

MINUTES

City Council Meeting Monday, October 4, 2021 – 6:00 p.m.

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

Opening: Mr. Gerald Ethridge, Deacon from the First Baptist Church of Garden City gave the invocation and Mayor Bethune led City Council in the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Roll Call:

Council Members: Mayor Don Bethune, Councilmember Marcia Daniel, Councilmember Richard Lassiter, Councilmember Natalyn Morris, Councilmember Debbie Ruiz and Councilmember Kim Tice.

Staff Members: Scott Robider, City Manager; James P. Gerard, City Attorney; Rhonda Ferrell-Bowles, Finance Director/Clerk of Council; Ben Brengman, IT Director; Cliff Ducey, Recreation Director; Michelle Johnson, Interim Fire Chief; Gil Ballard, Chief of Police; Jon Bayer, Public Works Director; Carlos Nevarez, Fire Marshal and Mack Roberts, Deputy Fire Marshal.

Presentation: Mayor Bethune presented a Resolution to former council member Ms. Bessie Kicklighter in recognition of her years of service to the city.

Presentation: Mayor Bethune presented a Proclamation to Interim Fire Chief Michelle Johnson and Fire Marshal Carlos Nevarez to proclaim October 3-9, 2021 as Fire Prevention Week in Garden City.

Public Hearings

Alcoholic Beverage License Application (Kwik Way Foods): Mayor Bethune opened the public hearing for public comment on an alcoholic beverage license application made by Balkrishna Kodal to sell wines, beer and/or malt beverages at Kwik Way Foods, 702 U.S. Highway 80, Garden City.

There being no speakers for or against the application, Mayor Bethune closed the public hearing.

City Council Minutes: Councilmember Daniel made a motion to approve the September 20, 2021 pre-agenda session minutes and city council meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Ruiz and passed without opposition.

City Manager's Report: Interim City Manager thanked the city council and department directors for their participation in the FY2022 Budget Workshop. He stated that we are continuing to monitor the COVID situation.

Items for Consideration

Ordinance, Zoning Map Amendment: Clerk of Council read the first reading of the heading of an ordinance to amend the Zoning Ordinance and Map of Garden City, Georgia, as amended; to re-zone certain properties owned by Kimberly Simpson as Executor under the Last Will and Testament of Richard Morgan Hicks, Deceased, Linda J. Lax, and Alison J. McNamara, to an "I-1" zoning classification with the

exception of any portion of the properties lying within two hundred feet of the southern right-of-way line of Old Louisville Road which shall be zoned C-2A.

Councilmember Tice made a motion to approve the ordinance on the first reading. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Daniel. Councilmember Daniel, Councilmember Morris, Councilmember Tice and Mayor Bethune voted in favor with Councilmember Lassiter and Councilmember Ruiz opposed.

Mayor Bethune stated that since the vote was not unanimous, the second reading of the ordinance would be held at the October 18th council meeting.

City Attorney stated that he needed to make a correction relating to the two hundred feet right-of-way description prior to the second reading.

Resolution, Debris Removal & Disposal Agreement: Clerk of Council read the heading of a resolution to contract for debris removal reduction and disposal services.

Councilmember Lassiter made a motion to adopt the resolution. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Daniel and passed without opposition.

Resolution, WPCP Rotatory Drum Screen System: Clerk of Council read the heading of a resolution authorizing the City of Garden City to acquire, through a one-year lease/purchase agreement with JWC Environment, LLC, a rotary drum screen system which is critically necessary for the continued operation of the City's Water Pollution Control Plant; to authorize the City Manager to negotiate and execute said agreement.

Councilmember Ruize made a motion to adopt the resolution. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Daniel and passed without opposition.

Resolution, Probation Services Office Space: Clerk of Council read the heading of a resolution to authorize and direct the City Manager to execute a license agreement with Professional Probation Services, Inc., for the use of office space within City Hall to conduct probation services for the Municipal Court of Garden City, Georgia.

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

Resolution, Debris Monitoring Agreement: Clerk of Council read the heading of a resolution to extend the master service agreement with Rostan Solutions, LLC for debris monitoring and public assistance consulting services.

Councilmember Ruiz made a motion to adopt the resolution. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Daniel and passed without opposition.

Alcoholic Beverage License Application (Kwik Way Foods): Clerk of Council stated that we have for consideration by Mayor and Council of an alcoholic beverage license application made by Balkrishna Kodal to sell wines, beer and/or malt beverages at Kwik Way Foods, 702 U.S. Highway 80, Garden City.

Councilmember Daniel made a motion to approve the application. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Ruiz and passed without opposition.

Informal Public Comment: Mayor Bethune opened the informal public comment portion of the meeting.

Ms. Mona Lisa Monroe, President of the Garden City Housing Team invited everyone to attend the Housing Team’s October Fest and car show on Saturday, October 9th commencing at 9:00 a.m. at Bazemore Park.

Mayor Bethune stated that Halloween falls on Sunday this year. He asked the City Council if they were good with holding it on Sunday. City Council’s consensus was to keep it on Sunday.

Adjournment: There being no further items to discuss, Mayor Bethune called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilmember Lassiter made a motion to adjourn the meeting at approximately 6:38 p.m. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Tice and passed without opposition.

Transcribed & submitted by: Clerk of Council

Accepted & approved by: City Council 10/18/21