

MINUTES

City Council Meeting

Monday, April 6, 2009 - 7:00 p.m.

Members Present: Mayor Andy Quinney presided. Council Members: Gwyn Hall, Tennyson Holder, Bowen Jones, Misty Selph and Judy Shuman.

Members Absent: Bessie Kicklighter and Durward Motes

Staff Present: Brian Johnson, City Administrator; Rhonda Ferrell-Bowles, Clerk of Council; James P. Gerard, City Attorney; Pam Franklin, HR Director; Clara Rouse, Finance Director; Nathan Mai-Lombardo, Planning Director; David Lyons, Chief of Police; Randall Griffin, Public Works Director; Ben Brengman, IT Director; Cliff Ducey, Recreation Director and Charles Draeger, Water/Sewer Director.

Staff Absent: Jimmy Crosby, Fire Chief

Visitors: See attached sign-in sheet(s).

Opening: Mayor Quinney welcomed everyone to the meeting. Councilmember Selph offered the opening prayer and Mayor Quinney led City Council in the pledge to the flag.

Mayor Quinney said City Council held a Pre-Agenda Session prior to tonight's meeting. He said no decisions were made during the pre-agenda session.

Public Hearings:

Alcoholic Beverage Manager's License Application: Mayor Quinney opened the public hearing to receive public comment on an alcoholic beverage license manager's application for Richard Pruden to sale beer and/or malt beverages at Chu's Convenience Mart at 2606 Highway 80 West, Garden City, Georgia.

Mayor Quinney asked if there were any questions or comments. There being no questions or comments, Mayor Quinney closed the public hearing.

Police Department Grant Public Hearing: Mayor Quinney opened the public hearing to receive public comment on an application by the Garden City Police Department for the Bryne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant.

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Chief Lyons said this is an opportunity for us to obtain a grant for approximately \$90,840.00. He said we would use the money to get E-citation technology to electronically fill out citations. He said this would reduce our amount of paperwork. He said once we are set-up to pay online everything will be handled electronically. He said we will also get our own Avis fingerprint system which will allow us to process our own finger prints.

Mayor Quinney asked if there were any questions or comments. There being no questions or comments, Mayor Quinney closed the public hearing.

City Council Minutes: Upon motion by Councilmember Jones, seconded by Councilmember Selph, City Council voted unanimously to approve the minutes from the March 16, 2009 meeting of council.

Zoning & Building Committee Report:

PC0904, Zoning Map Amendment: Clerk of Council read for the first reading an ordinance to rezone property owned by Bonnie Maddox, Jr. and Bessie Maddox at 23 Maddox Road from an R-A Chatham County zoning district to an R-A Garden City zoning district.

Upon motion by Councilmember Hall, seconded by Councilmember Jones, City Council voted unanimously to approve the rezoning.

City Attorney said this property is to be annexed into Garden City and we need to incorporate the rezoning into the annexation ordinance.

PC0905, Zoning Map Amendment: Clerk of Council read for the first reading an ordinance to rezone property owned by Ray Crosby 4907 Ogeechee Road from an R-M-H-I Chatham County zoning district to a C-2 Garden City zoning district.

Upon motion by Councilmember Hall, seconded by Councilmember Selph, City Council voted unanimously to approve the rezoning.

City Attorney said this property is to be annexed into Garden City and we will need to incorporate the rezoning into the annexation ordinance.

Personnel, Finance & Administration Committee Report: Councilmember Shuman said we are still accepting applications for the Utilities Business Manager. She said we are in the process of interviewing applicants for the Public Works Administrative Assistant's position. She said the audit is underway and the field work should be completed on April 8th. She said we should have the report by the end of the month.

Parks & Recreation Committee Report: Councilmember Selph said sign-ups for Camp Eagle are underway. She said everyone had a good time at the Easter Extravaganza on Saturday. She thanked the city staff and seniors for their work at the event. She said the Recreation Department's Opening Day Parade will be held on Saturday, April 18th. She said there are a lot of activities taking place at the Senior

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Center, such as bingo, line dancing, and trips to Atlanta. She said contact Judy Roundtree at the Senior Center for information on daily and weekly activities at Center.

Councilmember Selph said she would like to correct a statement in a recent article that stated that Senior Citizens, Inc. planned the senior trips for Garden City Senior Citizens. She said that Judy Roundtree plans the trips that our seniors go on. She said that Judy does a great job planning the trips.

Councilmember Selph said I would like to thank everyone who participated in the search for Ms. Langford. She said volunteers, police, and fire spent over 100 hours searching for a missing resident. She said churches canceled Bible Study Classes to lend a helping hand. She said I am proud to be a resident of Garden City and proud to serve the citizens of Garden City.

Fire Committee Report: Mayor Quinney asked Councilmember Shuman to give the fire committee report in Councilmember Motes' absence. Councilmember Shuman said I have nothing new to report.

Police Committee Report:

Mayor Quinney asked Councilmember Jones to give the Police Committee Report in Councilmember Kicklighter absence.

Alcoholic Beverage Manager's License Application:

Councilmember Jones said we have for consideration an alcoholic beverage manager's license application for Richard Pruden to sale beer and/or malt beverages at Chu's Convenience Mart, 2606 Highway 80, West, Garden City, Georgia.

Upon motion by Councilmember Jones, seconded by Councilmember Holder, City Council voted unanimously to approve Richard Purden's alcoholic beverage Manager's License Application.

Councilmember Jones gave a routine committee report. He said the Police rescheduled the Senior Citizens dinner until May 1st. He said the Police Department participated in the Easter Extravaganza. He said they served 785 hotdogs at the event.

Public Works Committee Report:

Councilmember Holder said last week during the heavy rains our drainage system performed well. He thanked the Public Works Director for his work.

Water/Sewer Committee Report: Councilmember Jones said everything is going well in the water/sewer department. He said we received the Water Quality Award, the Golden Award for Safe Drinking Water and the Golden Award for Wastewater Facilities. He said we won the Golden Safe Drinking Water Award and the Golden Wastewater Facilities Award four years in a row. He thanked the Water/Sewer Director and his staff for the good job.

City Administrator Report: City Administrator said I have nothing to report tonight.

City Attorney Report: City Attorney said I have nothing to report tonight.

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Mayor Report: Mayor Quinney thanked everyone for attending tonight’s meeting. He said we appreciate staffs work at the Easter Extravaganza. He said we are excited about everything we have going on. He said we have everything we need right here and the only thing we need to rely on the City of Savannah for is hospitals. He said the things we are doing now are putting things in place for the next seventy years. He thanked staff for their work.

Adjournment: Upon motion by Councilmember Holder, seconded by Councilmember Hall, City Council voted unanimously to adjourn at 7:19 p.m.

Andy Quinney, Mayor

Tennyson Holder, Mayor Pro-tem

Gwyn Hall, Councilmember

(Absent)

Bowen Jones, Councilmember

(Absent)

Bessie Kicklighter, Councilmember

Durward Motes, Councilmember

Misty Selph, Councilmember

Judy Shuman, Councilmember

Rhonda Ferrell-Bowles
Clerk of Council

