

**MINUTES**  
**City Council Meeting**  
**Monday, May 6, 2013 – 7:00 p.m.**

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

**Opening:** Councilmember Shuman 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:** Mayor Pro-tem George, Don Bethune, Bruce Campbell, Rosetta Cody, and Judy Shuman. **Absent:** Bessie Kicklighter

**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; Cory Salley, Finance Director; Scott Allison, PED Director; David Lyons, Chief of Police; Jimmy Crosby, Fire Chief; Cliff Ducey, Parks & Recreation Director and Benny Googe, Public Works Director; Pam Franklin, HR Director and Charles Draeger, Water Operations 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.

Mayor Holder recognized Ms. Shellie Roberds, Leader of the Girl Scout Troop #30443. He said the Girl Scout Troop is observing our City Council meeting as part of obtaining their badges.

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

Several residents expressed concerns relating to police officers stopping two individuals walking on Wynoca Drive at 2:00 a.m. in the morning.

City Manager said I have a meeting scheduled tomorrow at 12:00 noon with the residents to discuss the matter.

There being no further questions or comments Mayor Holder closed the informal public comment portion of the meeting.

Mayor Holder recognized Commission Center and State Representative Bryant.

**Formal Public Comment:**

Mr. Chris Lightle, Auditor with Karp, Ronning & Tindol presented the Comprehensive Annual Audit Report for Fiscal Year 2012. He said there were no reportable comments and the City is in good financial shape.

Councilmember Bethune asked if the reportable comments in the 2011 audit have been corrected.

Mr. Lightle said yes, staff made those corrections.

**Public Hearings:**

**Alcoholic Beverage License – Manager Application (Piggly Wiggly):** Mayor Holder opened the public hearing to receive public comment on an alcoholic beverage license manager’s application by Ginger P. Burgess to sell wines, beer and/or malt beverages at Piggly Wiggly, 4415 Augusta Road, Garden City, Georgia.

There being no questions or comments from the audience, Mayor Holder closed the public hearing.

**City Council Minutes:** Upon motion by Councilmember Shuman, seconded by Councilmember Bethune, City Council voted unanimously to approve the city council minutes dated 4/25/13.

**Staff Reports:**

PED Director presented the Planning & Economic Development Department’s Monthly Status Report.

HR Director presented the Human Resources Department’s Monthly Status Report.

In the absence of the IT Director, the City Manager presented the Information Technology Department’s Monthly Status Report.

Public Works Director presented the Public Works Department Monthly Status Report.

Parks & Recreation Director presented the Parks & Recreation Department’s Monthly Status Report.

Mayor Pro-tem George said it was an honor to ride on the float with four veterans in the Stand Up For America Day Parade. He said I would like to thank Cliff and his staff for the great job they did on the float.

**Items for Consideration:**

**First Reading, Text Amendment Ordinance – Churches & Other Places of Worship:** Clerk of Council read the first reading of an ordinance to amend the zoning ordinance of Garden City, Georgia, as amended; to amend Paragraph 12 of Section 90-47(B) to permit churches and other places of worship with the approval of the Board of Zoning Appeals to operate in all C-2 zoning districts within the City; to repeal all ordinances in conflict therewith; to provide an effective date; and for other purposes.

Upon motion by Councilmember Shuman, seconded by Councilmember Bethune, City Council voted unanimously to approve the ordinance on the first reading.

Upon motion by Councilmember Shuman, seconded by Councilmember Campbell, City Council voted unanimously to suspend the rules of council to hold the second reading of the ordinance.

**Second Reading, Text Amendment Ordinance – Churches & Other Places of Worship:** Clerk of Council read the second reading of an ordinance to amend the zoning ordinance of Garden City, Georgia, as amended; to amend Paragraph 12 of Section 90-47(B) to permit churches and other places of worship with the approval of the Board of Zoning Appeals to operate in all C-2 zoning districts within the City; to repeal all ordinances in conflict therewith; to provide an effective date; and for other purposes.

Upon motion by Councilmember Shuman, seconded by Councilmember Cody, City Council voted unanimously to adopt the ordinance on the second reading.

**Bond Resolution** – Clerk of Council read a bond resolution dated May 6, 2013, providing for the issuance of the City of Garden City water and sewer refunding revenue bonds series 2013 in the maximum aggregate principal amount \$5,500,000.

City Attorney said this is to consolidate the City's the water and sewer bonds to refinance for a lower interest rate.

Upon motion by Councilmember Bethune, seconded by Mayor Pro-tem George, City Council voted unanimously to adopt the bond resolution.

**Alcoholic Beverage License – Manager Application (Piggly Wiggly):** Mayor Holder said we have for consideration of an alcoholic beverage license manager's application by Ginger P. Burgess to sell wines, beer and/or malt beverages at Piggly Wiggly, 4415 Augusta Road, Garden City, Georgia.

Upon motion by Councilmember Campbell, seconded by Mayor Pro-tem George, City Council voted unanimously to approve the alcoholic beverage license manager application for Ginger Burgess.

**Bid Award – Welcome to Garden City Signage:** Mayor Holder said we have for consideration awarding the bid to Bunting Graphics in the amount of \$45,660.88, for the fabrication and installation of new "Welcome to Garden City" signage.

Councilmember Bethune said this is for more than one sign.

City Manager said the old "Welcome" signage was made of styrofoam and we are replacing the signage with different material that is DOT approved.

Upon motion by Councilmember Shuman, seconded by Mayor Pro-tem George, City Council voted unanimously to award the bid to Bunting Graphics in the amount of \$45,660.88.

**Adjournment:** Upon motion by Mayor Holder, seconded by Councilmember Bethune, City Council voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 .m.

***Transcribed by Rhonda Ferrell-Bowles, Clerk of Council  
City Council Adopted: 5-20-13***