

## MINUTES

### City Council

**Monday, April 21, 2008 – 7:00 p.m.**

**Members Present:** Judy Shuman, President of Council presided. Council Members: Gwyn Hall, Bowen Jones, Bessie Kicklighter and Durward Motes.

**Members Absent:** Mayor Andy Quinney, Misty Bethune, Councilmember and Tennyson Holder, Mayor Pro-tem.

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

**Staff Absent:** Pam Franklin, HR Director and Clara Rouse, Finance Director

**Visitors:** See attached sign-in sheet

**Opening:** President of Council Shuman called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone. She said Mayor Quinney is unable to be here tonight, because he is recovering from illness and Mayor Pro-tem Holder is unable to be here tonight, because he is still recovering from surgery. She said Councilmember Bethune is not here tonight, because she is on her honeymoon. She said City Council held a pre-agenda session prior to tonight's meeting. She said no decisions were made during the pre-agenda session.

Councilmember Hall offered the opening prayer and President of Council Shuman led City Council in the pledge to the flag.

**Amendment to the Agenda:** President of Council entertained a motion to amend the agenda to include under the City Administrator's Report a supplemental appropriation resolution for the confiscated assets fund.

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Upon motion by Councilmember Jones, seconded by Councilmember Kicklighter, City Council voted unanimously to amend the agenda to include the supplemental appropriation resolution.

**City Council Minutes:** Upon motion by Councilmember Jones, seconded by Councilmember Hall, City Council voted unanimously to accept the April 7, 2008 minutes as amended.

**Planning & Zoning Committee Report:** Councilmember Hall said I have nothing to report tonight.

**Personnel, Finance & Administration Committee Report:** President of Council Shuman asked Councilmember Hall to give the Personnel, Finance & Administration Committee Report.

Councilmember Hall said we currently have 101 full-time employees and 5 part-time employees for a total of 106 employees. He said we just hired a full-time police officer and the wastewater treatment plant is recruiting for an operator trainee and recreation is recruiting for lifeguards for summer camp.

**Parks & Recreation Committee Report:** President of Council Shuman asked Councilmember Motes to give the Parks & Recreation Committee Report in Councilmember Bethune's absence.

Councilmember Motes said the Baseball/Softball/T-Ball Parade and Baseball RAMA were held on April 12th. He said sign-ups for summer camp are underway and everything is going well at the Senior Center. He said Port Wentworth's Stand Up for America Day Parade will be held Saturday, April 26<sup>th</sup>.

**Fire Committee Report:** Councilmember Motes gave a routine Fire Committee Report. He said the ISO is scheduled for May 19<sup>th</sup> and plans are underway for a new Garden City Fire Department Station on the corner of Fall Avenue and Pineland. He said this will be their third station.

Councilmember Hall thanked Fire Chief Crosby for driving the fire truck in the Recreation Department's Opening Day Parade on Saturday.

**Police Committee Report:** Councilmember Kicklighter gave a routine report. She said the Police Department will host a fried chicken dinner at the Senior Center on Friday, April 25<sup>th</sup>.

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**Public Works Committee Report:** President of Council Shuman asked Councilmember Kicklighter to give the Public Works Committee Report in Councilmember Holder's absence.

Councilmember Kicklighter said the Public Works Department is doing a good job. She said we finished the Bishop Avenue Project and the new street sweeper arrived today.

**Water/Sewer Committee Report:** Councilmember Jones said everything is going well in the water/sewer department.

**City Administrator Report:**

**Supplemental Appropriation Resolution, General Fund:** City Administrator said we have for consideration a resolution to amend the FY07 General Operating Fund. He asked the Clerk of Council to read the resolution by title only.

Clerk of Council read by title only a resolution to amend the FY07 General Operating Fund to provide for a supplemental appropriation in the amount of \$283,860, in order to adjust the FY07 Budget with respect to the actual expenditure of funds for the various departments.

Upon motion by Councilmember Jones, seconded by Councilmember Kicklighter, City Council voted unanimously to adopt the general fund supplemental appropriation resolution.

**Supplemental Appropriation Resolution, Confiscated Assets Fund:** City Administrator said we have for consideration a resolution to amend the FY07 Confiscated Assets Fund. He asked the Clerk of Council to read the resolution by title only.

Clerk of Council read by title only a resolution to amend the FY07 Confiscated Assets Fund to provide for a supplemental appropriation in the amount of \$4,416.00 in order to adjust the FY07 Budget with respect to the actual expenditure of funds.

Upon motion by Councilmember Kicklighter, seconded by Councilmember Jones, City Council voted unanimously to adopt the confiscated assets fund supplemental appropriation resolution.

City Administrator said we made 1.4 million dollars last year.

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

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**President of Council Report:** President of Council Shuman said please keep Mayor Quinney and Councilmember Holder in your prayers and we all wish them a speedy recovery.

President of Council said I am honored to preside over the meeting tonight. She said April 21<sup>st</sup> has special meaning, because it is my oldest daughter's birthday and it is my first time presiding over a council meeting. She said I appreciate council and our staff and the great job everyone does.

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

(Absent)

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Andy Quinney, Mayor

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Judy Shuman, President of Council

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Gwyn Hall, Councilmember

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Bessie Kicklighter, Councilmember

(Absent)

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Tennyson Holder, Mayor Pro-tem

(Absent)

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Misty Bethune, Councilmember

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Bowen Jones, Councilmember

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Durward Motes, Councilmember

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Rhonda Ferrell, Clerk of Council