

MINUTES

City Council Meeting Monday, November 5, 2019 – 6:00 p.m.

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

Opening: Mr. Gerald Etheridge, First Baptist Church gave the invocation and Mayor Bethune led City Council in the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

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

Staff: Ron Feldner, City Manager; James P. Gerard, City Attorney; Rhonda Ferrell-Bowles, Clerk of Council; Ben Brengman, IT Director; Ron Alexander, Planning Director; Cliff Ducey, Recreation Director; Gilbert Ballard, Corbin Medeiros, Fire Chief; Chief of Police and Scott Robider, Code Enforcement Supervisor. *Absent:* Pam Franklin, HR Director and Benny Googe, Public Works Director.

Presentation: Chief Ballard, Mayor Bethune, and City Council recognized Officer Jennifer Meeks as Garden City Police Department's Officer of the 4th quarter.

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.

Public Hearing:

FY2019 Proposed Budget: City Manager presented the proposed FY2019 Budget for public comment.

Mayor Bethune asked if there were any questions or comments from the audience or City Council on the proposed budget fiscal year 2019. There being no questions or comments, Mayor Bethune closed the public hearing.

Alcoholic Beverage License Application (Pilot Travel Center): Mayor Bethune opened the public hearing to receive public comment on an alcoholic beverage license application made by Selina Turner to sell wines, beer and/or malt beverages at Pilot Travel Center #072, 1504 Dean Forest Road, Garden City, Georgia.

Mayor Bethune asked if there was anyone who wished to speak in favor or against the application. There being no one to speak for or against the application, Mayor Bethune closed the public hearing.

City Council Minutes: Upon motion by Councilmember Kicklighter, seconded by Councilmember Campbell, City Council voted unanimously to approve the city council minutes dated 10/15/18.

Staff Reports:

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

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

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

Items for Consideration:

First Reading – Foreclosed & Vacant Property Registry Ordinance: Clerk of Council read for the first reading the heading of an ordinance to amend Article IV of Chapter 30 of the Code of Ordinance of Garden City, Georgia, as amended, to provide for vacant and foreclosed property registries; to provide for definitions; to provide for exemptions; to provide for maximum fees and penalties for registration and failure to register; to provide for appellate rights; to provide for severability.

City Manager said this ordinance is to allow staff to be able to identify vacant and foreclosed properties and track their maintenance.

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

Second Reading – Foreclosed & Vacant Property Registry Ordinance: Clerk of Council read for the second reading the heading of an ordinance to amend Article IV of Chapter 30 of the Code of Ordinance of Garden City, Georgia, as amended, to provide for vacant and foreclosed property registries; to provide for definitions; to provide for exemptions; to provide for maximum fees and penalties for registration and failure to register; to provide for appellate rights; to provide for severability.

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

Resolution, AVENU's Occupational Tax Revenue Renewal Agreement: Clerk of Council read the heading of a resolution by the Mayor and City Council to authorize the City of Garden City to renew its occupational tax revenue enhancement agreement with AVENU Insights & Analytics, LLC for the recovery of occupational tax revenue from businesses in the City not on the City's current occupational/tax registration list; to authorize the City Manager to execute the renewal contract.

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

Resolution, AVENU's Tax Administrative Services Renewal Agreement: Clerk of Council read the heading of a resolution by the Mayor and City Council to authorize the City of Garden City to renew its agreement with AVENU Insights & Analytics, LLC for the provision of tax administrative services with respect to occupational tax, hotel/motel tax, mixed drink excise tax, and other taxes designated by the City; to authorize the City Manager to execute the renewal contract.

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

Resolution, Alcohol Beverage License Renewals 2019: Clerk of Council read the heading of a resolution by the Mayor and City Council to authorize the renewal of Garden City alcohol licenses for the 2019 calendar year; to provide for review and limited investigation of said license holder; and for other purposes.

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

Alcoholic Beverage License Application (Pilot Travel Center): Clerk of Council said we have for consideration by City Council an alcoholic beverage license application made by Selina Turner to sell wines, beer and/or malt beverages at Pilot Travel Center #072, 1504 Dean Forest Road, Garden City, Georgia.

Upon motion by Councilmember Campbell, seconded by Councilmember Tice, City Council voted unanimously to approve the application.

Adjournment: Upon motion by Councilmember Campbell, seconded by Councilmember Kicklighter, City Council adjourned the meeting at 6:36 p.m.

*Transcribed & submitted by: Clerk of Council
Accepted & Approved by: City Council 11/19/18*