

## MINUTES

### City Council

Monday, March 15, 2010 – 7:00 p.m.

**Call to Order:** Mayor Holder welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**Devotional & Pledge:** Councilmember Kicklighter offered the opening prayer and Mayor Holder invited everyone to join in the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

Mayor Holder said City Council held a Pre-Agenda Session prior to tonight's meeting. He said no decisions were made during the Pre-Agenda Session.

**Roll Call:** Mayor Holder presided. City Council Members: Don Bethune, Gwyn Hall, Bowen Jones, Bessie Kicklighter, Durward Motes, Judy Shuman, and Jimmy Spilliards. All Members of Council present.

**Staff:** Brian Johnson, City Manager; Rhonda Ferrell-Bowles, Clerk of Council; James P. Gerard, City Attorney; Clara Rouse, Finance Director; Pam Franklin, HR Director; Ben Brengman, IT/IS Director; Nathan Mai-Lombardo, Planning Director; Cliff Ducey, Recreation Director; Randall Griffin, Public Works Director, Jimmy Crosby, Fire Chief and Captain Frank Clifton.

**Staff Absent:** David Lyons, Chief of Police and Charles Draeger, Water Operations Director.

#### **Boards & Commission Reports:**

Councilmember Jones presented the Beautification Committee Minutes dated March 8, 2010.

Planning Director presented the Planning Commission Minutes dated March 9, 2010.

#### **Public Hearing:**

**Amendment to Alcoholic Beverage Sale Ordinance:** Mayor Holder opened the public hearing to receive public comment on an ordinance to amend the Code of Ordinances of Garden City, Georgia, as amended, by amending Chapter 6, Article II, Division 3, to permit Sunday hours of sales of alcoholic beverages in eating establishments within C-2, C-2A, C-2A (B&W), and M zoning districts deriving at least fifty (50%) percent of their total annual gross food and beverage sales from the sale of prepared meals or food; to repeal all ordinances in conflict herewith; to provide an effective date; and for other purposes.

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

**City Council Minutes:** Upon motion by Councilmember Kicklighter, seconded by Councilmember Hall, City Council voted unanimously to approve the minutes dated March 1, 2010.

**Staff Reports:**

Planning Director presented the Planning & Economic Development Department's Monthly Status Report.

Human Resources Director presented the Human Resources Department's Monthly Status Report.

Finance Director presented the Finance Department's Monthly Status Report.

IT Director presented the Information Technology Department's Monthly Status Report.

Parks & Recreation Director presented the Recreation Department's Monthly Status Report.

Public Works Director presented the Public Works Department's Monthly Status Report.

City Manager presented the Water Operations Department's Monthly Status Report. (Water Operations Director absent due to an emergency at the Wastewater Treatment Plant)

Fire Chief presented the Fire Department's Monthly Status Report.

Captain Clifton presented the Police Department's Monthly Status Report. (Chief David Lyons absent)

**Items for Consideration:**

**Proclamation, 2010 Census:** Clerk of Council read a proclamation proclaiming that The City of Garden City is committed to partnering with the Georgia Complete Count Committee to help ensure a full and accurate count in the 2010 Census.

Upon motion by Councilmember Jones, seconded by Councilmember Bethune, City Council voted unanimously to adopt the 2010 Census proclamation.

City Manager said Census is in the process of mailing out the 2010 Census questionnaires. He said if you haven't received one you should be soon. He said it is very important that everyone fill out their questionnaire and return to Census. He said the City is going to be involved assisting Census with their foot routes.

**First Reading, Amendment to Alcoholic Beverage Sale Ordinance:** Clerk of Council read for the first reading an ordinance to amend the Code of Ordinances of Garden City, Georgia, as amended, by amending Chapter 6, Article II, Division 3, to permit Sunday hours of sales of alcoholic beverages in eating establishments within C-2, C-2A, C-2A (B&W), and M zoning districts deriving at least fifty (50%) percent of their total annual gross food and beverage sales from the sale of prepared meals or food; to repeal all ordinances in conflict herewith; to provide an effective date; and for other purposes.

Councilmember Kicklighter made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Bethune, to approve the Amendment to the Alcoholic Beverage Sale Ordinance on the first reading. Councilmember Bethune, Councilmember Hall, Councilmember Kicklighter, Councilmember Motes, Councilmember Shuman and Councilmember Spilliards voted in favor with Councilmember Jones opposed.

**First Reading, Amendment to Automatic Fire Sprinkler Systems Ordinance:** Clerk of Council read for the first reading an ordinance to amend the Code of Ordinances of Garden City, Georgia, as amended, to increase from 6,000 square feet to 12,000 square feet the minimum building floor area of multi-family residential and non-residential improvements for triggering the requirement of installing automatic fire sprinkler systems connected with the City's fire department; to repeal all ordinances in conflict herewith; to provide an effective date; and for other purposes.

Upon motion by Councilmember Shuman, seconded by Councilmember Jones, City Council voted unanimously to approve the Amendment to the Automatic Fire Sprinkler Systems Ordinance.

Councilmember Kicklighter made 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 Amendment to the Automatic Fire Sprinkler Systems Ordinance.

Clerk of Council read for the second reading an ordinance to amend the Code of Ordinances of Garden City, Georgia, as amended, to increase from 6,000 square feet to 12,000 square feet the minimum building floor area of multi-family residential and non-residential improvements for triggering the requirement of installing automatic fire sprinkler systems connected with the City's fire department; to repeal all ordinances in conflict herewith; to provide an effective date; and for other purposes.

Upon motion by Councilmember Jones, seconded by Councilmember Kicklighter, City Council voted unanimously to adopt the Amendment to the Automatic Fire Sprinkler Systems Ordinance on the second reading.

**Surplus Police Vehicles:** Upon motion by Councilmember Shuman, seconded by Councilmember Kicklighter, City Council voted unanimously to declare the following police vehicles as surplus: Unit's 0322, 12, 0314 & 0339.

**Southbridge Annexation Resolution:** City Manager presented a resolution of the Mayor and Council of Garden City, Georgia, relative to the approval of a recommendation to the Local Legislative Delegation to propose local legislation dealing with annexation.

Upon motion by Councilmember Kicklighter, seconded by Councilmember Shuman, City Council voted unanimously to adopt the resolution dealing with the annexation of Southbridge Golf Community.

Mayor Holder reminded everyone of the special election tomorrow and encouraged everyone to vote.

**Adjournment:** Upon motion by Councilmember Kicklighter, seconded by Councilmember Hall, City Council voted unanimously to adjourn at 7:55 p.m.

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

**Adopted April 5, 2010**