

**MINUTES**  
**City Council Meeting**  
**Monday, November 18, 2019 – 6:00 p.m.**

**Call to Order:** Mayor Bethune called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

**Opening:** Pastor Eric Mason, Jesus 1<sup>st</sup> the 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. **Council Members:** Mayor Pro-tem Bessie Kicklighter, Councilmember Rosetta Cody, Councilmember Marcia Daniel, Councilmember Debbie Ruiz and Councilmember Kim Tice. Absent: Councilmember Bruce Campbell. Mayor Bethune said Councilmember Campbell is on vacation.

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

**Visitors:** Newly elected council members Richard Lassiter, Jr. (District 4) and Natalyn Bates Morris (District 3).

**Presentation:** Mayor Bethune and City Council recognized Councilmember Cody for her years of dedicated service to the City.

**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.

**City Council Minutes:** Upon motion by Councilmember Kicklighter, seconded by Councilmember Tice, City Council voted unanimously to approve the city council minutes dated 11/4/19 and workshop synopsis dated 11/11/19.

**Staff Reports**

Code Enforcement Supervisor presented the Planning Department's report for the month of October.

Public Works Supervisor presented the Public Works Department's report for the month of October.

Chief of Police presented the Police Department's report for the month of October.

Fire Chief presented the Fire Department's report for the month of October.

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

## **Items for Consideration**

**First Reading - Ordinance, Sunday Sales of Alcoholic Beverages:** 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, by amending Chapters 6, Article II, Division 3, to permit and regulate Sunday sales of alcoholic beverages by the drink for consumption on the premises of certain qualifying restaurants and hotels/motels from 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

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

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

**Second Reading - Ordinance, Sunday Sales of Alcoholic Beverages:** 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, by amending Chapters 6, Article II, Division 3, to permit and regulate Sunday sales of alcoholic beverages by the drink for consumption on the premises of certain qualifying restaurants and hotels/motels from 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

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

**FY2020 Schedule of Fees:** Consideration by the Mayor and City Council to approve the updated schedule of fees for fiscal year 2020.

Upon motion by Councilmember Tice, seconded by Councilmember Daniel, City Council voted unanimously to approve the updated schedule of fees for fiscal year 2020.

**Resolution, Evergreen Solutions Compensation Plan Updates:** Clerk of Council read the heading of a resolution to authorize the implementation of updates recommended by Evergreen Solutions to the City's Compensation Plan for fiscal year 2020.

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

**Resolution, FY2020 Budget Adoption:** Clerk of Council read the heading of a resolution to adopt the FY2020 Operating and Capital Budgets; to provide appropriation of funds for operating and capital expenditures; and to appropriate funding for specific operating and capital funds of the Garden City Government.

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

**Resolution, Sapp's Wrecker Services Contract Modifications:** Clerk of Council read the heading of a resolution to authorize an amendment to the City's services contract with Sapp's Wrecker Service, Inc., for the purpose of increasing the towing and storage fees set forth in the City's year-to-year service contract with Sapp's Wrecker Service.

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

**Resolution, RedSpeed Services Agreement Modifications:** Clerk of Council read the heading of a resolution authorizing an amendment to the City's professional services agreement with RedSpeed Georgia, LLC.

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

**Resolution, Trade Center Contract Second Amendment:** Clerk of Council read the heading of a resolution to authorize the Second Amendment to the Intergovernmental Contract extending the expiration of the Trade Center Intergovernmental Contract to December 31, 2052.

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

**Resolution, Convention Visitors Bureau Agreement:** Clerk of Council read the heading of a resolution to authorize the City to enter into an agreement with the Garden City Area Convention and Visitors Bureau Authority and to authorize the City Manager to execute said agreement.

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

**Resolution, FY2020 LMIG Program:** Clerk of Council read the heading of a resolution to authorize the City Manager to apply to the Georgia Department of Transportation for a 2020 Local Maintenance Improvement Grant to assist with funding for the resurfacing of Rommel Avenue and to further authorize the City Manager to accept and execute a work order with Brennan Jones Engineering Associates for the design work, bid solicitation, and construction administration associated with the road resurfacing project.

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

**Resolution, Garden City-Savannah Prosperity Area Water/Sewer Agreement:** Clerk of Council read the heading of a resolution to authorize the City Manager to execute on behalf of the City, an intergovernmental agreement with the City of Savannah for water supply service on a wholesale basis provided by the City of Savannah to Garden City for the Prosperity Drive service area.

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

**Resolution, Public Works Department Vehicles:** Clerk of Council read the heading of a resolution to accept the proposal of J.C. Lewis Ford to sell the City's Public Works Department a 2020 F-150 Supercrew truck and a 2020 F-350 regular cab truck and to further authorize the City Manager to execute the purchase contracts for the vehicles.

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

**Resolution, City Council Meeting Schedule Amendment:** Clerk of Council read the heading of a resolution to amend the regular meeting schedule of the Garden City City Council during the period of December 2, 2019 – January 21, 2020.

Mayor Bethune said this is our last official meeting in 2019. The swearing in of the newly elected council members will be held on January 6<sup>th</sup> and our first official council meeting will be on January 21<sup>st</sup>.

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

**Write-off of 2012-2013 Utility Accounts Receivables Deemed Uncollectible:** Clerk of Council read a motion by Mayor and City Council to authorize the write-off of the 2012-2013 utility accounts (bad debt) totaling \$57,342.77 that the City's collection company has identified as older than six (6) years and therefore deemed uncollectible.

Upon motion by Councilmember Ruiz, seconded by Councilmember Daniel, City Council voted unanimously to authorize the write-off of the 2012-2013 utility accounts receivables deemed uncollectible.

**Adjournment:** Upon motion by Councilmember Tice, seconded by Councilmember Cody, City Council unanimously adjourned the meeting at 6:51 p.m.

*Transcribed & submitted by: Clerk of Council*  
*Accepted & approved by: City Council*