

MINUTES
City Council Meeting
Monday, May, 20, 2019 – 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:** Councilmember Campbell, Councilmember Cody, Councilmember Daniel, and Councilmember Tice. **Absent:** Mayor Pro-Tem Kicklighter

Mayor Bethune acknowledged that the absents of Mayor Pro-Tem Kicklighter was excused as she was attending wedding.

Staff: Ron Feldner, City Manager; Jennifer Scholl, Executive Assistant (Stand-in for Clerk of Council) James P. Gerard, City Attorney; Gilbert Ballard, Chief of Police; Kurt Lewis, Assistant Fire Chief; Benny Gooze, Public Works and Water Operations Director; Ben Brengman, IT Director and Chris Snider IT Technician. **Absent:** Rhonda Ferrell-Bowles, Clerk of Council, Ron Alexander, Planning Director, Corbin Medeiros, Fire Chief, Cliff Ducey, Recreation Director; Jackie Jackson, Special Projects Coordinator; Pam Franklin, HR Directors.

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

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

Public Hearings:

Alcoholic Beverage License Application (Yashr Food Mart): Mayor Bethune opened the public hearing to receive public comment on an alcoholic beverage license application made by Ankit Patel to sell wines, beer and/or malt beverages at dba Yashr Food Mart, 165 Main Street, Garden City, Georgia.

Mayor Bethune asked, is there anyone to speak in favor or against the application.

There being no questions or comments, Mayor Bethune closed the public hearing.

City Council Minutes: Upon motion by Councilmember Campbell, seconded by Councilmember Cody, City Council voted unanimously to approve the City Council minutes dated 05/06/19 as well as the Workshop Synopsis dated 05/13/19.

Staff Reports:

In the absence of the Planning Director, Ron Feldner presented the Planning Department's report for the month of April.

Public Works Director presented the Public Works/ Water Operations Department's Report for the month of April.

Chief of Police presented the Police Department's report for the month of April.
Assistant Fire Chief presented the Fire Department's report for the month of April.

City Manager's Updates & Announcements: City Manager stated he had not updates at that time, but did want to reamplify the community involvement from the City's public safety departments.

Items for Consideration:

Second Reading- Ordinance Zoning Map Amendment (1302 & 1252 Dean Forest Rd.): Jennifer Scholl, Executive Assistant (Stand-in for Clerk of Council) read for the second reading the heading of an ordinance to amend the zoning ordinance and map of Garden City, Georgia to rezone a portion of Lot 191 Silk Hope Farms Subdivision, and Lot A of the Dudley Subdivision, a subdivision of Lot 190 Silk Hope Farms Subdivision, owned by East Coast Properties, Leokate, and Baskets Unlimited, from their present zoning classification of "R-1" to a "C-2" zoning classification.

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

First Reading- Ordinance City's Retirement Plan: Jennifer Scholl, Executive Assistant (Stand-in for Clerk of Council) read for the second reading the heading of an ordinance to amend and restate the Retirement Plan for the Employees of the City of Garden City in accordance with and subject to the terms and conditions set forth in the Adoption Agreement, any Addendum to the Adoption Agreement, the Georgia Municipal Employees Benefit System Mast Plan Document, and the GMEBS Trust Agreement.

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 Tice, City Council voted unanimously to suspend the rules of council and hold the seconded reading of the ordinance.

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

Resolution – City Manager's Employment Agreement: Jennifer Scholl, Executive Assistant (Stand-in for Clerk of Council) read the heading of a resolution by the Mayor and Council of Garden City, Georgia, to approve the Second Amendment to the Employment Agreement between the City and City Manager, and to authorize the Mayor to enter into said Second Amendment on behalf of the City.

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

Resolution – Evergreen Solutions Contract: Jennifer Scholl, Executive Assistant (Stand-in for Clerk of Council) read the heading of a resolution by the Mayor and Council of Garden City, Georgia, to re-engage the consulting services of Evergreen Solutions, LLC, for the purpose of the making recommendations for updating the City's Pay Plan as of Fiscal Year 2020, and to authorize the City Manager to execute a consulting services agreement with Evergreen Solutions, LLC.

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

Resolution – Rezoning Request by City of Garden City (Dean Forest Rd Parcels): Jennifer Scholl, Executive Assistant (Stand-in for Clerk of Council) read the heading of a resolution by the Mayor and Council of Garden City, Georgia, to request the Planning Commission to review the City's request to rezone several properties north Old Louisville Road on Dean Forest Road from their current heavy commercial zoning to light industrial.

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

Alcoholic Beverage License Application (Yashr Food Mart): Jennifer Scholl, Executive Assistant (Stand-in for Clerk of Council) said we have consideration by the Mayor and City Council an alcoholic beverage license application made by Ankit Pate to sell wines, beer, and/or malt beverages at dba Yashr Food Mart, 165 Main Street, Garden City Georgia.

Upon motion by Councilmember Ruiz, 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 6:28 p.m.

Transcribed and submitted by: Jennifer Scholl, Executive Assistant (Stand-in for Clerk of Council)

Accepted and approved by: City Council