

## MINUTES

### City Council

Monday, May 4, 2009 – 7:00 p.m.

**Members Present:** Mayor Andy Quinney presided. **Council Members:** Tennyson Holder, Bowen Jones, Bessie Kicklighter, Durward Motes, Misty Selph and Judy Shuman.

**Members Absent:** Gwyn Hall

**Staff Present:** Brian Johnson, City Manager; Rhonda Ferrell-Bowles, Clerk of Council; James P. Gerard, City Attorney; Pam Franklin, HR Director, Nathan Mai-Lombardo, Planning Director; Randall Griffin, Public Works Director, Charles Draeger, Water/Sewer Director; Ben Brengman, IT Director; Cliff Ducey, Recreation Director, Jimmy Crosby, Fire Chief and Frank Clifton, Police Captain.

**Staff Absent:** Clara Rouse, Finance Director and David Lyons, Chief of Police.

**Visitors:** See attached sign-in sheet(s)

**Opening:** Mayor Quinney welcomed everyone to the meeting. Mayor Quinney offered the opening prayer and led city council in the pledge to the flag.

Mayor Quinney said city council held a pre-agenda session prior to tonight's meeting. He said no decisions were made during the pre-agenda session.

#### **Public Hearings:**

**Alcoholic Beverage License Application:** Mayor Quinney opened the public hearing to receive public comment on an alcoholic beverage license application for Bill Hammontree to sale wines, beer and/or malt beverages at Piggly Wiggly 57, 4415 Augusta Road, Garden City, Georgia. The Police Department recommends approval.

Mayor Quinney asked if there were any questions or comments regarding the alcoholic beverage license. There being no questions or comments, Mayor Quinney closed the public hearing.

**City Council Minutes:** Upon motion by Councilmember Jones, seconded by Councilmember Shuman, City Council voted unanimously to approve the minutes from the April 20, 2009 council meeting.

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**Zoning & Building Committee Report:** Mayor Quinney asked Councilmember Motes to give the Zoning & Building Committee Report in Councilmember Hall's absence.

Councilmember Motes said I have nothing new to report tonight.

**Personnel, Finance & Administration Committee Report:** Councilmember Shuman said we are in the process of reviewing the applications received for the Utilities Business Manager's position. She said we hired two new police officers, Mr. Chauncey Blige and Mr. William Nesmith, IV. She said both officers served in the military in Iraq and Afghanistan. She thanked them for their dedication and service. She said the employee benefits enrollment will be held on May 28<sup>th</sup> in conjunction with a health fair from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

**Parks & Recreation Committee Report:** Councilmember Selph said registrations for summer day camp are underway. She said the summer day camp program will be offered May 26 – August 12. She said the fee is \$25.00 per day and the weekly fee of \$75.00. She said swimming lessons and gymnastics are being offered and we are in the last weeks of our baseball/softball/T-ball season.

**Fire Committee Report:** Councilmember Motes said the Fire Department responded to 12 calls from April 2<sup>nd</sup> to May 3<sup>rd</sup> with an average response time of 4.33 minutes.

**Police Committee Report:**

**Alcoholic Beverage License Application:** Councilmember Kicklighter said we have for consideration an alcoholic beverage license application for Bill Hammontree to sale wines, beer and/or malt beverages at Piggly Wiggly 57, 4415 Augusta Road, Garden City, Georgia. She said the Police Department recommends approval.

Upon motion by Councilmember Kicklighter, seconded by Councilmember Jones, City Council voted unanimously to approve the alcoholic beverage license.

Councilmember Kicklighter gave a routine report and thanked the Police Officers for their hard work. She said the May 1<sup>st</sup> Friday night supper was a success. She said a celebration of life ceremony was held in conjunction with the Friday night supper recognizing three long time members of the community that passed away in March.

Councilmember Kicklighter said Jimmy Osteen, Chairman of the City's Planning Commission passed away over the weekend.

**Public Works Committee Report:** Councilmember Holder said the improvements to the Chatham Parkway Railroad Tracks are complete and the road markings are down. He said also the railroad ditch was clean.

**Water/Sewer Committee Report:** Councilmember Jones said everything is fine in the water/sewer department.

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### City Administrator Report:

**Annexation Petition:** City Administrator said we have for consideration accepting for processing a petition by David Ross Butler, Manager of David Ross Butler Enterprises, LLC, requesting the City to annex unincorporated properties located on Ogeechee Road with the addresses of 2 Barbour Drive, 4925 Ogeechee Road and 4927 Ogeechee Road. (PIN Nos. 1-0956-02-009, 1-0956-02-010 and 1-0956-02-011).

Upon motion by Councilmember Jones, seconded by Councilmember Holder, City Council voted unanimously to accept Mr. Butler's annexation petition for processing.

**Amendment to Purchasing Policy:** City Administrator said we have for consideration an amendment to the purchasing policy to allow the Department Heads to approve all purchases up to \$1,500 within their respective departments given that there are adequate budget appropriations available. The purchase order must be prepared, approved and signed by the Department Head prior to the purchase commitment.

Upon motion by Councilmember Holder, seconded by Councilmember Jones, City Council voted unanimously to approve the amendment to the purchasing policy.

Mayor Quinney recognized the City Administrator for his acceptance to the Senior Executive School at Harvard University. Mayor Quinney read the attached press release.

Mayor Quinney and City Council thanked Mr. Johnson for the fine job he does.

City Attorney said the program that Brian has been accepted to is a very difficult program to get into.

City Administrator thanked Mayor and City Council for their support.

**Resolution, City Council Meeting Schedule:** City Administrator said we have for consideration a resolution to amend the regular meeting schedule of the Garden City Council; to eliminate the June 15, 2009, regular meeting of the City Council in absence of the City Manager who will be attending Senior Executive School at Harvard University.

Upon motion by Councilmember Jones, seconded by Councilmember Holder, City Council voted unanimously to adopt the resolution eliminating the June 15, 2009, council meeting.

**Resolution, City Council Meeting Schedule:** City Administrator said we have for consideration a resolution to amend the regular meeting schedule of the Garden City council for the period of July 1, 2009 through September 30, 2009 as follows: July 6<sup>th</sup> Canceled, July 20<sup>th</sup> Affirmed, August 3<sup>rd</sup> Canceled, August 17<sup>th</sup> Affirmed, September 7, 2009 Canceled and September 21<sup>st</sup> Affirmed.

Upon motion by Councilmember Kicklighter, seconded by Councilmember Shuman, City Council voted unanimously to adopt the resolution amending the summer council meeting schedule.

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**Master Development Agreement:** Upon motion by Councilmember Kicklighter, seconded by Councilmember Shuman, City Council voted unanimously to extend the master development agreement so it doesn't lapse until the language can be finalized.

**City Attorney Report:** City Attorney said I have nothing new to report.

**Mayor Report:** Mayor Quinney said National Day of Prayer is May 7<sup>th</sup>. He said the Police Chaplin will be holding a Prayer Service at the New City Hall site at 7:00 a.m. on May 7<sup>th</sup>.

Mayor Quinney asked for a moment of silence for Mr. Jimmy Osteen.

**Adjournment:** Upon motion by Councilmember Holder, seconded by Councilmember Jones, City Council voted unanimously to adjourn at 7:21 p.m.

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Andy Quinney, Mayor

(Absent)

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Gwyn Hall, Councilmember

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Bessie Kicklighter, Councilmember

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Misty Selph, Councilmember

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Tennyson Holder, Mayor Pro-tem

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Bowen Jones, Councilmember

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Durward Motes, Councilmember

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Judy Shuman, Councilmember

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Rhonda Ferrell-Bowles  
Clerk of Council

