

**MINUTES**  
**City Council Meeting**  
**Monday, November 17, 2014 – 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:** Mayor Holder presided. **Council Members:** Don Bethune, Bruce Campbell, Rosetta Cody, Marcia Daniel, Scott George and Kim Tice.

**Staff:** Ron Feldner, City Manager; Rhonda Ferrell-Bowles, Clerk of Council; James P. Gerard, City Attorney; David Lyons, Chief of Police; Pam Franklin, HR Director; Ben Brengman, IT Director; Ron Alexander, Building Safety Director; Cliff Ducey, Parks & Recreation Director, Charles Draeger, Water Operations Director; Benny Googe, Public Works Director and Sara Berry, Public Works Administrative Assistant.

Mayor Holder said City Council held a pre-agenda session prior to tonight's meet. He said no decisions were made during the pre-agenda session.

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

**Public Hearings:**

**PC1413 – Recombination & Rezoning Request (Kelly Hill Road & Highway 80 Parcels):** Public comment on a request by Bryan Hickman, applicant, for a preliminary review of recombination and a rezoning of Parcels 6-0880-01-005, Kelly Hill Road 80 and 6-0880-01-006, 1909 US Hwy 80 from a zoning district of RA to C2 and to be combined with the first 300-400 feet off of Hwy 80 of 6-0880-01-003 and 6-0880-01-007 for future development. Bryan Hickman, applicant, requests preliminary review of a recombination of 6-0880 -01-003, Kelly Hill Road and 6-0880-01-007,2011 US Hwy 80 and rezoned from C2 to I2 for future development.

Mayor Holder called for a motion to table the public hearing on PC1413 for the recombination and rezoning of Kelly Hill Road and Highway 80 parcels. He said the case was tabled by Planning Commission at their November 11<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Upon motion by Councilmember George, seconded by Councilmember Campbell, City Council voted unanimously to table the public hearing for PC1413.

**FY2015 Proposed Operating & Capital Budget:** The City Manager presented the FY2015 Proposed Operating and Capital Budget.

Councilmember George asked how much property tax revenue have we received so far.

Clerk of Council said we have received two checks so far. She said the first check was around \$174,000 and the second around \$207,000.

Councilmember Bethune said we allocated funding to add the two firefighter positions in the FY15 budget so we could ensure that we had enough firefighters to cover the twenty-four hour shifts. He said also the admin assistant position is to provide the new fire chief with clerical support. He said there are a lot of administrative items that need to be addressed once the new fire chief is on board.

Councilmember Bethune said some citizens may look at the budget and think the Senior Center budget has been cut. He said I would like for someone to explain so everyone will know why the budget looks reduced.

Clerk of Council said in the 2014 budget funding was allocated for the purchase a new senior center passenger van and for replacement of the heating/air conditioning unit at the senior center. She said since these projects were accomplished in 2014, so no funding is allocated for these expenditures in 2015. She said that is why the 2015 senior center budget looks as though it was reduced, but it wasn't.

Councilmember Bethune thanked the City Manager and staff for their work on the city's annual budget. He said the format was very easy to read and understand.

City Manager thanked City Council for their time and efforts on the city's annual budget.

Mayor Holder opened the public hearing to receive public comment from the audience on the Proposed FY2015 Operating & Capital Budget. There being no questions or comments from the audience, Mayor Holder closed the public hearing on the FY2015 Budget.

**City Council Minutes:**

Upon motion by Councilmember George, seconded by Councilmember Cody, City Council voted unanimously to approve the city council minutes dated 11/3/14.

**Staff Reports:**

Planning, Zoning & Building Director presented the Planning, Zoning & Building Department's Monthly Status Report.

Councilmember Bethune said I like the Planning, Zoning & Building Department's new report format. He said I really like that you have added pictures in your report.

Councilmember Bethune said I would like for the Planning, Zoning & Building Director to check the business on Highway 80 across from Patrick's, because it is an eyesore. He said they are dismantling equipment to ship to other countries and have pieces of equipment everywhere. He said I think that piece of property would need to be zoned industrial for them to be able to do that. He said I don't think it is zoned industrial.

Planning, Zoning & Building Director said I will check into it.

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

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

Councilmember Bethune said I had one of my clients contact me about their water bill increasing. He said I checked their meter and it was spinning. He said I discovered their toilet was leaking and when I shut off the toilet the meter quit spinning.

Water Operations Director said we have dye tablets that residents can obtain from the water department. He said you place the dye tablet in the tank of the toilet and if you see dye in the toilet bowl then you have a leak and need to replace the flapper in your toilet. He said also we have water conservation kits available to the residents.

Councilmember George said a good job was done on painting the fire hydrants.

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

Chief Lyons introduced Andrea Stewart who has been doing her internship with the police department.

Councilmember Bethune said ask if the police department was losing officer to other agencies.

Chief Lyons said we lost three good officers recently, because they left to go with other agencies pay more. He said invest a lot of time and money training officers and it is hard to replace them when they leave.

Councilmember Bethune said the new firefighter was doing a public safety display the other day at a business opening here in Garden City. He said she did an outstanding job. He said there were also two volunteer firefighters assisting her.

**Items for Consideration:**

**Resolution - Alcoholic Beverage License Renewals for 2015:** Mayor Holder read a resolution by the Mayor and City Council of Garden City, Georgia, to authorize renewal of Garden City alcohol licenses for the 2015 calendar year; to provide for review and limited investigation of said license holders; and for other purposes.

Upon motion by Councilmember Bethune, seconded by Councilmember Campbell, City Council voted unanimously to approve the resolution.

Councilmember Bethune reminded everyone that the Housing Team will be hosting the Christmas Tour of Homes on December 7<sup>th</sup>. He said the funds raised will be used by the Housing Team to fund projects in the community.

**Adjournment:** Upon motion by Mayor Holder, seconded by Councilmember Campbell, City Council adjourned the meeting at 7:54 p.m.

*Minutes transcribed by: Clerk of Council*

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