

MINUTES

City Council Meeting

Monday, February 1, 2010 – 7:00 p.m.

Call to Order: Mayor Holder welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Devotional & Pledge of Allegiance: Councilmember Hall offered the opening prayer and Mayor Holder invited everyone to join in the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

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.

Roll Call:

Members Present: Mayor Tennyson Holder presided. City Council Members: Don Bethune, Gwyn Hall, Bowen Jones, Bessie Kicklighter, Durward Motes, Judy Shuman and Jimmy Spilliards.

Staff Present: Brian Johnson, City Manager; Rhonda Ferrell-Bowles, Clerk of Council; James P. Gerard, City Attorney; Clara Rouse, Finance Director; Pam Franklin, HR Director; Ben Brengman, IS/IT Director; Randall Griffin, Public Works Director; Charles Draeger, Water Operations Director; and Cliff Ducey, Parks & Recreation Director.

Staff Absent: David Lyons, Chief of Police; Jimmy Crosby, Fire Chief; and Nathan Mai-Lombardo, Planning Director.

Presentations:

Honorary Citizen: City Manager and Mayor Holder recognized Mr. Albert Bungard, County Engineer for his work on the Dean Forest Road widening project.

City Manager said Mr. Bungard has been instrumental in helping to achieve a design change that ensures the portion of Dean Forest Road running from in front of City Hall down to Sunshine Drive is created under an urban design. This portion of Dean Forest Road will look much like Victory Drive with a median, trees, landscaping, etc. He said we wanted to recognize Mr. Bungard for all he has done on this project.

Mr. Bungard said this project had a unique challenge. He said this project also will help the drainage problem in Southbridge and includes traffic signal installation at Dean Forest Road and Ogeechee Road. Mr. Bungard said I am glad I could be a part of this project and thanked City Council.

Resolution Renaming Wheathill Road to “Priscilla D. Thomas Way”: Mayor Holder presented Ms. Thomas with a resolution recognizing her service and dedication to the community.

Councilmember Hall said Ms. Thomas is a very special lady and I can’t think of anyone more deserving to have a street named after them.

City Manager said the renaming ceremony will be held on Saturday, February 13, 2010, at the corner of Wheathill Road and Highway 21.

Ms. Thomas thanked the Mayor and City Council and citizens of Garden City.

Resolution Renaming H&H Blvd. to “Quinney Way”: Mayor Holder said Andy could not be here tonight and read the resolution.

City Council Minutes: Upon motion by Councilmember Jones, seconded by Councilmember Bethune, City Council voted unanimously to approve the minutes dated January 19, 2010.

State of the City Address: City Manager gave the State of the City Address. **(See attached State of the City Address)**

Items for Consideration:

Mayor Pro-tem Appointment: Upon motion by Councilmember Kicklighter, seconded by Councilmember Hall, City Council voted unanimously to appoint Councilmember Judy Shuman as Mayor Pro-tem.

Adjournment: Upon motion by Councilmember Hall, seconded by Councilmember Jones, City Council voted unanimously to adjourn at 7:55 p.m.

Transcribed by Rhonda Ferrell-Bowles, Clerk of Council

Adopted: February 15, 2010