

MINUTES
City Council Meeting
Monday, February 18, 2013 – 7:00 p.m.

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

Opening: Councilmember Bethune offered the opening prayer and Mayor Holder invited everyone to join in the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

Roll Call:

Members Present: Mayor Holder presided. *Council Members:* Don Bethune, Bruce Campbell, Rosetta Cody, Scott George, Bessie Kicklighter and Judy Shuman.

Staff Present: Brian Johnson, City Manager; Ron Feldner, Deputy City Manager; Rhonda Ferrell-Bowles, Clerk of Council; James P. Gerard, City Attorney; Ben Brengman, IT Director; Pam Franklin, HR Director; Scott Allison, PED Director; Cory Salley, Finance Director; David Lyons, Chief of Police; Jimmy Crosby, Fire Chief; Charles Draeger, Water Operations Director; Cliff Ducey, Parks & Recreation Director and Benny Googe, Public Works Director

Presentation: Ms. Colleen Harvey, Director of the Muscular Dystrophy Association recognized the Garden City Fire Department for their support of the Muscular Dystrophy Association. She said over the last several years the Fire Department has raised over \$50,000 to support MDA services in our community. She said members of the Fire Department also donate their time to participate in MDA's Summer Camp Program. She said Chief Crosby set a goal of \$15,000 to reach and they surpassed the goal finishing at \$16,183. She said this money means a lot to the families in our area. She said of all the fire departments in the State of Georgia the Garden City Fire Department is ranked 7th for their efforts in support of MDA.

Informal Public Comment: Mayor Holder opened the floor to receive informal public comment. There being no questions or comments, Mayor Holder closed the informal public comment portion of the meeting.

City Council Minutes: Upon motion by Councilmember Kicklighter, seconded by Councilmember George, City Council voted unanimously to approve the minutes dated 2/4/13.

Staff Reports:

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

Water Operations Director presented the Water Operations Department's Monthly Status Report.

Councilmember Bethune asked if the produced water was just from the wells.

Water Operations Director responded, yes.

Mayor Holder said why were there 69 city initiated re-reads?

Water Operations Director said these are not citizen initiated re-reads. He said there were only five of those reported. He said these are the re-reads the city initiates, because something showed up in our system and we are following up on it.

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

Chief of Police presented the Police Department's Monthly Status Report.

City Manager Updates:

City Manager said that the railroad crossing on State Route 25 will be closed Sunday and Monday for repairs.

City Manager said we met with the railroad regarding the trains blocking the tracks in the old historic area of Garden City. He said two weeks from tonight I will present maps to convey the new norm for train traffic in the old historic area of Garden City.

City Manager said we should have the Judge's ruling on LOST by April 1st.

Mayor Holder said we have no items on the agenda tonight for consideration.

Mayor Pro-tem George said the Beautification Committee held their Clean Sweep this past Saturday. He said over 30 bags of trash was collected. He said I want to thank Ben Wall, Jr. for bringing a truck and helping with the clean up. He said I also want to thank the Fire Department and Police Department for their support and efforts.

Adjournment: Upon motion by Mayor Holder, seconded by Councilmember Kicklighter, City Council voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 7:13 p.m.

Transcribed by Rhonda Ferrell-Bowles, Clerk of Council

Adopted by City Council: 3/4/13