

MINUTES
City Council Meeting
Monday, September 16, 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: Mayor Tennyson Holder presided. **Council Members:** Bruce Campbell, Rosetta Cody, Scott George and Judy Shuman. *Absent:* Don Bethune and Bessie Kicklighter.

Staff: Brian Johnson, City Manager; Ron Feldner, Deputy City Manager; James P. Gerard, City Attorney; Ben Brengman, IT Director; Pam Franklin, HR Director; Cory Salley, Finance Director; David Lyons, Chief of Police; Jimmy Crosby, Fire Chief and Benny Googe, Public Works Director. *Absent:* Rhonda Ferrell-Bowles, Clerk of Council and Charles Draeger, Water Operations Director.

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

Mr. Leonard Hodges, 3801 Old Louisville Road, said he is having a problem with mosquitoes and asked the City to contact the County to address the problem.

Approval of City Council Minutes:

City Council Minutes dated 8/19/13: Upon motion by Councilmember Shuman, seconded by Councilmember Campbell, City Council voted unanimously to approve the City Council Minutes dated 8/19/13.

City Council Workshop Synopsis dated 8/26/13: Upon motion by Councilmember Campbell, seconded by Councilmember Cody, City Council voted unanimously to approve the Workshop Synopsis dated 8/26/13.

City Council Workshop Synopsis dated 9/9/13: Upon motion by Councilmember Shuman, seconded by Councilmember Cody, City Council voted unanimously to approve the Workshop Synopsis dated 9/9/13.

Staff Reports:

City Manager presented the Zoning Department's Monthly Status Report.

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

IT Director presented the Information Technology Department's Monthly Status Report.

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

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

Water Operations Director presented the Water Operations Department's Monthly Status Report.

Fire Chief presented the Fire Department's Monthly Status Report

Chief of Police presented the Police Department's Monthly Status Report

Mayor Pro-tem George said I have had a lengthy list of things for the Public Works Department and they have been prompt in taking care of the items on my list. He said I want to thank Benny and his staff for their work and service that they provide.

Mayor Pro-tem George said I have received positive comments from Savannah Christian and Groves on our stadium facilities. He said also I have received positive comments from residents on how good the Cooper Center looks.

Mayor Pro-tem George said I appreciate the Recreation Department's efforts on maintaining our facilities and making them look good.

City Manager Updates: City Manager said this is my last City Council Meeting. He said City Council will be utilizing a search firm to search for a new City Manager. He said in the meantime there are three current employees that have agreed to absorb some of my duties. He said the Clerk of Council will assume the financial and budgeting duties. He said the Chief of Police will assume the fire protection, emergency management and code enforcement duties. He said the Deputy City Manager will assume the duties of public works/water and sewer director and serve as acting city manager. He said I appreciate all the support City Council and staff gave me during my tenure. He said it has been a joy working for the community and City Council as well as working with the staff.

Proclamation: Mayor Holder presented to Brian Johnson, City Manager a proclamation expressing the City's appreciation to Brian for his work during his tenure with the City.

Mayor Pro-tem George said I would like to acknowledge Brian's loyalty to the City. He said I learned a lot from Brian since I have been on City Council.

Councilmember Campbell said Brian has done an outstanding job. He said I read some of the Anniston news articles saying that they wanted a mover & a shaker. He said I believe they are getting a mover and a shaker in Brian.

Councilmember Shuman said we will miss you and I want to thank you for your service to the City.

Councilmember Cody said Anniston is lucky to get Brian.

Mayor Holder said this is very hard for me. He said Brian has done a great job for the City and he will definitely be missed.

Items for Consideration:

Resolution, Local Government Investment Pool (General Account) – Clerk of Council read a resolution to authorize any one of the following individuals to deposit and/or withdraw funds from the local government investment pool general account on behalf of the City of Garden City, Georgia: Tennyson Holder, Mayor; Ronald Feldner, Deputy City Manager, and Rhonda Ferrell, Clerk of Council.

Upon motion by Councilmember Shuman, seconded by Councilmember George, City Council voted unanimously to adopt the LGIP resolution for the general account.

Resolution, Local Government Investment Pool (Water & Sewer Revenue Fund) – Clerk of Council read a resolution to authorize any one of the following individuals to deposit and/or withdraw funds from the local government investment pool water and sewer revenue fund on behalf of the City of Garden City, Georgia: Tennyson Holder, Mayor; Ronald Feldner, Deputy City Manager; and Rhonda Ferrell, Clerk of Council.

Upon motion by Councilmember Shuman, seconded by Councilmember Cody, City Council voted unanimously to adopt the LGIP resolution for the water and sewer revenue fund.

Adjournment: Mayor Holder made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Campbell to adjourn the City Meeting at 7:36 p.m.

*Transcribed by Rhonda Ferrell-Bowles, Clerk of Council
Approved by City Council 10/7//13*