

# MINUTES

## City Council Meeting Monday, January 7, 2019 – 6:00 p.m.

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

**Opening:** Pastor Ashley Randall, Garden City United Methodist 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 Cody, Councilmember Daniel, Councilmember Ruiz and Councilmember Tice.

**Staff:** Ron Feldner, City Manager; James P. Gerard, City Attorney; Rhonda Ferrell-Bowles, Clerk of Council/Finance Director; Pam Franklin, HR Director; Ben Brengman, IT Director; Cliff Ducey, Recreation Director; Jackie Jackson, Special Projects Coordinator; and Gilbert Ballard, Chief of Police.

**Proclamation:** Mayor Bethune presented a proclamation to recognize January 20-26, 2019 as “School Choice Week” in Garden City.

**Informal Public Comment:** Mayor Bethune opened the floor to receive public comment from the audience. There being no 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 Kicklighter, City Council voted unanimously to approve the city council minutes dated 12/3/18.

**Staff Reports:**

HR Director presented the Human Resources Department’s 2018 Year-end Report..

IT Director presented the Information Technology Department’s 2018 Year-end Report.

Recreation Director presented the Parks & Recreation Department’s 2018 Year-end Report.

**City Manager’s Updates & Announcements:** City Manager said a lot is going on at the Town Center. The contractor is putting in additional streets and sidewalks. Roberts Properties is clearing the land for the senior apartment complex and business complex. I’ll give an update in the next few weeks as things progress.

**Items for Consideration:**

**Municipal Court Appointments:** Upon motion by Councilmember Tice, seconded by Councilmember Cody, City Council voted unanimously to make the following appointments.

- James P. Gerard as City Attorney
- Tom Edenfield as Chief Municipal Court Judge
- Billy Earl Tomlinson as Municipal Court Judge
- Doug Andrews as Municipal Court Judge Pro-tem
- Richard Sanders, Jr. as Municipal Court Judge Pro-tem
- James P. Gerard as Municipal Court Judge Pro-tem

**Resolution, Solicitor Contract:** Clerk of Council read the heading of a resolution by the Mayor and City Council to appoint Nathaniel Wright to serve as the City's Prosecuting Attorney and to authorize the Mayor to execute the agreement which sets forth the terms of Mr. Wright's appointment as the City's Prosecuting Attorney.

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

**Resolution, Public Defender Contract:** Clerk of Council read the heading of a resolution by the Mayor and City Council to appoint Crystal D. Harmon as the City's Public Defender and to authorize the Mayor to execute the agreement which sets forth the terms of Ms. Harmon's appointment as the City's Public Defender.

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

**Resolution, GDOT State Highway Systems Revisions:** Clerk of Council read the heading of a resolution by the Mayor and City Council authorizing the City to agree to the plans of the Georgia Department of Transportation to revise the State Highway System by re-locating State Route 21 onto a new location and adding the existing State Route 26 Spur to the State Highway System; authorizing the City to accept from the Georgia Department of Transportation title, maintenance, utility accommodation, and ownership of the sections of State Route 21 Spur being removed from the State Highway System.

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

**Resolution, Telfair Road ROW Quitclaim Deeds:** Clerk of Council read the heading of a resolution by the Mayor and City Council to authorize the City Manager to execute a quitclaim deed on behalf of the City upon receipt of \$12,000 from William L. Grainger; to authorize the City Manager to execute a quitclaim deed upon receipt of \$12,000 from George Slade Cole, Sr., in return for the City's deeding its interest in the Telfair Road right of way.

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

**Resolution, Local Maintenance & Improvement Grant (LMIG):** Clerk of Council read the heading of a resolution by the Mayor and City Council authorizing the City to accept the proposal of Brennan Jones Engineering Associates, LLC, consulting engineers for professional engineering services in connection with the design, bidding, and construction administration for the milling, leveling and resurfacing of certain road improvements on Leon Village Drive and Pineland Drive; to authorize the City Manager to execute a work order for the performance of such works.

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

**Resolution, City Council Meeting Schedule:** Clerk of Council read the heading of a resolution by the Mayor and City Council to amend the regular meeting schedule of the Garden City City Council; to eliminate the January 21, 2019 regular meeting of City Council in observance of Martin Luther King Jr., Day; and to establish a meeting of City Council on Tuesday, January 22, 2019.

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

**Adjournment:** Upon motion by Councilmember Campbell, seconded by Councilmember Cody, City Council unanimously adjourned the meeting at 6:18 p.m.

*Transcribed & submitted by: Clerk of Council*

*Accepted & approved by: City Council 1/22/19*