council Meeting**  
**Monday, July 18, 2016 – 6:00 p.m.**

**Call to Order:** Mayor Bethune welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

**Opening:** Mayor Bethune offered the invocation and invited everyone to join in the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

**Roll Call:**

**Members:** Mayor Pro-tem Campbell presided. Council Members: Rosetta Cody, Marcia Daniel, Debbie Ruiz and Kim Tice. Absent: Don Bethune, Mayor and Bessie Kicklighter, Councilmember.

**Staff:** Ron Feldner, City Manager; Rhonda Ferrell-Bowles, Clerk of Council; James P. Gerard, City Attorney; Ben Brengman, IT Director; David Lyons, Chief of Police; Cliff Ducey, Recreation Director; Ron Alexander, Planning Director; Pam Franklin, HR Director; Charles Draeger, Water Operations Director; Blake Hodge, Fire Chief and Benny Googe, Public Works Director.

Mayor Pro-tem Campbell said City Council held a pre-agenda session prior to tonight's meeting. He said no decisions or votes were made during the pre-agenda session.

**Informal Public Comment:** Mayor Bethune opened the floor to received public comment from the audience.

Mr. Leonard Hodges, 3801 Old Louisville Road, requested the City look at changing the bulbs in street lights on Old Louisville Road from 150 to 250 to provide better lighting.

Mayor Bethune said I have already asked the City Manager to into it.

MR. Leonard Hodges inquired status on the Chatham Area Transit (CAT).

Mayor Bethune said we contacted CAT to ask them to come to one of the city council workshops.

City Manager said I believe they are tentatively scheduled to attend the August 22 workshop.

There being no further questions or comments from the audience, Mayor Bethune closed the informal public comment portion of the meeting.

**Public Hearing:**

**PC1614 Major Subdivision Plat – Garden City Town Center:** Mayor Bethune opened the public hearing to receive public comment on the major subdivision plat for the Garden City Town Center.

City Manager provided an overview of the subdivision plat for the Garden City Town Center. He said the plat shows the various dimensions of roadways, etc. and exact parcels that can be developed by the developer. He said once the plat is approved by City Council the developer can then move forward with creating a development plan.

Mayor Bethune asked if there were any questions or comments on the major subdivision plat for Town Center.

There being no questions or comments, Mayor Bethune closed the public hearing on PC1614.

**City Council Minutes:** Upon motion by Councilmember Kicklighter, seconded by Councilmember Campbell, City Council voted unanimously to approve the city council minutes dated 6/20/16, city council minutes 6/22/16 and workshop synopsis dated 7/11/16.

**Staff Reports:**

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

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

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

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

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

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

Police Chief presented the Police Department's monthly report.

Councilmember Kicklighter congratulated the Police Chief for his department being recognized as the 15<sup>th</sup> best place to work in the State of Georgia.

Chief Lyons thanked Councilmember Kicklighter. He said this was driven by the employees of the Police Department. He said my main concern is safety for our officers. He said we are doing everything we can to keep our officers safe on the streets.

Mayor Bethune said it is really encouraging when I see our police officers eating in a restaurant and one of our residents anonymously pays for the officer's meal. He said that speaks volumes about our community.

Councilmember Tice asked if all the officers were outfitted with body camera's and vests.

Chief Lyons said yes, all of our officers are fully outfitted.

Fire Chief presented the Fire Department's monthly report.

Chief Hodge said the pumper trucks are scheduled for delivery in a couple of weeks. He said the renovations on Fire Station 2 are ongoing. He said the renovations should be completed in about six weeks. He said we are doing a pilot program called "Remember When" which is a program for older residents. He said we are teaming up with several groups such as the Housing Team on this program. He said Red Cross has offered to donate smoke detectors. He said we are looking for this program to take off.

Mayor Bethune said I'm impressed with the way Station No. 2 is looking.

Councilmember Campbell said I would like to thank the staff of the public works department, recreation department and fire department for their efforts in making the event held last Saturday a great success. He said the kids really enjoyed it.

Councilmember Cody said I would like to thank the staff of the fire department and police department for their quick response when the tree fell on the Cooper Center.

**City Manager Updates:** City Manager said I have no updates.

**Items for Consideration:**

**Ordinance – Zoning Map Amendment (1116 Dean Forest Road):** Clerk of Council read the first reading of the heading of an ordinance to amend the zoning ordinance and map of Garden City, Georgia, as amended; to rezone certain property located at 1116 Dean Forest Road in Garden City, Georgia, owned by 1116 Dean Forest LLC, from its present zoning classification of “R-1 to a “C-2” zoning classification; to repeal all ordinances in conflict herewith; to provide an effective date; and for other purposes.

Councilmember Daniel made a motion to deny the ordinance on the first reading, seconded by Councilmember Campbell. Councilmember Campbell, Councilmember Cody, Councilmember Daniel, Councilmember Ruiz, and Councilmember Tice voted to deny the ordinance on the first reading with Councilmember Kicklighter opposed.

**First Reading, Ordinance – Motion Picture, Television & Photographic Productions:** Clerk of Council read the first reading of the heading of an ordinance to amend the Code of Ordinances of Garden City, Georgia, as amended by adding Chapter 12 to regulate motion picture, television and photographic productions within the City; to provide for City notification, authorization and/or permitting; to provide for an application process for such authorization and permitting, including proof of insurance and the furnishing of hold harmless agreements, and an appeal process for the conditional approval or denial of a permit or authorization; to provide for application forms and fees; to provide for the revocation of filming authorization and permits; to provide for the inspection of filming premises for motion picture, television and photographic productions; to provide for penalties; to repeal all ordinances in conflict herewith; to provide an effective date; and for other purposes.

Chief Lyons said Garden City has become a location for movie productions. He said two major movies have been filmed recently in Garden City and there are several more inquiring. He said this ordinance provides staff with the guidelines for movies, television and photographic productions.

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

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

**Second Reading, Ordinance – Motion Picture, Television & Photographic Productions:** Mayor Bethune presented for the second reading an ordinance to amend the Code of Ordinances of Garden City, Georgia, as amended by adding Chapter 12 to regulate motion picture, television and photographic productions within the City; to provide for City notification, authorization and/or permitting; to provide for an application process for such authorization and permitting, including proof of insurance and the furnishing of hold harmless agreements, and an appeal process for the conditional approval or denial of a permit or authorization; to provide for application forms and fees; to provide for the revocation of filming authorization and permits; to provide for the inspection of filming premises for motion picture, television

and photographic productions; to provide for penalties; to repeal all ordinances in conflict herewith; to provide an effective date; and for other purposes.

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

**PC1614 Major Subdivision Plat for Garden City Town Center:** Mayor Bethune said we have for consideration the major subdivision plat for the Garden City Town Center.

Upon motion by Councilmember Kicklighter, seconded by Councilmember Tice, City Council voted unanimously to approve the major subdivision plat for the Garden City Town Center.

**Adjournment:** Upon motion by Councilmember Campbell, seconded by Councilmember Daniel, City Council voted to adjourn at 6:39 p.m.

*Transcribed by Clerk of Council*

*Approved by City Council 8/15/16*