

MINUTES

City Council Meeting

Monday, January 7, 2013 – 7:00 p.m.

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

Devotional & Pledge of Allegiance: Mayor Pro-tem George offered the opening prayer and Mayor Holder invited everyone to join in the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Roll Call:

Members Present: Mayor Holder presided. **Council Members:** Don Bethune, Bruce Campbell, Scott George, Bessie Kicklighter and Judy Shuman. **Absent:** Rosetta Cody

Staff Present: Brian Johnson, City Manager; Ron Feldner, Deputy City Manager; Rhonda Ferrell-Bowles, Clerk of Council; James P. Gerard, City Attorney; Ben Brengman, IT Director; Pam Franklin, HR Director; Scott Allison, PED Director; Cory Salley, Finance Director; David Lyons, Chief of Police; Jimmy Crosby, Fire Chief; Charles Draeger, Water Operations Director; Cliff Ducey, Parks & Recreation Director and Benny Gooze, Public Works Director

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.

Informal Public Comment: Mayor Holder opened the floor to receive informal public comment.

Mr. Jimmy Blakey, 141 Azalea Avenue, thanked the City Manager and PED Director for their efforts on getting the vacant lot cleaned up on Highway 21.

Mr. Blakey said I recorded the beeping noise coming from the Ports from August until today. He said that is 66 days we have had to listen to the noise. He said GPA doesn't seem to be doing anything toward alleviating the noise. He said I would like to see the City schedule another meeting for them to update us on what is being done. He said they are cutting a lot of the underbrush along Highway 25 which was helping to block the noise.

Mayor Holder asked the City Manager to contact GPA regarding scheduling a meeting.

Mr. Steve Backman, 8 Lynn Avenue, said over the weekend a train blocked the roads from Smith Avenue to Varnedoe for a long period of time. He said emergency vehicles would not have been able to get through if they need to.

Mr. Lenard Hodges, 3801 Old Louisville Road, said Waste Management has been late picking up the garbage and recycling bins. He said there are potholes located on both sides of Heidt Avenue that need to be filled.

City Council Minutes: Upon motion by Councilmember Kicklighter, seconded by Councilmember George, City Council voted unanimously to approve the minutes dated 12/3/12.

Staff Reports:

PED Director presented the Planning & Economic Development Department's Year-end Report.

HR Director presented the Human Resources Department's Year-end Report.

Councilmember Kicklighter said based on your report we have 104 full-time employees as of 12/31/12. She said didn't we lose an employee so we are now at 103 full-time employees.

HR Director and City Manager explained the authorized budgeted staffing level verses warm bodies which the HR Director was reporting.

IT Director presented the Information Technology Department's Year-end Report.

Public Works Director presented the Public Works Department's Year-end Report.

Parks & Recreation Director presented the Parks & Recreation Department's Year-end Report.

Items for Consideration:

Resolution to Amend Regular City Council Meeting Schedule: Mayor Holder read a resolution to amend the regular meeting schedule of the Garden City City Council; to eliminate the January 21, 2013 regular meeting of City Council in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day; and to establish a meeting of City Council on Tuesday, January 22, 2013.

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

Resolution, Cycle 16 Coastal Incentive Grant Application: Clerk of Council read a resolution of the City Council of the City of Garden City in support of submitting a Cycle 16 Coastal Incentive Grant Application entitled "Stormwater Master Planning for Disaster Resiliency in Garden City".

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

Adjournment: Mayor Holder made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Councilmember Bethune with City Council unanimously adjourning the meeting at 7:30 p.m.

Transcribed by Rhonda Ferrell-Bowles, Clerk of Council

Adopted by City Council: 1/22/13