

## MINUTES

### City Council

Monday, April 7, 2008 – 7:00 p.m.

**Members Present:** Mayor Andy Quinney presided. **Council Members:** Misty Bethune, Gwyn Hall, Bowen Jones, Bessie Kicklighter and Judy Shuman.

**Members Absent:** Tennyson Holder and Durward Motes.

**Staff Present:** Brian Johnson, City Administrator; Rhonda Ferrell-Bowles, Clerk of Council; James P. Gerard, City Attorney; Pam Franklin, HR Director; Nathan Mai-Lombardo, Planning Director; Randall Griffin, Public Works Director, David Lyons, Chief of Police; Charles Draeger, Water/Sewer Director and Cliff Ducey, Recreation Director.

**Staff Absent:** Clara Rouse, Finance Director and Jimmy Crosby, Fire Chief.

**Opening:** Mayor Quinney welcomed everyone to the meeting. Councilmember Shuman offered the opening prayer and Mayor Quinney led City Council in the pledge to the flag.

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

#### **Public Hearings:**

**Alcoholic Beverage License Application:** Mayor Quinney opened the public hearing to receive comment on an alcoholic beverage license application for Meia Joiner to sell spirituous liquors (by the drink), wines, beer and/or malt beverages at Club Xtacy, 425 Highway 80, Garden City, Georgia.

Mayor Quinney asked if there were any questions or comments. There being no questions or comments, Mayor Quinney closed the public hearing.

**Alcoholic Beverage Manager's Application:** Mayor Quinney opened the public hearing to receive comment on an alcoholic beverage manager's application for Pedro

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Valladares to sell spirituous liquors (by the drink), wines, beer and/or malt beverages at Club Xtacy, 425 Highway 80, Garden City, Georgia.

Mayor Quinney asked if there were any questions or comments. There being no questions or comments, Mayor Quinney closed the public hearing.

**City Council Minutes:** Upon motion by Councilmember Jones, seconded by Councilmember Hall, City Council voted unanimously to approve the minutes from the March 17, 2008 meeting of Council.

**Planning & Zoning Committee Report:**

**Home Occupation Ordinance:** Councilmember Hall said we have for consideration a home occupation ordinance. He said the purpose of this ordinance is to give the City more control over regulating home businesses in residential areas in order to protect our residents. He asked the Clerk of Council to read the first reading of the ordinance by title only.

Clerk of Council read for the first reading an ordinance to amend the zoning ordinance of Garden City, Georgia, to establish requirements for the establishment of home occupations; to require applications for the establishment of same; to require the approval of home occupations by the Board of Zoning Appeals; to repeal all ordinances in conflict herewith; to provide an effective date; and for other purposes.

Upon motion by Councilmember Hall, seconded by Councilmember Kicklighter, City Council voted unanimously to approve the home occupation ordinance on the first reading.

Councilmember Hall made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Jones 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 home occupation ordinance.

Clerk of Council read for the second reading an ordinance to amend the zoning ordinance of Garden City, Georgia, to establish requirements for the establishment of home occupations; to require applications for the establishment of same; to require the approval of home occupations by the Board of Zoning Appeals; to repeal all ordinances in conflict herewith; to provide an effective date; and for other purposes.

Upon motion by Councilmember Hall, seconded by Councilmember Jones, City Council voted unanimously to adopt the home occupation ordinance on the second reading.

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**Personnel, Finance & Administrative Committee Report:** Councilmember Shuman said we have a total of 106 employees. She said we have 101 fulltime and 5 part-time employees. She said the senior meter reader position is filled. She said we are accepting applications for a police officer. She said staff is conducting interviews for the Accounting Tech. position. She said staff is in the screening process for the Financial Analyst position. She said the training session on March 25th for the planning commission and board of zoning members was well attended.

**Parks & Recreation Committee Report:** Councilmember Bethune said the Recreation Department's Opening Day Parade will be held on Saturday, April 12<sup>th</sup>. She said the first pitch will be held after the parade. She said the parade begins at the gym and ends at Bazemore Park. She encouraged everyone to come out and support the Recreation Department. She said a small indoor carnival for children ages 6-12 years old will be held at the Cooper center on April 11<sup>th</sup> beginning at 3:45 p.m. She said everything is fine at the Senior Center. She said registrations are underway for Camp Eagle.

**Fire Committee Report:** Mayor Quinney asked Councilmember Kicklighter to give the Fire Committee Report in Councilmember Motes absence.

Councilmember Kicklighter gave a routine report. She said Firefighters Michelle Anaya and Tim Allen will be attending the Maritime/Tank Training School in Beaumont Texas, May 4-9, 2008. She said they will be representing Garden City working in conjunction with VOPAK who has agreed to share the cost with the City. She said the only cost to the City will be the airfare which is sponsored by EMA and Fire Departments.

Councilmember Kicklighter said the Fire Department will be hosting the region seminar for the Burn Foundation the first weekend in May. She said the seminar was planned for earlier, but due to the Sugar Refinery incident it had to be rescheduled.

**Police Committee Report:**

**Alcoholic Beverage License Application:** Councilmember Kicklighter said we have for consideration an alcoholic beverage license application for Meia Joiner to sell spirituous liquors (by the drink), wines, beer and/or malt beverages at Club Xtacy, 425 Highway 80, Garden City, Georgia. She said once the police chief approves the application we have to approve it.

Upon motion by Councilmember Kicklighter, seconded by Councilmember Bethune, City Council voted unanimously to approve the alcoholic beverage license application for Meia Joiner.

**Alcoholic Beverage Manager's Application:** Councilmember Kicklighter said we have for consideration an alcoholic beverage manager's application for Pedro Valladares to

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sell spirituous liquors (by the drink), wines, beer and/or malt beverages at Club Xtacy, 425 Highway 80, Garden City, Georgia.

Upon motion by Councilmember Kicklighter, seconded by Councilmember Bethune, City Council voted unanimously to approve the alcoholic beverage manager's application for Pedro Valladares.

Councilmember Kicklighter gave a routine report. She said the Police Department will host a dinner for the seniors at the Senior Center on April 25<sup>th</sup>.

**Public Works Committee Report:** Mayor Quinney asked Councilmember Jones to give the Public Works Committee Report in Councilmember Holder's absence.

Councilmember Jones said everything is going well in the public works department. He said the public works department collected 61 tons of dry trash and cleaned 2,300 feet of ditches during the month of March.

**Water/Sewer Committee Report:** Councilmember Jones said everything is going well in the water/sewer department. He said the Rossignol Hill Project is in the final phase. He said the average water usage during the month of March was 1.04 million gallons per day.

**City Administrator Report:**

**Surplus Equipment:** City Administrator asked City Council to consider declaring the Gator Machine surplus equipment, because it is not in the City's best interest to keep this piece of equipment.

Upon motion by Councilmember Jones, seconded by Councilmember Hall, City Council voted unanimously to declare the Gator Machine as surplus equipment.

**City Attorney Report:** City Attorney said I have nothing new to report tonight.

**Mayor Report:** Mayor Quinney thanked everyone for attending. He said we are in the process of selecting color schemes for the New City Hall.

**Adjournment:** Upon motion by Councilmember Jones, seconded by Councilmember Hall, City Council voted unanimously to adjourn at 7:17 p.m.

(ABSENT)

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Andy Quinney, Mayor

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Tennyson Holder, Mayor Pro-tem

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Judy Shuman, President of Council

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Misty Bethune, Councilmember

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Gwyn Hall, Councilmember

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Bowen Jones, Councilmember

(ABSENT)

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Bessie Kicklighter, Councilmember

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Durward Motes, Councilmember

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Rhonda Ferrell, Clerk of Council