

**MINUTES**  
**City Council Meeting**  
**Monday, November 7, 2016 – 6:00 p.m.**

**Call to Order:** Mayor Bethune welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

**Opening:** Pastor James Witherspoon gave the invocation and Mayor Bethune invited everyone to join in the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

**Roll Call:**

**Members:** Mayor Don Bethune presided. **Council Members:** Bruce Campbell, Rosette Cody, Marcia Daniel, Bessie Kicklighter, Debbie Ruiz and Kim Tice.

**Staff:** Ron Feldner, City Manager; Rhonda Ferrell-Bowles, Clerk of Council; James P. Gerard, City Attorney; Ben Brengman, IT Director; David Lyons, Chief of Police; Cliff Ducey, Recreation Director; Pam Franklin, HR Director; Blake Hodge, Fire Chief. *Absent:* Charles Draeger, Water Operations Director; Ron Alexander, Planning Director; Benny Googe, Public Works Director and Jackie Jackson, Special Projects Coordinator.

Mayor Bethune said City Council held a pre-agenda session prior to tonight's meeting. He said no decisions or votes were made during the pre-agenda session.

**Presentations:**

Chief Lyons will presented K9 Officer David Dess with a "Department Commendation" for his outstanding performance of duty on August 8, 2016.

Jason Roehm with the Police and Fire Insurance Association will presented K9 Officer Dess with an award for his outstanding performance of duty on August 8, 2016.

**Informal Public Comment:** Mayor Bethune opened the floor to received public comment from the audience.

Misty Selph, Woodlawn Avenue, said I am seeing positive changes in Garden City, but I'm concerned about our recreation facilities. She said our facilities are very old. She said the gym as well as the concession building and dugouts at Bazemore Park are in bad shape and need to be renovated. She said you all have invested in equipment for the police and fire and I'm asking that you consider investing some dollars in the parks and recreation department.

There being no further questions or comments, Mayor Bethune closed the informal public comment portion of the meeting.

**City Council Minutes:** Upon motion by Councilmember Campbell, seconded by Councilmember Cody, City Council voted unanimously to approve the city council minutes dated 1-/17/16.

**Staff Reports:**

HR Director presented the Human Resources Department's report.

IT Director presented the Information Technology Department's report.

City Manager presented the Public Works Department's report.

Mayor Bethune said the timing sequence of the traffic signal at Chatham Parkway and Telfair is not right. He said also the timing of the left turn signal at Burnsed Blvd & Highway 80 is not right. He asked the City

Manager to ask the Public Works Director to see what could be done to correct the issues occurring with both of the traffic signals.

Recreation Director presented the Parks & Recreation Department's report.

Councilmember Tice said I echo Ms. Selph's concerns about the condition of the concession stand at Bazemore Park. She said I would like the Recreation Director to do a list to see what needs to be done to get the concession stand up to par.

Recreation Director said everything works fine, it is just old.

Councilmember Tice said it needs to be overhauled, but there are things that can be done to clean it up.

City Manager Updates: City Manager said I have no updates.

**Items for Consideration:**

**First Reading, Ordinance – Erosion & Sedimentation Control Amendment:** Clerk of Council read the first reading of the heading of an ordinance to amend the ordinances of Garden City, Georgia, as amended, to restate Chapter 30, Article III, entitled "Erosion and Sedimentation Control"; to repeal all ordinances in conflict therewith; to provide an effective date; and for other purposes.

City Manager said local governments are required by the State to adopt the model erosion and sedimentation control ordinance in order to be in compliance with State laws. He said the State made some changes in the ordinance and we are required to adopt the amended ordinance by the end of the year.

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

Upon motion by Councilmember Kicklighter, seconded by Councilmember Daniel, City Council voted unanimously to suspend the rules of council to hold the second reading of the ordinance.

**Second Reading, Ordinance – Erosion & Sedimentation Control Amendment:** Clerk of Council read the second reading of the heading of an ordinance to amend the ordinances of Garden City, Georgia, as amended, to restate Chapter 30, Article III, entitled "Erosion and Sedimentation Control"; to repeal all ordinances in conflict therewith; to provide an effective date; and for other purposes.

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

**Resolution – Emergency Management Program Augmentation Services:** Clerk of Council read the heading of a resolution of the Mayor and Council of Garden City, Georgia, approving and authorizing the execution by the Mayor of Garden City, Georgia, of an intergovernmental agreement between the City, Chatham County, Georgia, and the Chatham Emergency Management Agency ("CEMA") for the provision of emergency management program augmentation services.

City Manager said this resolution is addressing FEMA compliance for damages from Hurricane Matthew. He said this provides for a partnership with County, CEMA, and their consultant.

Upon motion by Councilmember Kicklighter, seconded by Councilmember Ruiz, City Council voted unanimously to adopt the resolution.

**Resolution – Debris Monitoring Services Agreement:** Clerk of Council read the heading of a resolution to ratify that certain master services agreement for debris monitoring and public assistance consulting services by and between Garden City, Georgia, and Rostan Solutions, LLC.

City Manager said this provides for the debris disposal and oversight. He said in order to put ourselves in the best position we requested proposals for the pickup and disposal of debris. He said we evaluated the proposals and recommend entering into an agreement with Rostan for debris monitoring services.

Upon motion by Councilmember Kicklighter, Councilmember Tice, City Council voted unanimously to adopt the resolution.

**Resolution – Emergency Services Procurement for Water/Sewer System Facilities Hurricane Matthew Damage Restoration:** Clerk of Council read the heading of a resolution to ratify emergency service procurements for water and sewer system facilities.

City Manager said this relates to the hurricane damage to the City's sewer collection system. He said City staff get quotes from contractors to replace the damaged parts to put the sewer system back in order and back online.

Upon motion by Councilmember Campbell, seconded by Councilmember Kicklighter, City Council voted unanimously to adopt the resolution.

**Resolution - Trade Center Intergovernmental Contract Amendment:** Clerk of Council read the heading of a resolution by the Mayor and Council of Garden City, Georgia, approving and authorizing the execution by the Mayor of Garden City, Georgia, of a first amendment to the intergovernmental contract between the City and the Georgia International and Maritime Trade Center Authority for the purpose of having the Trade Center Tax described in the contract and collected by the City paid to the Authority in order to assist the Authority in providing for the operation and management of the Trade Center.

City Manager said Garden City and other local governments collect hotel/motel tax and provide a portion of the tax to the Trade Center. He said the agreement is up for renewal.

Mayor Bethune said I'm in favor of the agreement, but not the twenty year term.

Councilmember Kicklighter made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Cody to adopt the resolution to renew the agreement for twenty-years. Councilmember Campbell, Councilmember Cody, Councilmember Daniel, Councilmember Kicklighter and Councilmember Ruiz voted in favor, with Councilmember Tice and Mayor Bethune opposed. Mayor Bethune said the vote carries to adopt the resolution.

**Resolution – Sale Agreement of 117 Bowman Avenue (NSP Property):** Clerk of Council read the heading of a resolution of the Mayor and Council of Garden City, Georgia, to approve and perform that certain purchase and sale agreement, dated September 2, 2016, for the purchase and sale of property commonly known as 117 Bowman Avenue in Garden City, Georgia, in connection with Garden City's Neighborhood Stabilization Program.

City Manager said the City participated in the NSP program for the purpose of acquiring distressed properties suitable for resale. He said acquired three properties for renovation. He said two have been completed and sold. He said this is the third and final property. He said we are moving toward the real estate closing on this property.

Upon motion by Councilmember Tice, seconded by Councilmember Ruiz, City Council voted unanimously to adopt the resolution.

**Resolution – Alcohol License Renewals 2017:** Clerk of Council read the heading of a resolution to authorize renewal of Garden City alcohol licenses for the 2017 calendar year; to provide for review and limited investigation of said license holders; and for other purposes.

Chief Lyons said this is the annual renewal of the alcohol licenses for 2017. He said there are no issues.

Upon motion by Councilmember Tice, seconded by Councilmember Daniel, City Council voted unanimously to adopt the resolution.

**Adjournment:** Mayor Bethune asked for a motion to adjourn. Upon motion by Councilmember Campbell, seconded by Councilmember Cody, City Council adjourned the meeting at 7:40 p.m.

*Minutes Transcribed by: Clerk of Council*

*Accepted & Approved by: City Council 11/21/16*