

MINUTES

City Council

Monday, June 2, 2008 – 7:00 p.m.

Members Present: Mayor Pro-Tem Holder presided. **Members of Council:** Gwyn Hall, Bowen Jones, Bessie Kicklighter, Durward Motes, Misty Selph and Judy Shuman.

Members Absent: Mayor Andy Quinney

Staff Present: Brian Johnson, City Administrator; Rhonda Ferrell-Bowles, Clerk of Council; James P. Gerard, City Attorney; Pam Franklin, HR Director; Clara Rouse, Finance Director; Nathan Mai-Lombardo, Planning Director; Charles Draeger, Water/Sewer Director; Cliff Ducey, Recreation Director; and Jimmy Crosby, Fire Chief.

Staff Absent: Randall Griffin, Public Works Director and David Lyons, Chief of Police.

Visitors: See attached sign-in sheet.

Opening: Mayor Pro-tem Holder opened the meeting. He said Mayor Quinney could not be here tonight, because he is under the weather. He said City Council held a Pre-Agenda Session prior to tonight's meeting. He said no decisions were made during the Pre-Agenda Session.

Councilmember Hall offered the opening prayer and Mayor Pro-tem Holder led City Council in the pledge to the flag.

City Council Minutes: Upon motion by Councilmember Jones, seconded by Councilmember Shuman, City Council voted unanimously to approve the minutes from the May 19, 2008 meeting of council.

Presentation of the Financial Statements & Independent Auditors Report for the year ended December 31, 2007. Mayor Pro-tem Holder introduced Mr. Jason Martin of Karp, Ronning and Tindol.

Mr. Martin reviewed the financial statements and independent auditors report for the year ended December 31, 2007. He said everything is in order and there are no major

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deficiencies. He said the City is in excellent financial shape. He commended Clara Rouse, Finance Director and Brian Johnson, City Administrator for their financial management. He said we completed the audit in approximately one week. He said according to Chris Lightle, Auditor in prior years it had taken a couple of weeks to perform the audit. He said all the credit should be given to Ms. Rouse and Mr. Johnson for their fine work.

Mayor Pro-tem Holder commended the City Administrator and Finance Director for their fine work.

Councilmember Jones said he wanted it stated in the record that we appreciate the City Administrator's leadership and Finance Director's fine work.

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

Personnel, Finance & Administration Committee Report: Councilmember Shuman said the new wastewater treatment plant operator begins work on June 5th. She said the new Financial Analyst begins June 9th. She said the Police Department is recruiting for a police officer. She said Larry Jones, Code Enforcement Officer passed the portable fire extinguisher inspection test. She said the open enrollment for the City's Health Benefits was well attended.

Parks & Recreation Committee Report: Councilmember Selph said the Recreation Department hosted gymnastics and they had over 50 participants and spectators. She said registration for Camp Eagle is on-going. Swimming lessons will begin the second week in June. She said everything is fine at the Cooper Center and the senior citizens are on a trip.

Fire Committee Report: Councilmember Motes said the fire department responded to 41 calls with an average response time of 5.75 minutes. He said Maritime Firefighting Training is underway and ISO has rescheduled the audit until July.

Police Committee Report: Councilmember Kicklighter recognized Nathan Mai-Lombardo to come up and talk about the BBQ Cook-off.

Mr. Mai-Lombardo said the Garden City Convention and Visitors Bureau will host a BBQ Cook-off on Saturday, June 21st from 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. at the State Farmers Market. He said if you are interested in entering the BBQ Cook-off, please contact City Hall. He invited everyone to come out for the event.

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Councilmember Kicklighter gave a routine report. She said the police departments average response time was 2.23 minutes. She said that is an excellent response time. She said Captain Clifton has been serving as Acting Chief of Police while Chief Lyons has been in Israel. She said the police department is accepting donations for the purchase of historical documents to hang in the new city hall. She said if you are interested in donating, please contact the police department and speak with Officer O'Neal.

Public Works Committee Report: Mayor Pro-tem Holder said I have nothing to report tonight.

Water/Sewer Committee Report:

Dean Forest Road Water Main Relocation Bids: Councilmember Jones said we have for consideration the following bids received for the Dean Forest Road Water Main Relocation Project.

Slone Associates, Inc.	\$ 83,307.00
I AM Construction, Inc.	\$ 87,081.88
Terry R. Lee Contracting Co., Inc.	\$108,650.00
Southern Champion Construction, Inc.	\$110,480.00
E&D Contracting Services, Inc.	\$118,387.01
Sandhill ALS Construction, Inc.	\$118,500.00
Sanderlin Construction, Co., Inc.	\$124,000.00
Tyson & Sons, Inc. dba D&R Utility	\$125,314.49
Savannah River Utilities Co.	\$126,850.00

He said Staff and the Engineers recommend accepting the bid received from the low bidder Slone Associates in the amount of \$83, 307.00.

He said DOT is getting ready to change the turn lane and we are required to move the water main.

Upon motion by Councilmember Jones, seconded by Councilmember Kicklighter, City Council voted unanimously to accept the bid from the low bidder Slone Associates in the amount of \$83,307.00.

Mayor Pro-tem Holder said the engineer's estimate was \$134,000, which is a considerable savings to the city.

City Administrator Report: Upon motion by Councilmember Kicklighter, seconded by Councilmember Hall, City Council voted unanimously to table the exclusive right to sell agreement for further debate.

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Summer Schedule Meeting Resolution: City Administrator asked the Clerk of Council to read the resolution.

Clerk of Council read a resolution to amend the regular meeting schedule of the Garden City Council for the period of July 1, 2008 through September 30, 2008 as follows:

<u>Item</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Action</u>
Regularly Scheduled Meeting	July 7, 2008	Canceled
Regularly Scheduled Meeting	July 21, 2008	Affirmed
Regularly Scheduled Meeting	August 4, 2008	Canceled
Regularly Scheduled Meeting	August 18, 2008	Affirmed
Regularly Scheduled Meeting	September 1, 2008	Canceled
Regularly Scheduled Meeting	September 15, 2007	Affirmed

Upon motion by Councilmember Jones, seconded by Councilmember Kicklighter, City Council voted unanimously to adopt the summer schedule meeting resolution.

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

Mayor Report: Mayor Pro-tem Holder asked everyone to keep Mayor Quinney in their prayers.

Adjournment: Upon motion by Councilmember Hall, seconded by Councilmember Jones, City Council voted unanimously to adjourn at 7:35 p.m.

(Absent)

Andy Quinney, Mayor

Tennyson Holder, Mayor pro-tem

Judy Shuman, President of Council

Gwyn Hall, Councilmember

Bowen Jones, Councilmember

Bessie Kicklighter, Councilmember

Durward Motes, Councilmember

Misty Selph, Councilmember

Rhonda Ferrell, Clerk of Council