

MINUTES

City Council

Monday, May 5, 2008 – 7:00 p.m.

Members Present: Mayor Andy Quinney presided. **Council Members:** Misty Selph, Tennyson Holder, Bowen Jones, Bessie Kicklighter, Durward Motes and Judy Shuman.

Members Absent: Gwyn Hall

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; Cliff Ducey, Recreation Director; Charles Draeger, Water/Sewer Director; David Lyons, Chief of Police and Jimmy Crosby, Fire Chief.

Staff Absent: Clara Rouse, Finance Director and Randall Griffin, Public Works Director.

Visitors: See attached sign-in sheet

Opening: Mayor Quinney welcomed everyone to the meeting. He offered the opening prayer and led City Council in the pledge to the flag. He said City Council held a pre-agenda session prior to tonight's meeting and no decisions were made during the pre-agenda session.

Mayor Quinney introduced Ms. Elaine Barnard of the Garden City Pride Association.

Ms. Barnard presented to Mayor and City Council at donation in the amount of \$1,000 to go toward purchasing Christmas decorations. She said to-date the Garden City Pride Association has donated to the community over \$30,000. She said we are very proud of the things that are happening right now in the City.

Mayor Quinney recognized Mr. Jerry Rothchild who is a candidate in the upcoming election for District Attorney.

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City Council Minutes: Upon motion by Councilmember Jones, seconded by Councilmember Shuman, City Council voted unanimously to approve the minutes from the April 21, 2008 meeting of council.

Zoning & Building Committee Report: Mayor Quinney asked Councilmember Holder to give the Zoning & Building Committee Report in Councilmember Hall's absence.

Mayor Quinney said Councilmember Hall could not be with us tonight, because his wife's sister died in a car accident in Dublin. He said our thoughts and prayers are with them.

Mixed Use Ordinance: Councilmember Holder made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Jones to table the reading of the mixed use ordinance until a public hearing is held. City Council voted unanimously to table the reading of the mixed use ordinance until a public hearing is held.

Personnel, Finance & Administration Committee Report: Councilmember Shuman gave a routine report. She said we filled the Accounting Tech II position and the Financial Analyst position. She said we are still advertising for a Class III Operator Trainee.

Mayor Quinney thanked Councilmember Shuman for handling the last Council Meeting in his absence.

Parks & Recreation Committee Report: Councilmember Selph said the Recreation Department's float won first place in the Stand Up For America Day Parade. She said gymnastic registrations are underway. She said Camp Eagle will be held May 26th – August 22nd. She said everything is going well at the Cooper Center. She said the month of May is Older Americans Month. She said the seniors are having a Mother's Day dinner tonight. She said the senior's breakfast will be May 13th at 8:30 a.m. and the Friday night supper will be held on May 30th. She said the seniors will be leaving on June 2nd to tour Cape Cod. She said 100 seniors attended April's supper and the seniors wish to thank Mayor Quinney for making National Day of Prayer so special.

Fire Committee Report: Councilmember Motes said I have nothing to report tonight.

Police Committee Report: Councilmember Kicklighter gave a routine report. She said the Police Department participated in the Stand Up For America Day Parade. She said the Police Department hosted the Friday night supper at the senior center on April 25th. She said Representative Bob Bryant and Senator Regina Thomas attended the supper.

Mayor Quinney said Councilmember Jones participated in the parade.

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Public Works Committee Report: Councilmember Holder said I have nothing to report tonight.

Water/Sewer Committee Report: Councilmember Jones said we have consideration an amendment to our water & sewer ordinance. He asked the Clerk of Council to read the ordinance for the first reading by title only.

Clerk of Council read for the first reading an ordinance to amend Chapter 82 of the Garden City Code relating to utilities, to provide for reduced water and sewer installation fees if non-city labor is used to install the connections; requiring that in certain cases a master meter be installed on multi-unit properties with separate meters for each unit and for all accessory improvements of the property owner using city water; permitting each property owner to assume the responsibility for repairing and maintaining the portion of all service lines running from the City's water main to the water meter(s); clarifying the responsibility of owners and tenants of multi-unit properties for payment of water and sewer bills; and to require that the water for all irrigation systems within Garden City be furnished from private shallow wells and not the City's public water supply; to repeal all ordinances in conflict herewith; to provide an effective date; and for other purposes.

Upon motion by Councilmember Jones, seconded by Councilmember Holder, City Council voted unanimously to approve the amendment to the water and sewer ordinance on the first reading.

Councilmember Jones made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Kicklighter to suspend the rules of council to hold the second reading of the amendment to the water and sewer ordinance. City Council voted unanimously to suspend the rules of council and hold the second reading of the amendment to the water and sewer ordinance.

Councilmember Jones asked the Clerk of Council to read the ordinance for the second reading by title only.

Clerk of Council read for the second reading an ordinance to amend Chapter 82 of the Garden City Code relating to utilities, to provide for reduced water and sewer installation fees if non-city labor is used to install the connections; requiring that in certain cases a master meter be installed on multi-unit properties with separate meters for each unit and for all accessory improvements of the property owner using city water; permitting each property owner to assume the responsibility for repairing and maintaining the portion of all service lines running from the City's water main to the water meter(s); clarifying the responsibility of owners and tenants of multi-unit properties for payment of water and sewer bills; and to require that the water for all irrigation systems within Garden City be furnished from private shallow wells and not the City's public water supply; to repeal all ordinances in conflict herewith; to provide an effective date; and for other purposes.

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Upon motion by Councilmember Jones, seconded by Councilmember Holder, City Council voted unanimously to adopt the amendment to the water and sewer ordinance on the second reading.

Mayor Quinney said this is part of the EPD requirements we must meet relating to multi-unit properties.

City Administrator Report:

Surplus Equipment Bids: City Administrator said we have for consideration the following offers received to purchase the City's Kaiser Walking Excavator including (1) ditch bucket and (1) mower deck accessories.

Savannah Sanitation, Inc.	\$15,000
Great Southern Construction Equipment Co.	\$20,000
Western Ecology	\$35,600

Councilmember Holder made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Jones to accept the offer by from the highest bidder Western Ecology in the amount of \$35,600. City Council voted unanimously to accept the offer from Western Ecology in the amount of \$35,600.

Surplus Equipment: City Administrator said we have for consideration designating the following pieces of equipment as surplus equipment:

1999 Johnson Street Sweeper (Model HS605)
1995 Ford L-7000 Flat Bed Dump Truck
1998 Ford F800 Box Dump Truck
150 Onan Generator

Upon motion by Councilmember Holder, seconded by Councilmember Kicklighter, City Council voted unanimously to designate the pieces of equipment as surplus.

Demolition of Damaged Structures after Disaster Ordinance: City Administrator asked the Clerk of Council to read the ordinance by title only for the first reading.

Clerk of Council read for the first reading an ordinance to amend the Code of Ordinances of Garden City, Georgia, as amended, by adding to Chapter 18 entitled "Buildings and Building Regulations" an Article VII regulating the demolition of damaged unsafe structures after a disaster; to repeal all ordinances in conflict herewith; to provide an effective date; and for other purposes.

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

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Councilmember Jones made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Kicklighter 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.

Clerk of Council read for the second reading an ordinance to amend the Code of Ordinances of Garden City, Georgia, as amended, by adding to Chapter 18 entitled "Buildings and Building Regulations" an Article VII regulating the demolition of damaged unsafe structures after a disaster; to repeal all ordinances in conflict herewith; to provide an effective date; and for other purposes.

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

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

Mayor Report: Mayor Quinney thanked Councilmember Shuman for handling the last council meeting. He said the President of Council position was established so if the Mayor and Mayor Pro-tem were both unable to attend the meeting the President of Council could fill in at the meeting.

Adjournment: Upon motion by Councilmember Holder, seconded by Councilmember Selph, City Council adjourned at 7:22 p.m.

Andy Quinney, Mayor

Tennyson Holder, Mayor Pro-tem

Judy Shuman, President of Council

Misty Selph, Councilmember

(Absent)

Gwyn Hall, Councilmember

Bowen Jones, Councilmember

Bessie Kicklighter, Councilmember

Durward Motes, Councilmember

Rhonda Ferrell-Bowles
Clerk of Council

