

MINUTES
City Council Meeting
Monday, February 16, 2015 – 7:00 p.m.

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

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

Roll Call:

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

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

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

Formal Public Comment: Mayor Holder said we have a request from Reverend Monroe to address City Council.

Reverend Gary Monroe said I would like to remind everyone of the 2nd annual GCHA Heritage Festival and Parade on Saturday, February 21, 2015. He introduced Ms. Sonja Robinson, one of the artists that will be participating in this year's festival.

Ms. Robinson said I create customize art to match your home décor. She said I will be painting live at the festival and invited everyone to come out and bring photos of any rooms in their home that they would like to have a custom art piece for.

Councilmember Tice said the art pieces you have here tonight are beautiful.

City Council members said art work is beautiful and thanked Ms. Robinson for attending.

Reverend Monroe said J. Chantel could not be here tonight. He said J. Chantel is an accomplished trumpeter who will be performing a live concert at the festival. He said we are looking to put on a nice festival for the community would like to invite everyone to come out on Saturday. He said the parade will be led by the Groves High School Band.

Public Hearing:

Alcoholic Beverage License Application (BP 21): Mayor Holder opened the public hearing to receive public comment on an alcoholic Beverage License application made by Kirankumar Amin to sell wines, beer and/or malt beverages at BP 21, 4319 Augusta Road, Garden City.

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

City Council Minutes: Upon motion by Councilmember Campbell, seconded by Councilmember Bethune, City Council voted unanimously to approve the city council minutes dated 2/2/15 and the workshop synopsis dated 2/9/15.

Staff Reports:

Planning, Zoning & Building Director presented the Planning, Zoning & Building Department's Report.

Councilmember Bethune said referencing the picture of the mobile home in your report. He said I thought mobile homes could only go in mobile home parks and not on residential lots.

Planning, Zoning & Building Director said the code states that it has to look like homes in the area.

Councilmember Bethune said this mobile home has been sitting in the Salt Creek area for several years with nothing being done to it until now. He said my concern is that this mobile home might not blend with the area.

Planning, Zoning & Building Director said I will look further into what the code says regarding mobile homes.

Councilmember Bethune said you have only been on the job a short time, but you have been doing an outstanding job. He said I know you have been in the process of making sure the code enforcement officers understand the ordinances.

Planning, Zoning & Building Director said I have been working with the code enforcement officers on several different areas along with a lot of planning to help them make sure they are doing the right thing. He said I have been drafting changes to the container ordinance to get to the city attorney for his review. He said I am looking at the ordinances on how they relate to the main arteries in the city. He said by doing this you will clean up by regulating what types of businesses can go there.

Councilmember George said we need to look at the sign ordinance relating to LED signs in the city. He said they are very bright and just about blind you at night when driving.

Councilmember George said I have received a couple of calls regarding the ordinance on the size the house number has to be. He said the person was given ten days to comply.

Planning, Zoning & Building Director said I will check on it.

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

Public Safety Director presented the Public Safety Department's Report.

Councilmember Bethune said did we fill the vacant firefighter's position?

Chief Lyons said yes, I made the offer and the person accepted the position.

Councilmember Bethune said there have been several burglaries and I would like for the police department to put some suggestions on the website on what people can do to deter break-ins.

Chief Lyons said we have someone in our department that can do that.

City Manager Updates: City Manager said I have not updates tonight.

Items for Consideration:

Resolution - Bid Award of Big Hill Road Waterline Installation Project: Mayor Holder read a resolution by the City Council to award the Big Hill Road waterline installation contract to TB Landmark Construction in the amount of \$895,954.00, with the provisions set forth therein addressing any legitimate change orders or major work plan modifications that may arise due to unforeseen/unanticipated field conditions.

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

Resolution – Senior Citizen Affordable Housing Project: Mayor Holder read a resolution by the City Council to authorize the City's staff to commence working with W.H. Gross Construction Company to prepare a Low Income Housing Tax Program Application for submission to DCA in either 2015 or, if not reasonably practical, in 2016, for an affordable senior housing project to be managed and owned by such developer behind City Hall in Town Center.

Upon motion by Councilmember Tice, seconded by Councilmember Daniel, City Council voted unanimously to adopt the resolution.

Surplus Vehicle – Mayor Holder said we have for consideration declaring the Fire Department's 2000 Ford Crown Victoria as surplus.

Upon motion by Councilmember Bethune, seconded by Councilmember Tice, City Council voted unanimously to declare the fire department's 2000 Ford Crown Victoria as surplus equipment.

City Council recognized the City Attorney for making the 2015 Georgia's Best Lawyers List as the 2015 lawyer of the year in real estate law.

Adjournment: Upon motion by Mayor Holder, seconded by Councilmember Campbell, City Council adjourned the council meeting at 7:35 p.m.

Transcribed by: Rhonda Ferrell-Bowles, Clerk of Council
Accepted by City Council: 3/2/15