

**MINUTES**  
**City Council Meeting**  
**Monday, March 7, 2016 – 6:00 p.m.**

**Call to Order:** Mayor Bethune welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

**Opening:** Mayor Pro-tem Campbell offered the invocation and Mayor Bethune invited everyone to join in the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

**Roll Call:**

**Members:** Mayor Bethune presided. **Council Members:** Bruce Campbell, Rosetta Cody, Marcia Daniel, Bessie Kicklighter, Debbie Ruiz and Kim Tice.

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

Mayor Bethune said City Council held a pre-agenda session prior to tonight's meeting. He said no decisions or votes were made during the pre-agenda session.

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

Mr. Leonard Hodges, Old Louisville Road, said we are having a problem with speeding and vehicles running the stop signs on Old Louisville Road. He said also we need more street lights on Old Louisville Road so the people walking along the road can be seen. He said I would like to ask City Council to look into addressing these problems.

Mr. Tony Sterno, Main Street, said the old Jones Equipment property at 55 Main Street has a drainage culvert that runs under the property in the parking lot and it has started to leak and is causing a wash out where the line has settled. He said I would like to ask the City to make the repairs.

City Manager said about two weeks ago we sent a camera down both lines to evaluate the lines so we could determine the best way to repair the lines. He said I have already talked with the City Attorney about the easements. He said we are well on our way in the process of addressing your concerns.

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

**City Council Minutes:** Upon motion by Councilmember Kicklighter, seconded by Councilmember Campbell, City Council voted unanimously to approve the city council minutes dated 2/15/16 and the workshop synopsis dated 2/22/16.

**Staff Reports:**

HR Director presented the Human Resources Department's monthly report.

IT Director presented the Information Technology Department's monthly report.

Councilmember Tice inquired about the replacement of the HVAC unit in the police department.

IT Director said we held the pre-bid meeting last week. He said we are probably about six weeks out on starting the project. He said the actual exchange of the units can be done in one day.

Councilmember Tice said I just want us to make sure that it gets done before it turns off hot and they don't have any air conditioning.

IT Director said the current unit is running at 75% so they should be good until the unit can be replaced.

Public Works Director presented the Public Works Department's monthly report.

Mayor Bethune said there are at least three street lights out in my neighborhood. He asked the Public Works Director to look into conducting an inventory of the streets lights that are out in the City. He said I have received several compliments on the crews working on Highway 21.

Parks & Recreation Director presented the Parks & Recreation Department's monthly report.

**City Manager's Updates:** City Manager said I have no updates to present.

**Items for Consideration:**

**Resolution, Bid Proposal for GCPW Crew Cab Truck:** Clerk of Council read the heading of a resolution to accept the proposal of J.C. Lewis Ford to sell the City a new crew cab truck at the price of \$24,477.36 and to authorize the City Manager to sign the purchase contract or order for the new crew cab truck.

City Manager said this is budgeted vehicle for the public works department's to add a third grass crew.

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

**Resolution, Bid Proposal for GCPW Lawn Mowers:** Clerk of Council read the heading of a resolution to accept the proposal from the second lowest bidder, Andy's Lawn Machinery to sell the City six (6) new Lazer Z E-Series mowers with a three (3) year warranty at the price of \$55,700.00 and to authorize the City Manager to sign the purchase contract or order for the mowers.

City Manager said the lawn mowers are budgeted to replace the existing side discharge mowers with rear discharging mowers. He said the rear discharging mowers are a safer mower.

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

**Resolution, Statement of Need for an Urban Redevelopment Plan:** Clerk of Council read the heading of a resolution to restate the need for redevelopment areas within the City of Garden City; to re-define the boundaries of the previously established redevelopment areas; to describe the re-defined redevelopment areas; to cause a redevelopment plan to be prepared for said areas; and other related purposes.

City Manager said the purpose of this resolution is declare a statement of need for the Urban Redevelopment Plan. He said we originally looked at this in 2015, but decided to redefine the areas after additional dialogue was completed.

Upon motion by Councilmember Kicklighter, seconded by Councilmember Campbell, City Council voted unanimously to adopt the resolution.

**Resolution, Adoption of an Urban Redevelopment Plan:** A resolution to adopt an Urban Redevelopment Plan for the City of Garden City, Georgia.

City Manager said the purpose of Urban Redevelopment Plan is to provide the City with the tools to redevelop and establish partnerships with public and private sector partners for the redevelopment of the areas described in the plan.

Upon motion by Councilmember Kicklighter, seconded by Councilmember Cody, City Council voted unanimously to adopt the resolution.

**Resolution in Support of the Widening of Interstate 16 and the Reconstruction of the I-95 and I-16 Interchange:** Clerk of Council read the heading of a resolution in support of the Georgia Department of Transportation's efforts to secure funding resources to expedite the implementation of the aforementioned projects.

City Manager said the I-16 corridor improvements project has been moved high up on the State's funding list. He said the Department of Transportation asked the City to adopt a resolution in support of the project.

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

There being no further items on the agenda, Mayor Bethune called for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

**Adjournment:** Upon motion by Councilmember Campbell, seconded by Councilmember Cody, City Council adjourned the meeting at 6:29 p.m.

*Transcribed by Clerk of Council  
Approved by City Council 3/21/16*