

## MINUTES

### City Council

Monday, December 1, 2008 – 7:00 p.m.

**Members Present:** Mayor Andy Quinney presided. **Council Members:** Gwyn Hall, Tennyson Holder, Bowen Jones and Bessie Kicklighter.

**Members Absent:** Durward Motes, Misty Selph and Judy Shuman

**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; David Lyons, Chief of Police, Randall Griffin, Public Works Director; Charles Draeger, Water/Sewer Director; Jimmy Crosby, Chief of Police and Cliff Ducey, Recreation Director.

**Staff Absent:** Nathan Mai-Lombardo, Planning Director.

**Visitors:** See attached sign-in sheet.

**Opening:** Mayor Quinney welcomed everyone to the meeting. Mayor Quinney offered the opening prayer and 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.

**Employee of the Quarter Presentation:** Mayor Quinney and Charles Draeger, Water/Sewer Director recognized James Hargett, Water/Sewer Department Employee as the Employee of the Quarter and thanked him for his service to the City.

**City Council Minutes:** Upon motion by Councilmember Jones, seconded by Councilmember Holder, City Council voted unanimously to approve the minutes from the November 17, 2008 council meeting.

**Amendment to the Agenda:** Upon motion by Councilmember Hall, seconded by Councilmember Holder City Council voted unanimously to amend the agenda to add a resolution to amend the FY08 Budget and a resolution to amend the FY08 SPLOST Fund.

**Zoning & Building Committee Report:** Councilmember Hall said everything is fine in the Zoning & Building Department.

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**Personnel, Finance & Administration Committee Report:** Mayor Quinney said Councilmember Shuman could not be with us tonight. He said everything is going well and the City has never been in better financial shape.

**Parks & Recreation Committee Report:** Mayor Quinney asked Councilmember Holder to give the Parks & Recreation Committee Report in Councilmember Selph's absence.

Councilmember Holder said basketball signups are underway. He said the Tree Lighting Ceremony and Christmas in the Park will be held on Saturday, December 6<sup>th</sup>. He said the Holiday Tour of Homes and Churches will be held on Sunday, December 7<sup>th</sup>.

**Fire Committee Report:** Mayor Quinney asked Councilmember Kicklighter to give the Fire Committee Report in Councilmember Motes' absence.

Councilmember Kicklighter asked Chief Crosby to give the report.

Fire Chief said the fire department responded to 26 calls from November 17<sup>th</sup> – December 1<sup>st</sup> with an average response time of 5.26 minutes.

**Police Committee Report:** Councilmember Kicklighter gave routine report. She said the Police Department hosted the senior supper last Friday night. She said the Toy Run raised \$6,900. She said the Mayor and Police Department will be participating in the Mayor's Motorcade.

Mayor Quinney said Statesboro had a big turnout at last year's Mayor's Motorcade and asked all the city's departments to participate in this year's Mayor's Motorcade. He said I would like to have a big turnout for our City.

**Public Works Committee Report:** Councilmember Holder said everything is fine in the Public Works Department.

**Water/Sewer Committee Report:** Councilmember Jones said everything is going well in the water/sewer department and wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

**City Administrator Report:**

**Second reading, Occupational Tax Ordinance:** City Administrator asked the Clerk of Council to read the second reading of the occupational tax ordinance.

Clerk of Council read for the second reading of an ordinance to amend Chapter 22, Article II, of the code of ordinances of Garden City, Georgia, as amended, entitled "Occupational Taxes and Regulatory Fees" by defining therein the terms "Broker," "Freight Forwarder," "Leasing Company," "Motor Contract Carrier," and "Motor Common Carrier"; by changing the occupational schedule and tax cap; by clarifying the exempt status of motor common carriers under said article; by providing for interest at the monthly rate of 1.5 percent on delinquent occupational tax accounts; to repeal conflicting ordinances herewith; to provide an effective date; and for other purposes.

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Upon motion by Councilmember Jones, seconded by Councilmember Kicklighter, City Council voted unanimously to adopt the amendment to the occupational tax ordinance on the second reading.

**First Reading, Amendment to the Water & Sewer Rate Ordinance:** City Administrator asked the Clerk of Council to read the first reading of the amendment to the water & sewer rate ordinance.

Clerk of Council read for the first reading an ordinance to amend the Code of Ordinances of Garden City, Georgia, as amended, to authorize the Mayor and Council to enforce the collection of delinquent water rent, water charges and sewer service charges for water and sewer service furnished by the City through the issuance of executions against the property being furnished such service is being provided; to repeal all ordinances in conflict herewith; to provide an effective date; and for other purposes.

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

Councilmember Jones made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Holder, to suspend the rules of council to hold the second reading of the amendment to the water & sewer rate ordinance. City Council voted unanimously to suspend the rules of council and hold the second reading of the ordinance.

Clerk of Council read for the second reading an ordinance to amend the Code of Ordinances of Garden City, Georgia, as amended, to authorize the Mayor and Council to enforce the collection of delinquent water rent, water charges and sewer service charges for water and sewer service furnished by the City through the issuance of executions against the property being furnished such service is being provided; to repeal all ordinances in conflict herewith; to provide an effective date; and for other purposes.

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

**Resolution, Capital Improvements Element:** Clerk of Council read a resolution to submit the Capital Improvements Element to the Coastal Georgia Regional Development Center for the Regional and State review, as per the requirements of the Development Impact Fee Compliance Requirements.

Upon motion by Councilmember Kicklighter, seconded by Councilmember Holder, City Council voted unanimously vote to adopt the Capital Improvement Elements Resolution.

**Resolution, Renewal of Alcohol Licenses for 2009 Calendar Year:** Clerk of Council read a resolution to authorize renewal of alcohol licenses for those establishments denoted in "Exhibit A" for the 2009 calendar year; to provide for review and limited investigation of said license holders; and for other purposes.

Upon motion by Councilmember Kicklighter, seconded by Councilmember Holder, City Council voted unanimously to adopt the resolution renewing the alcohol licenses for the 2009 calendar year.

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**Garden City Convention and Visitors Bureau Authority FY09 Budget:** City Administrator said we have for consideration the FY09 Budget for the Garden City Convention and Visitors Bureau. He said staff recommends approval.

Upon motion by Councilmember Kicklighter, seconded by Councilmember Hall, City Council voted unanimously to accept the Garden City Convention and Visitors Bureau Authority's FY09 Budget.

**Resolution, Adoption of the FY09 Operating & Capital Budget:** Clerk of Council read a resolution to adopt the FY09 Operating and Capital Budgets; to provide appropriation of funds for operating and capital expenditures; and to appropriate funding for specific operating and capital funds of Garden City Government.

Upon motion by Councilmember Kicklighter, seconded by Councilmember Holder, City Council voted unanimously to adopt the FY09 Operating & Capital Budget resolution.

**Resolution, FY08 Budget Amendment:** Clerk of Council read 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 of the City's various budgets.

Upon motion by Councilmember Jones, seconded by Councilmember Hall, City Council voted unanimously to adopt the FY08 Budget Amendment resolution.

**Resolution, FY08 Budget Amendment:** Clerk of Council read a resolution to amend the FY08 SPLOST Capital Projects Fund to adjust for the differences between the originally budgeted and presently projected revenues and expenditures in order to fund expenditures for the new city hall.

Upon motion by Councilmember Jones, seconded by Councilmember Holder, City Council voted unanimously to adopt the FY08 Budget Amendment resolution.

**Resolution, Cancellation of December 15, 2008 City Council Meeting:** Clerk of Council read a resolution to amend the regular meeting schedule of the Garden City City Council; to eliminate the December 15, 2008 regular meeting of the City Council in observance of the Christmas season.

Upon motion by Councilmember Holder, seconded by Councilmember Jones, City Council voted unanimously to adopt the resolution canceling the December 15, 2008 city council meeting.

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

**Mayor Report:** Mayor Quinney wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

**Adjournment:** Upon motion by Councilmember Jones, seconded by Councilmember Hall, City Council voted unanimously to adjourn at 7:35 p.m.

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Andy Quinney, Mayor

(Absent)

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Judy Shuman, President of Council

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Bowen Jones, Councilmember

(Absent)

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Durward Motes, Councilmember

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Tennyson Holder, Mayor Pro-tem

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Gwyn Hall, Councilmember

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Bessie Kicklighter, Councilmember

(Absent)

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Misty Selph, Councilmember

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Rhonda Ferrell-Bowles  
Clerk of Council