

MINUTES

City Council Meeting Monday, February 1, 2021 – 6:00 p.m.

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

Amendment to the Agenda: Councilmember Daniel made a motion to amend the agenda to consider the Ordinance to repeal Chapter 88, entitled “Weapons” in its entirety. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Tice and passed without opposition.

Opening: Pastor Eric Mason of Jesus First Community Church gave the invocation and Mayor Bethune led City Council in the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Roll Call:

City Council Members: Mayor Don Bethune, Councilmember Marcia Daniel, Councilmember Richard Lassiter, Councilmember Natalyn Morris, Councilmember Debbie Ruiz and Councilmember Kim Tice. Absent: Mayor Pro-tem Bessie Kicklighter. Mayor Bethune stated the Mayor Pro-tem Kicklighter is feeling under the weather and could be here tonight.

Staff Members: Ron Feldner, City Manager; James P. Gerard, City Attorney; Rhonda Ferrell Bowles, Finance Director/ Clerk of Council; Scott Robider, Assistant City Manager; Ben Brengman, IT Director; Pam Sweeney, HR Director; Gil Ballard, Police Chief and Corbin Medeiros, Fire Chief.

Recognition of the Garden City Police Department’s State of Georgia Law Enforcement Re-Certification. Mayor and City Council congratulated the Police Chief and his staff for their hard work.

Formal Public Comment: Mayor Bethune stated that District Attorney Cook-Jones could not attend due to scheduling conflicts.

City Council Minutes: Councilmember Lassiter made a motion to approve the pre-agenda session synopsis dated 1/19/21 and city council meeting minutes dated 1/19/21. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Morris and passed without opposition.

City Manager Report: City Manager stated that he had no updates or announcements.

Items for Consideration:

Resolution, 2021 Police Vehicles: Clerk of Council read the heading of a resolution by the Mayor and Council to accept the proposal from Butler Chrysler Dodge Jeep Ram to sell the City two (2) 2021 Dodge Durango vehicles and to sell the City two (2) 2021 Dodge Charger vehicles and to authorize the City Manager to sign the purchase contract totaling \$112, 496.00 for the vehicles.

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

First Reading - Ordinance, Text Amendment (Weapons): 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, to repeal Chapter 88, entitled “Weapons”, in its entirety; to provide an effective date; and for other purposes.

Councilmember Tice made a motion to approve the ordinance on the first reading. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Lassiter and passed without opposition.

Councilmember Lassiter made a motion to suspend the rules of council and hold the second reading of the ordinance. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Morris and passed without opposition.

Second Reading - Ordinance, Text Amendment (Weapons): 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, to repeal Chapter 88, entitled “Weapons”, in its entirety; to provide an effective date; and for other purposes.

Councilmember Tice made a motion to adopt the ordinance on the second reading. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Daniel and passed without opposition.

Informal Public Comment: Mayor Bethune stated that no one signed up to address City Council.

Councilmember Morris recognized Councilmember Lassiter for completing his HRAC classes. Mayor and City Council congratulated Councilmember Lassiter on his accomplishment.

Adjournment: There being no further items to be discussed, Mayor Bethune called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilmember Lassiter made a motion to adjourn the meeting at approximately 6:14 p.m. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Ruiz and passed without opposition.

*Transcribed & submitted by: Clerk of Council
Accepted & approve by: City Council 2/15/21*