

MINUTES
City Council Meeting
Monday, October 5, 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 Pro-tem Campbell offered the opening prayer and Mayor Holder 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 and Kim Tice.

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

Informal Public Comment: Mayor Holder opened the floor to receive public comment from the audience. There being no questions or comments, Mayor Holder closed the informal public comment portion of the meeting.

City Council Minutes: Upon motion by Councilmember Daniel, seconded by Councilmember Bethune, City Council voted unanimously to accept the city council minutes dated 9/21/15.

Staff Reports:

Planning, Zoning & Building Director presented the monthly report for the Planning, Zoning & Building Department.

Councilmember Bethune asked the Planning, Zoning & Building Director to explain the process of cutting overgrown lots. He said I have had a lot of residents ask me why the process takes so long.

Planning, Zoning & Building Director said the Code Enforcement Officer issues a courtesy notice to the property owner giving ten days to comply. If the property does not comply then Code Enforcement issues the property owner a legal notice of violation giving ten days to comply. If the property owner still does not comply then Code Enforcement issues the property owner a citation to appear in court before the judge.

Councilmember Bethune said some of the properties are owned by people who live out of town.

Planning, Zoning & Building Director said we try to track down the property owners and send notices to them. He said we contact the jurisdiction that property owner resides in to serve the subpoena. He said also if the City has to cut the lot we bill the property owner.

Councilmember Bethune said we are not the only City dealing with this.

Councilmember Tice said the house where the tree fell down. She said they are removing the tree that fell and I have been asked by residents if they are going to remove the dead tree too.

Planning, Zoning & Building Director said I am not familiar with the particulars of that case, but I will look into it.

Human Resources Director presented the monthly report for Human Resources Department.

Public Works Director presented the monthly report for the Public Works Department.

Councilmember Bethune said the lights in the parking lot at senior center need to be checked, because the parking lot is dark. He said also there is an issue with water running across the sidewalk.

Parks & Recreation Director presented the monthly report for the Parks and Recreation Department.

City Manager Updates: City Manager said I have no updates to report.

Items for Consideration:

Wrecker Service Proposal: Mayor Holder said we have for consideration a proposal for the solicitation to invite bids to provide head-out wrecker service and auto storage for the City of Garden City.

Captain Ballard said you are voting to allow us to move forward with the bid proposal for the wrecker service.

City Manager said staff will advertise and evaluate the bids. He said the bids are tentatively scheduled to be brought before you for consideration at the second council meeting in November.

Upon motion by Councilmember Tice, seconded by Councilmember Daniel, City Council voted unanimously to approve the wrecker service proposal for the solicitation to invite bids to provide head-out wrecker service and auto storage for the City.

Adjournment: Upon motion by Mayor Holder, seconded by Mayor Pro-tem Campbell, City Council adjourned the meeting at 7:17 p.m.

*Transcribed by: Clerk of Council
Accepted by: City Council 10/19/15*