

**MINUTES**  
**City Council Meeting**  
**Monday, February 3, 2020 – 6:00 p.m.**

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

**Opening:** Pastor James Witherspoon, Alpha & Omega Worship Center gave the invocation and Mayor Bethune led City Council in the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

**Attendees**

**City Council Members:** Mayor Don Bethune, Mayor Pro-tem Bessie Kicklighter, Councilmember Marcia Daniel, Councilmember Richard Lassiter, Jr., Councilmember Natalyn Morris, Councilmember Debbie Ruiz and Councilmember Kim Tice.

**Staff Members:** Ron Feldner, City Manager; James P. Gerard, City Attorney; Rhonda Ferrell-Bowles, Clerk of Council; Ben Brengman, IT Director; Cliff Ducey, Parks & Recreation Director; Gil Ballard, Chief of Police; Corbin Medeiros, Fire Chief and Scott Robider, City Marshal.

**Garden City Youth Council Swearing in Ceremony:** Judge Pro-tem James P. Gerard swore in the members of the Garden City Youth Council.

**Presentations**

**Police Officer of the Quarter:** City Council recognized Officer Joseph Matheny as Police Officer of the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter.

**Retirement:** City Council recognized Larry Jones, Code Enforcement Officer retiring after 23 years of service.

**Proclamation:** Mayor Pro-tem Kicklighter read a proclamation recognizing the second week in February as National Future Business Leaders of America – Phi Beta Lambda Week in Garden City.

**Proclamation:** Councilmember Lassiter read a proclamation recognizing the month of February as Maritime Logistics Month at Robert W. Groves High School in Garden City.

**Informal Public Comment:** Mayor Bethune opened the floor to receive comment from the audience. There being no one from the audience to address City Council, Mayor Bethune closed the informal public comment portion of the meeting.

**City Council Minutes:** Councilmember Kicklighter made a motion to approve the city council minutes dated 1/21/20 and the workshop synopsis dated 1/13/20. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Tice and passed without opposition.

**Staff Reports**

Due to the absence of the HR Director, the City Manager presented the Human Resources Department's report for the month of January.

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

Recreation Director presented the Parks and Recreation Department's report for the month of January.

**City Manager's Updates & Announcements:** City Manager stated that he did not have any updates or announcements to report.

**Items for Consideration**

**Resolution, Statewide Mutual Aid & Assistance Agreement:** Clerk of Council read a resolution authorizing Garden City, Georgia to execute that certain Statewide Mutual Aid and Assistance Agreement with the Georgia Emergency Management Agency/Homeland Security and any County or other Municipality within the State of Georgia also executing same, to ensure the timely provision of mutual aid in times of emergencies and to further insure the reimbursement of costs incurred by participating parties who render assistance.

Councilmember Kicklighter made a motion to adopt the resolution. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Tice and passed without opposition.

**Resolution, Chatham 911 Communications Agreement:** Clerk of Council read a resolution authorizing Garden City, Georgia, through the City's Fire Department, to enter a Memorandum of Understanding with Chatham County, Georgia, for the provision of 911/Emergency dispatching services.

Councilmember Tice made a motion to adopt the resolution. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Kicklighter and passed without opposition.

**Adjournment:** There being no further items to discuss, Mayor Bethune called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Upon motion by Councilmember Kicklighter, seconded by Councilmember Tice, City Council unanimously adjourned the meeting at 6:36 p.m.

*Transcribed & submitted by: Clerk of Council  
Accepted & approved by: City Council 2/17/20*