

MINUTES
City Council Meeting
Monday, March 5, 2018 – 6:00 p.m.

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

Opening: Dr. Eric Mason, Pastor of Jesus First Community Church gave the invocation and Mayor Bethune led City Council in the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Roll Call:

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

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; Cliff Ducey, Recreation Director and Jackie Jackson, Special Projects Coordinator. *Absent:* Corbin Medeiros, Fire Chief; Benny Googe, Public Works Director and Ron Alexander, Planning Director.

Retirement Presentation: Mayor Bethune presented to Captain Al Jelinski a proclamation in recognition of his years of service with Garden City Police Department.

Chief Ballard said Al was here when I got here. He said it has been truly an honor to work with Al. He said his retirement is nice, but it is also sad and I'm sorry to see him go. He said I appreciate Al's service and I wish him all the best.

Mayor and City Council thank Captain Jelinski for his years of dedicated service to the Police Department.

Proclamation: Mayor Bethune read a proclamation proclaiming the second week of March, as Beta Club Week in Garden City.

Chatham County Red Zone Water Management Plan Presentation: City Manager presented an overview of the 2018 Red Zone Water Supply Management Plan.

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.

Formal Public Comment: Sharon Bethune representing the Garden City Housing Team presented an overview of the Housing Team's past activities and future projects.

Mayor and City Council thanked Ms. Bethune and the Housing Team members for their hard work and dedication.

City Council Minutes: Upon motion by Councilmember Campbell, seconded by Councilmember Kicklighter, City Council voted unanimously to approve the city council minutes dated 2/19/18 and workshop synopsis dated 2/26/18.

Staff Reports:

Director of Human Resources presented the Human Resources Department's report for the month of February.

Director of Information Technology presented the Information Technology Department's report for the month of February.

Director of Parks & Recreation presented the Parks & Recreation Department's report for the month of February.

City Manager Updates & Announcements: City Manager said we will be holding Town Hall Meetings on April 12th at the Garden City Gym and April 24th at the Progressive Center. He said we will be putting out more information on the Town Hall Meetings.

Items for Consideration:

First Reading - Ordinance, Amendment to Building Standard Codes: Clerk of Council read the first reading of the heading of an ordinance to amend the Code of Ordinances of Garden City, Georgia, as amended, to amend Chapter 18 Entitled "Building and Building Regulations," for the purpose of revising the list of state minimum building standard codes adopted by the City; to repeal all ordinances in conflict herewith; to provide an effective date; and for other purposes.

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

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

Second Reading - Ordinance, Amendment to Building Standard Codes: Clerk of Council read the second reading of the heading of an ordinance to amend the Code of Ordinances of Garden City, Georgia, as amended, to amend Chapter 18 Entitled "Building and Building Regulations," for the purpose of revising the list of state minimum building standard codes adopted by the City; to repeal all ordinances in conflict herewith; to provide an effective date; and for other purposes.

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

First Reading - Ordinance, Amendment to Fire Prevention Code & Life Safety Code: Clerk of Council read the first reading of the heading of an ordinance to amend the Code of Ordinances of Garden City, Georgia, as amended, to amend Section 34-3 of Chapter 34, Article 1, for the purpose of adopting the most current editions of the fire prevention code and life safety code with respect to fire prevention and protection; to repeal all ordinances in conflict herewith; to provide an effective date; and for other purposes.

Upon motion by Councilmember Kicklighter, seconded by Councilmember Campbell, 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, Amendment to Fire Prevention Code & Life Safety Code: Clerk of Council read the second reading of the heading of an ordinance to amend the Code of Ordinances of Garden City, Georgia, as amended, to amend Section 34-3 of Chapter 34, Article 1, for the purpose of adopting the most current editions of the fire prevention code and life safety code with respect to fire prevention and protection; to repeal all ordinances in conflict herewith; to provide an effective date; and for other purposes.

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

Resolution, Chatham County Red Zone Water Management Plan: Clerk of Council read the heading of a resolution by the Mayor and City Council of Garden City, Georgia, to support the implementation of the 2018 Red Zone Water Supply Management Plan within the City, and to continue participation in the stakeholder process.

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

Resolution, Land Conservation GEFA Loan Agreement: Clerk of Council read the heading of a resolution by the Mayor and City Council of Garden City, Georgia, to designate and authorize the City Manager to execute and deliver the loan agreement, the promissory note, and any related documents necessary to consummate the transactions contemplated by the loan agreement to borrow not more than \$525,000 from the Clean Water State Revolving Fund, administered by the Georgia Environmental Finance Authority (GEFA) to purchase land that will be used to address drainage issues along Chatham Parkway.

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

Resolution, Aerator Installation Project GEFA Loan Agreement Modifications: Clerk of Council read the heading of a resolution by the Mayor and City Council of Garden City, Georgia, to designate and authorize the City Manager to execute and deliver the modified loan agreement between the City and the Georgia Environmental Finance Authority (GEFA) for \$500,000 borrowed by the City in June 2017 for the replacement of four rotary brush aerator units at the city's wastewater treatment plant.

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

Resolution, Surplus Police Vehicles: Clerk of Council read the heading of a resolution by the Mayor and City Council of Garden City, Georgia, to classify as surplus property for disposal eight (8) of its police vehicles which are no longer serving any public purpose by reason of their multiple mechanical issues.

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

Resolution, Landscaping Grant: Clerk of Council read the heading of a resolution by the Mayor and City Council of Garden City, Georgia, to authorize the City Manager to apply for two separate Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) Roadside Enhancement and Beautification Council (REBC) grants. Upon award of the grant(s), the City of Garden City shall enter into a Mowing and Maintenance Agreement between the City and GDOT to ensure the areas are attractively landscaped and maintained.

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

Adjournment: Upon motion by Councilmember Campbell, seconded by Councilmember Tice, City Council adjourned the meeting at 6:57 p.m.

Transcribed and submitted by: Clerk of Council
Accepted and approved by: City Council 3/19/18