

MINUTES

City Council

Monday, July 21, 2008 – 7:00 p.m.

Members Present: Mayor Andy Quinney presided. **Council Members:** Tennyson Holder, Bowen Jones, Bessie Kicklighter, Durward Motes, Misty Selph and Judy Shuman.

Members Absent: Gwyn Hall

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; Randall Griffin, Public Works Director and David Lyons, Chief of Police.

Staff Absent: Charles Draeger, Water/Sewer Director; Cliff Ducey, Recreation Director and Jimmy Crosby, Fire Chief.

Visitors: See attached sign-in sheet

Opening: Mayor Quinney welcomed everyone to the meeting. Councilmember Jones offered the opening prayer and Mayor Quinney led 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.

Mayor Quinney introduced Mr. David Lock, Chief Assistant District Attorney.

Mr. Lock said he is seeking the office of District Attorney in the upcoming November election and asked City Council for their support.

Mayor Quinney introduced Ms. Ava Ancrum, Coach of the Girls 14 & under team. He congratulated the team on being GRPA's District II Tournament Champions and presented each member of team with a trophy recognizing their accomplishment.

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City Council Minutes: Upon motion by Councilmember Jones, seconded by Councilmember Shuman, City Council voted unanimously to approve the minutes from the June 16, 2008 city council meeting.

Zoning & Building Committee Report: Mayor Quinney asked Councilmember Holder to give the Zoning & Building Committee Report in Councilmember Hall's absence.

Bisbee Street Rezoning Ordinance: Councilmember Holder said we have for the first reading an ordinance to amend the zoning ordinance and map of Garden City, Georgia, as amended; to rezone certain properties owned by Bonnie R. Lee, Trinity Church of God, Jeffrey Ansley, Warren Radford, H.L. Lolley, and John Strickland, and P. Calvin Howard from a "C-2" zoning classification to a "R-1" zoning classification.

Upon motion by Councilmember Holder, seconded by Councilmember Jones, City Council voted unanimously to approve the ordinance on the first reading.

Councilmember Holder made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Selph to suspend the rules of council to hold the second reading of the ordinance. City Council voted unanimously to suspend the rules of council and hold the second reading of the ordinance.

Councilmember Holder presented for the second reading an ordinance to amend the zoning ordinance and map of Garden City, Georgia, as amended; to rezone certain properties owned by Bonnie R. Lee, Trinity Church of God, Jeffrey Ansley, Warren Radford, H.L. Lolley, and John Strickland, and P. Calvin Howard from a "C-2" zoning classification to a "R-1" zoning classification.

Upon motion by Councilmember Holder, seconded by Councilmember Kicklighter, City Council voted unanimously to adopt the ordinance on the second reading.

PC0825 Subdivision Request: Councilmember Holder said we have for consideration a request by Roy Patel to subdivide the southeast corner of Highway 80 and Highway 307 into three lots for commercial development. He said staff recommends approval of the subdivision request.

Upon motion by Councilmember Holder, seconded by Councilmember Kicklighter, City Council voted unanimously to approve the subdivision request.

Personnel, Finance & Administration Committee Report: Councilmember Shuman gave a routine report. She said we are fully staffed and we have two new candidates for police officers attending the Police Academy. She said staff has been working on the City's Emergency Management Plan.

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Parks & Recreation Committee Report: Councilmember Selph gave a routine report. She said Summer Camp is going great. She said everything going fine at the Senior Center and Cooper Center.

Fire Committee Report: Councilmember Motes gave a routine report. He said the Fire Department responded to 44 calls with an average response time of 6:75 minutes.

Police Committee Report: Councilmember Kicklighter gave a routine report. She asked Chief Lyons to give a report on the Truck Inspection Unit.

Chief Lyons said the Commercial Truck Unit went live on July 9th. He said they are checking for unsafe trucks on the road. He said they found one truck that had the brake line duct taped together. He said they are concentrating their efforts on the trucks that are unsafe to the public.

Councilmember Kicklighter said the Police Department received its State Recertification Status. She said I saw on television that a department in Chatham County received their national accreditation and they made it sound like they were the only ones. She said our Police Department had its state and national accreditation done within a year.

Public Works Committee Report:

Street Resurfacing Bids: Councilmember Holder said we received the following bids to resurface various streets in the City:

Pave-Tec, Inc.	\$81,345.00
Southeastern Asphalt LLC	\$96,695.00

He said staff and the city's engineering firm recommends accepting the bid received from the low bidder Pave-Tec, Inc. in the amount of \$81,345.00. He said the engineer's estimate was \$85,000. He said LARP will pay \$30,000 of the cost.

Upon motion by Councilmember Holder, seconded by Councilmember Jones, City Council voted unanimously to accept the bid received from the low bidder Pave-Tec, in the amount of \$81,345.00.

Drainage Improvement Bids: Councilmember Holder said we received the following bids for drainage improvements in the City:

Savannah River Utilities Company	\$147,515.00
Griffin Contracting, Inc.	\$151,000.00
E&D Contracting Services, Inc.	\$366,767.67

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Councilmember Holder said staff and the city's engineering firm recommends accepting the bid received from the low bidder Savannah River Utilities Company in the amount of \$147,515.00. He said the engineer's estimate was \$150,000.

Upon motion by Councilmember Holder, seconded by Councilmember Kicklighter, City Council voted unanimously to accept the bid from the low bidder Savannah River Utilities Company in the amount of \$147,515.00.

City Administrator said this project includes the three following locations: Behind Volunteer Park on Big Hill Road, intersection of Rommel Avenue, Herty Avenue and Pipkin Avenue and behind the businesses on Highway 21 that back up to Varnedoe Avenue.

Councilmember Holder said on July 1st, 3rd, 8th and 10th the public works crews cleaned 20 tons of debris from the curb and gutters. He said the dumping fees were \$800.00.

Mayor Quinney said we are receiving a lot of compliments on the signs and plantings on Highway 21.

Water/Sewer Committee Report:

Dean Forest Road Water Main Relocation: Councilmember Jones said we received the following bids for the Dean Forest Road Water Main Relocation Project:

Slone Associates, Inc.	\$83,307.00
I AM Construction	\$87,081.88
Terry R. Lee Contracting	\$108,650.00
Southern Champion Construction	\$110,480.00
E&D Contracting Service, Inc.	\$118,387.01
Sandhill ALS Construction	\$118,500.00
Sanderlin Construction Company	\$124,000.00
Tyson & Sons, Inc. dba D&R	
Utilities Construction	\$125,314.49
Savannah River Utilities Company	\$126,850.00

Councilmember Jones said staff and the city's engineering firm recommends accepting the bid received from the low bidder Slone Associates, Inc., in the amount of \$83,307.00. He said the engineer's estimate was \$300,000. He said the water lines need to be relocated, because DOT is widening Bourne Avenue at the railroad track.

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Upon motion by Councilmember Jones, seconded by Councilmember Holder, City Council voted unanimously to accept the bid received from the low bidder Slone Associates, Inc., in the amount of \$83,307.00.

City Administrator Report:

Budget Amendment Resolution: City Administrator presented a resolution to amend the FY08 General Operating Fund to adjust for the differences between the originally budgeted and presently projected revenues and expenditures for certain City Budgets.

Upon motion by Councilmember Holder, seconded by Councilmember Shuman, City Council voted unanimously to adopt the budget amendment resolution.

Resolution to declare the Recreation Complex Surplus Property: City Administrator presented a resolution authorizing the City to sell the stadium/gym/pool complex on Wheathill Road.

City Administrator said our Parks & Recreation facilities are located in an area that is no longer adequate to house the facilities and we are experiencing a rash of vandalism. He said this will allow staff to explore other possibilities.

Councilmember Kicklighter said I am correct that you would not just be moving the facilities, but you would be selling the property.

City Administrator said we have a public meeting scheduled for September 8, 2008, at 7:00 p.m. to provide information on the options we have and to obtain public input.

Mayor Quinney said we are not abandoning our recreation facilities, but exploring the possibilities available to us. He said in the last couple of months we have had \$90,000 in vandalism. He said our Recreation Department is our "Apple" and we want to do what is right.

Councilmember Shuman made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Selph to adopt the resolution authorizing the City to sell the stadium/gym/pool complex on Wheathill Road. Councilmember Holder, Councilmember Jones, Councilmember Motes, Councilmember Selph and Councilmember Shuman voted in favor with Councilmember Kicklighter opposed.

Resolution to authorize the use of a written form to add people to the City Council meeting agenda: City Administrator presented a resolution to authorize the use of a written form to be submitted to the City of Garden City Council to add people to the City Council Meeting Agenda. He said this will allow staff and city council to be prepared about issues.

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Councilmember Holder made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Selph to adopt the resolution to authorize the use of a written form to be submitted to the City Council to add people to the City Council Meeting Agenda. Councilmember Holder, Councilmember Jones, Councilmember Motes, Councilmember Selph and Councilmember Shuman voted in favor with Councilmember Kicklighter opposed.

City Administrator said on August 18, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. I will be presenting the State of the City Report. He said I would like the residents to attend to hear the report.

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

Mayor Report: Mayor Quinney said I am proud of what we are doing. He said Garden City is the “Garden” of Chatham County and the Gateway to Savannah. He said we are the home of the Ports. He said we will be installing lighting and more plantings on Main Street. He said I invite everyone to attend the August 18th meeting to hear the State of the City Report. He said I would like to have the council chambers packed that night.

Adjournment: Upon motion by Councilmember Holder, seconded by Councilmember Jones, City Council voted unanimously to adjourn at 7:40 p.m.

Andy Quinney, Mayor

Tennyson Holder, Mayor Pro-tem

(Absent)

Judy Shuman, President of Council

Gwyn Hall, Councilmember

Bowen Jones, Councilmember

Bessie Kicklighter, Councilmember

Durward Motes, Councilmember

Misty Selph, Councilmember

Rhonda Ferrell, Clerk of Council