

## MINUTES

### City Council

Monday, March 1, 2010 – 7:00 p.m.

**Call to Order:** Mayor Holder welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**Devotional & Pledge:** Councilmember Jones offered the opening prayer and Mayor Holder invited everyone to join in the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

Mayor Holder said City Council held a Pre-Agenda Session prior to tonight's meeting. He said no decisions were made during the Pre-Agenda Session.

**Roll Call:** Mayor Holder presided. City Council Members: Don Bethune, Gwyn Hall, Bowen Jones, Bessie Kicklighter, Durward Motes, Judy Shuman and Jimmy Spilliards. All Members of Council present.

**Staff:** Brian Johnson, City Manager; Rhonda Ferrell-Bowles, Clerk of Council; James P. Gerard, City Attorney; Cory Sally, Assistant Finance Director; Randall Griffin, Public Works Director; Ben Brengman, IT/IS Director; Cliff Ducey, Recreation Director; Charles Draeger Water Operations Director; David Lyons, Chief of Police and Jimmy Crosby, Fire Chief.

**Staff Absent:** Nathan Mai-Lombardo, Planning Director; Pam Franklin, HR Director and Clara Rouse, Finance Director.

#### Receive Boards & Commission Report

**Beautification Committee Minutes date February 8, 2010:** Councilmember Jones said Ms. Jean Motes was re-elected as President of the Beautification Committee. He said committee members are working on the plans for the butterfly garden at Sharon Park. He said Jeffery Webb resigned from serving on the Beautification Committee.

Mayor Holder recognized Ms. Priscilla Thomas, Chatham County Commissioner.

**City Council Minutes:** Upon motion by Councilmember Jones, seconded by Councilmember Shuman, City Council voted unanimously to approve the city council minutes dated February 15, 2010.

#### Items for Consideration:

**Second Reading, Amendment to Hotel-Motel Tax Ordinance:** Clerk of Council read an ordinance for the second reading to amend the Code of Ordinances of Garden City, Georgia, as amended, to amend Article IV, Code Section 74-76, for the purpose of making such section consistent with O.C.G.A. 48-13-

51(H) with respect to exemptions from hotel tax; to provide an effective date; to repeal all ordinance in conflict herewith; and for other purposes.

Upon motion by Councilmember Jones, seconded by Councilmember Motes, City Council voted unanimously to adopt the amendment to the hotel-motel tax ordinance on the second reading.

**First Reading, Amendment to Solid Waste Collection Ordinance:** Clerk of Council read an ordinance for the first reading to amend the Code of Ordinances of Garden City, Georgia, as amended, to require Garden City residents to receive solid waste collection services from the City; to repeal all ordinances in conflict herewith; to provide and effective date; and for other purposes.

Upon motion by Councilmember Shuman, seconded by Councilmember Kicklighter, City Council voted unanimously to approve the amendment to the solid waste collection ordinance on the first reading.

Councilmember Kicklighter made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Jones to suspend the rules of council to hold the second reading. City Council voted unanimously to suspend the rules of council and hold the second reading of the amendment to the solid waste collection ordinance.

Clerk of Council read an ordinance for the second reading to amend the Code of Ordinances of Garden City, Georgia, as amended, to require Garden City residents to receive solid waste collection services from the City; to repeal all ordinances in conflict herewith; to provide and effective date; and for other purposes.

Upon motion by Councilmember Shuman, seconded by Councilmember Kicklighter, City Council voted unanimously to adopt the amendment to the solid waste collection ordinance on the second reading.

City Manager said City Council approved one year ago to reduce the city's solid waste footprint. He said this ordinance is to prevent hazardous health conditions by having all residents have solid waste collection.

**First Reading, Amendment to Alcoholic Beverage Sale Ordinance:** Upon motion by Councilmember Kicklighter, seconded by Councilmember Hall, City Council voted unanimously to table the amendment to the alcoholic beverage sale ordinance to the March 15, 2010 meeting of council.

Mayor Holder said we are tabling this matter to hold the public hearing at the next city council meeting.

City Attorney said I will check to see if we have to hold a public hearing. He said we may not have to hold one.

**Resolution, Amendment to FY10 General Fund Budget:** Clerk of Council read a resolution to amend the FY10 General Fund Budget to accurately reflect monies to be received from the Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant not reflected in the originally budgeted and presently projected revenues for the general fund.

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

Chief of Police said technically we have two federal grants awarded to us. He said one is in the amount of \$90,000 and we will use the funding for an E-citation system and a live scan fingerprint identification system. He said other grant in the amount of \$22,000 will be used to purchase another 4-wheeler and a cell phone extraction system.

Mayor Holder reminded everyone of the upcoming special election to be held on March 16<sup>th</sup>. He said this is a citywide election and not district.

**Adjournment:** Upon motion by Councilmember Kicklighter, seconded by Councilmember Shuman, City Council voted unanimously to adjourn at 7:15 p.m.

**Transcribed by Rhonda Ferrell-Bowles, Clerk of Council**

**Adopted March 15, 2010**