

MINUTES

City Council Meeting

Monday, February 2, 2015 – 7:00 p.m.

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

Opening: Mayor Holder offered the opening prayer and invited everyone to join in the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Roll Call: Mayor Holder presided. **Council Members:** Don Bethune, Bruce Campbell, Rosetta Cody, Marcia Daniel, Scott George and Kim Tice.

Staff: Rhonda Ferrell-Bowles, Clerk of Council; James P. Gerard, City Attorney; David Lyons, Chief of Police; Pam Franklin, HR Director; Ben Brengman, IT Director; Ron Alexander, Building Safety Director; Cliff Ducey, Parks & Recreation Director; Benny Googe, Public Works Director and Blake Hodge, Fire Chief. *Absent:* Ron Feldner, Interim City Manager

Mayor Holder said City Council held a pre-agenda session prior to tonight's meet. He said no decisions were made during the pre-agenda session.

MDA Presentations:

Mayor Holder read a proclamation to proclaim the month of February 2015 to be recognized as Garden City Fire Department "Fill the Boot" Month.

Ms. Crystal Feller presented a plaque to former Fire Chief Jimmy Crosby for his endless service to MDA over the years. She said in the past eight years, under Chief Crosby's leadership the Garden City Fire Department raised more than \$77,000 for MDA through the annual Fill the Boot campaign. She said the 2014 total was \$11,860, and for four consecutive years the Garden City Fire Department was the highest raising fire department in Southeast Georgia.

Councilmember Bethune said the firefighters put in a lot of effort, but it takes a good leader to keep them motivated to donate their time and energy to participate in the annual Fill the Boot campaign for MDA. He said I am sure that Chief Hodge will continue supporting the battle against MDA by filling the boot campaign.

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

Mr. Gary Monroe, Hawkinsville Road, said I am here tonight representing the Garden City Homestead Association. He said we would like to invite Mayor and City Council to attend and participate in the 2015 2nd Annual GCHA Heritage Festival Parade and Carnival on Saturday, February 21, 2015. He said the 2015 Heritage Festival Parade will take on an "extra-special" purpose as we celebrate the founding organization and members. He said our goal is to construct "Community Welcome Signs" for the five indigenous Homestead communities of Garden City.

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

Public Hearing:

PC1413: Mayor Holder said the public hearing advertised for PC1413 will not be held tonight, because the applicant withdrew his request for a preliminary review for recombination and rezoning of parcels on Kelly Hill Road and US Highway 80.

City Council Minutes: Upon motion by Councilmember Bethune, seconded by Councilmember Cody, City Council voted unanimously to approve the minutes date 1/20/15.

Staff Report:

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

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

Councilmember Bethune said the recommendation made by Scott for you to include a breakdown on the items most visited by people on the City's website was a good idea.

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

Councilmember Bethune said the vendor did a good job removing the trees along the canal on Woodlawn.

Councilmember George said the new signs on Highway 21 look great and you all did a good job on trimming the crepe myrtles.

Public Works Director said it was a joint effort between Public Works and Recreation.

Councilmember George said I rode through Silk Hope and the lighting looks good. He said we need to find out if a lighting study has been done for the Rossignol Hill area. He said if there hasn't been one done then we need to look at getting one done.

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

Items for Consideration: Mayor Holder said we have no items on the agenda for consideration.

Adjournment: Mayor Holder called for a motion to adjourn. Upon motion by Councilmember Bethune, seconded by Councilmember Daniel, City Council adjourned the meeting at 7:27 p.m.

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