

MINUTES

City Council Meeting Monday, December 4, 2017 – 6:00 p.m.

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

Opening: Pastor Susan Thisell, Good Shepherd Lutheran Church gave the invocation and Mayor Bethune led City Council in the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Roll Call:

Members: Mayor Bethune presided. Council Members: Mayor Pro-tem Campbell, Councilmember Cody, Marcia Daniel, Councilmember Ruiz and Councilmember Tice. Absent: Councilmember Kicklighter

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

Retirement Proclamation: Mayor, City Council and City Manager recognized Charles Draeger, Water Operations Director for his years of service with the City.

Firefighter of the Quarter: Mayor and City Council recognized Joseph Tse as Firefighter of the Quarter.

Railroad Coordination Update: Mayor Bethune said for over a period of four months we had issues with one of the railroads blocking the crossings causing delays. He said CSX has reached out and in the last week and a half we haven't had an issue. He said I would like to thank CSX for what they have done and I look forward to working with them in the future.

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

City Council Minutes: Upon motion by Councilmember Campbell, seconded by Councilmember Daniel, City Council voted unanimously to approve the city council minutes dated 11/20/17 and workshop synopsis dated 11/27/17.

Staff Reports: Mayor Bethune said the 2017 year-end reports will be presented by staff at the January 16, 2018 council meeting.

City Manager's Updates & Announcements: City Manager said I have no updates.

Items for Consideration:

First Reading - Ordinance, Non-Resident Vehicle Accident & Roadway Fire Fees: Clerk of Council read for the first reading the heading of an ordinance to amend the Code of Ordinances of Garden City, Georgia, as amended, to change the method for determining the amount of non-resident vehicle accident and

roadway fire fees; to repeal all ordinances in conflict herewith; to provide an effective date; and for other purposes.

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

Upon motion by Councilmember Campbell, 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, Non-Resident Vehicle Accident & Roadway Fire Fees: Clerk of Council read for the second reading the heading of an ordinance to amend the Code of Ordinances of Garden City, Georgia, as amended, to change the method for determining the amount of non-resident vehicle accident and roadway fire fees; to repeal all ordinances in conflict herewith; to provide an effective date; and for other purposes.

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

FY2018 Schedule of Fees: Clerk of Council said we have for consideration by the Mayor and Council of the updated schedule of fees for fiscal year 2018.

Upon motion by Councilmember Ruiz, seconded by Councilmember Cody, City Council voted unanimously to approve fee scheduled for fiscal year 2018.

Resolution, FY2018 Annual Budget: Clerk of Council read the heading of a resolution by the Mayor and Council of Garden City, Georgia, to adopt the Fiscal Year 2018 Operating and Capital Budgets; to provide appropriation of funds for operating and capital expenditures; and to appropriate funding for specific operating and capital funds of the Garden City Government.

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

Resolution, Board of Zoning Appeals/Planning Commission Appointments: Clerk of Council read the heading of a resolution by the Mayor and Council of Garden City, Georgia to appoint Billy Jackson, Jenecia Perry, Misty Selph and Garland Saunders to serve a four year term (2018-2022) and James Crosby to serve a two year term (2018-2020) on the City's Consolidated Board of Zoning Appeals/Planning Commission.

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

Resolution, ClearWater Solutions LLC Contract: Clerk of Council read the heading of a resolution by the Mayor and City Council to authorize the City Manager, with the advice and counseling of the City Attorney, to negotiate and execute on behalf of the City a contract with Clearwater Solutions, LLC, as the City's service provider for water and wastewater operations.

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

Resolution, Amendment to Regular City Council Meeting Schedule: Clerk of Council read the heading of a resolution by the Mayor and Council of Garden City, Georgia, to amend the regular meeting schedule of the City Council; to eliminate the December 18, 2017 regular meeting of City Council; to establish a special

meeting of City Council on January 2, 2018 for the purpose of holding the inauguration ceremony of the City Council Members Elect; to eliminate the January 15, 2018 regular meeting of City Council in observance of Martin Luther King Jr., Day; and to establish a meeting of City Council on Tuesday, January 16, 2018.

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

Appointment of Major Gilbert Ballard to Chief of Police: City Manager invited Mrs. Rhonda Ballard, Garren Ballard and Gavin Ballard to change out the badge and insigna. City Manager presented Mrs. Ballard with roses and welcomed her to the family.

Chief Ballard said I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone here tonight for their support. He said I am honored to be your new police chief.

Mayor Bethune said I am extremely pleased with the City Manager's selection of the new police chief.

Adjournment: Upon motion by Councilmember Campbell, seconded by Councilmember Tice, City Council unanimously adjourned the meeting at 6:27 p.m.

Transcribed and submitted by: Clerk of Council

Accepted and approved by: City Council 1/16/18