

## MINUTES

### City Council

Monday, August 17, 2009 – 7:00 p.m.

**Call to Order:** Mayor Quinney called the meeting of council to order at 7:00 p.m.

**Devotional & Pledge of Allegiance:** Councilmember Motes offered the opening prayer and Mayor Quinney invited all in attendance to join in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Motion to Amend the City Council Agenda:** Upon motion by Councilmember Jones, seconded by Councilmember Holder, City Council voted unanimously to amend the agenda to consider a request by Jimmy Harper for a fire sprinkler variance.

Mayor Quinney said the item will be added under the City Manager's portion of the Agenda (Items for Consideration). He said the reason is for Mr. Harper's contractor to be able to plan his work.

**Roll Call:**

**Member of Council:** Mayor Quinney, Gwyn Hall, Tennyson Holder, Bowen Jones, Durward Motes, Misty Selph and Judy Shuman in attendance with Bessie Kicklighter absent.

**Staff Members:** 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; Randall Griffin, Public Works Director; Cliff Ducey, Parks & Recreation Director; Ben Brengman, IS/IT Director; David Lyons, Chief of Police; Jimmy Crosby, Fire Chief and Charles Draeger, Water Operations Director.

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.

**Receive Boards & Commission Report:**

Planning Director presented the Planning Commission/Board of Appeals Minutes dated August 11, 2009 and the Tourism Board Minutes dated August 12, 2009.

Councilmember Jones presented the Beautification Committee's report.

**Conduct Public Hearings:**

**Community Development Block Grant Neighborhood Stabilization Program (NSP) Grant Public Hearing:** City Manager introduced Ms. Sara Davis with Associates In Local Government Inc. She said grant funding is approximately 926,308 and gave an overview of the grant process, procedures, and guidelines. She said we are in the process of preparing options to present to council for returning the money to the community.

There being no further questions or comments, Mayor Quinney closed the public hearing.

**Approval of the city council minutes dated 7/20/09:** Upon motion by Councilmember Jones, seconded by Councilmember Shuman, City Council unanimously voted to approve the minutes from the July 20, 2009, City Council Meeting.

**Receive Staff Reports:**

Planning Director presented the Planning & Economic Department's Monthly Status Report.  
Human Resources Director presented the Human Resources Department's Monthly Status Report.  
Finance Director presented Finance Department's Monthly Status Report.  
IT Director presented the Information Technology Department's Monthly Status Report.  
Parks & Recreation Director presented the Parks & Recreation Department's Monthly Status Report.  
Public Works Director presented the Public Works Department's Monthly Status Report.  
Water Operations Director presented the Water Operations Department's Monthly Status Report.  
Fire Chief presented the Fire Department's Monthly Status Report.  
Chief Lyons presented the Police Department's Monthly Status Report.

**Items for Consideration:**

**Jimmy Harper Fire Sprinkler Variance:** Fire Chief said I have talked with Mr. Harper and his building is a 7800 square foot warehouse that Kraft Cheese will be using. He said it has a giant freezer that goes to the ceiling. He said I have no issue with his request.

Councilmember Selph granting the variance request does compromise in safety.

Upon motion by Councilmember Holder, seconded by Councilmember Hall, City Council voted unanimously to grant Mr. Harper's request for a fire sprinkler variance.

**Ordinance:** City Manager 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 Code of Ordinances of Garden City, Georgia, as amended, to amend Code Section 6-4 relating to the possession of alcohol on city property so as to allow alcoholic beverages to be served on city property during large public and formal events where the city acts in symbolic ways to honor, celebrate, and reward achievements essential to its mission; to repeal all ordinances in conflict herewith; to provide an effective date; and for other purposes.

Councilmember Selph made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Holder, to approve the ordinance on the first reading. Councilmember Hall, Councilmember Holder, Councilmember Motes and Councilmember Selph voting in favor with Councilmember Jones and Councilmember Shuman opposed.

**Ordinance:** City Manger asked the Clerk of Council to read the first reading of the ordinance by tile only.

Clerk of Council read for the first reading an ordinance to amend the Code of Ordinances of Garden City, Georgia, as amended, to revise Article VI of Chapter 62 relating to the City's collection of recyclable materials from residences utilizing roll-out carts for trash pick-up; to delegate to the City Manager the authority to place in effect and adjust, with the approval of Mayor and Council, a schedule of fees and charges for collection of garbage, refuse, recyclable materials and similar materials; to repeal all ordinances in conflict herewith; to provide an effective date; and for other purposes.

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

Councilmember Selph made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Shuman, to suspend the rules of council to hold the second reading of the ordinance. City Council unanimously voted to suspend the rules of council and hold the second reading.

Clerk of Council read for the second reading an ordinance to amend the Code of Ordinances of Garden City, Georgia, as amended, to revise Article VI of Chapter 62 relating to the City's collection of recyclable materials from residences utilizing roll-out carts for trash pick-up; to delegate to the City Manager the authority to place in effect and adjust, with the approval of Mayor and Council, a schedule of fees and charges for collection of garbage, refuse, recyclable materials and similar materials; to repeal all ordinances in conflict herewith; to provide an effective date; and for other purposes.

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

**Resolution:** City Manager said we have for consideration a resolution authorizing Brian Johnson, City Manager as certifying official for quarterly reports for NSP Grant Number 08-NS-5061. City Manager said DCA manages the Neighborhood Stabilization Grant Program.

Upon motion by Councilmember Holder, seconded by Councilmember Hall, City Council voted unanimously to adopt the resolution.

**Surplus Furniture:** City Manager said we have for consideration declaring the city hall office furniture as surplus.

Upon motion by Councilmember Jones, seconded by Councilmember Shuman, City Council voted unanimously to declare the city hall office furniture as surplus.

Mayor Quinney said this is our last city council in this building. He said we pulled the rezoning of the properties across from the new city hall off of the agenda for further study.

**Adjournment:** Upon motion by Councilmember Holder, seconded by Councilmember Hall, City Council voted unanimously to adjourn at 8:00 p.m.

**Transcribed and Submitted by Rhonda Ferrell-Bowles, Clerk of Council**

**Adopted by City Council: September 21, 2009**