

## MINUTES

### City Council Meeting Monday, October 20, 2025 – 6:00 p.m.

**Call to Order:** Mayor Campbell called the meeting to order at approximately 6:00 p.m.

**Opening:** Mayor Campbell gave the invocation and led the City Council in the Pledge of Allegiance.

#### Roll Call

**City Council Members:** Mayor Bruce Campbell, Councilmember Gwyn Hall, Councilmember Natalyn Morris, Councilmember Debbie Ruiz and Councilmember Kim Tice. Councilmember Richard Lassiter arrived after Roll Call at approximately 6:05pm. Mayor Pro-Tem Marcia Daniel was absent.

**Staff Members:** Rhonda Ferrell-Bowles, City Manager; James P. Gerard, City Attorney; Gil Ballard, Police Chief; Cliff Ducey, Parks and Recreation Director; Tonya Roper, Clerk of Council; and Andrew Guzman, IT Tech.

**Informal Public Comment:** Given no comments, Mayor Campbell closed the section for informal public comment.

#### Public Hearings:

**Alcoholic Beverage License Application:** Receipt of public comment on an alcoholic beverage license application made by Na-Lea Gregory to sell wines, beer, and/or malt beverages at RaceTrac, Inc. (D/B/A) RaceTrac #2630, 1780 Dean Forest Road, Garden City, Georgia.

Given no comments in favor or in opposition, Mayor Campbell closed the section for the public hearing comments.

**City Council Minutes:** Councilmember Tice made a motion to approve the minutes from the October 6<sup>th</sup> Pre-Agenda session and City Council meeting minutes and the October 13<sup>th</sup> Workshop meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Ruiz and passes with Councilmember Morris, Councilmember Ruiz, Councilmember Tice and Mayor Campbell voting in favor of the motion. Councilmember Hall abstained from voting for the October 6<sup>th</sup> Pre-Agenda session and City Council meeting minutes due to absence. Councilmember Hall voted in favor of the October 13<sup>th</sup> workshop meeting minutes.

#### Items for Consideration:

**Resolution – Personnel Policy and Procedures (PTO Leave Policy Update Amendment) :** The Clerk of Council read the heading of a resolution by Mayor and Council approving to amend the City's Personnel Policy and Procedures Employment Manual adopted on October 6, 2025 to permit city employees on worker's compensation leave to use accrued paid-time off and paid critical leave to supplement worker's compensation benefits to the extent of the difference between the workers'

compensation payments and their average weekly wages be hereby changed from an effective date of January 1, 2026 to the date of the Resolution's passage on October 6, 2025.

Councilmember Morris made a motion to approve the resolution. Councilmember Hall seconded the motion, the motion passes with all voting in favor of the motion.

**Resolution – County-Wide Canal Maintenance Program Agreement:** The Clerk of Council read the heading of a resolution authorizing the City of Garden City to enter into an agreement with Chatham County for the continuance of the County-wide canal maintenance program to assist with maintaining the canals located in the city; to authorize the City Manager to execute the agreement; to provide an effective date; and for other purposes.

Councilmember Tice made a motion to approve the resolution. Councilmember Ruiz seconded the motion, the motion passes with all voting in favor of the motion.

**Resolution – BRW Construction Group, LLC Proposal Agreement (Wastewater Department):** The Clerk of Council read the heading of a resolution by Mayor and Council authorizing the City Manager to execute an agreement with BRW Construction Group, LLC in the amount of \$36,336.00 for an aerator bearing replacement to include labor, equipment and assembly parts at the city's Wastewater Treatment Plant facility.

Councilmember Hall made a motion to approve the resolution. Councilmember Tice seconded the motion, the motion passes with all voting in favor of the motion.

**Resolution – Write-Off of 2019 Utility Accounts Receivables Deemed Uncollectible:** The Clerk of Council read the heading of a resolution by the Mayor and City Council authorizing the write-off of the 2019 utility accounts (bad debt) totaling \$42,795.83 that staff has identified as outside of the statute of limitations of recovery (older than six years) and therefore deemed uncollectible.

Councilmember Hall made a motion to approve the resolution. Councilmember Morris seconded the motion, the motion passes with all voting in favor of the motion.

**Alcoholic Beverage License Application:** The Clerk of Council read the heading for Consideration by Mayor and Council of an alcoholic beverage license application made by Na-Lea Gregory to sell wines, beer, and/or malt beverages at RaceTrac, Inc. (D/B/A) RaceTrac #2630, 1780 Dean Forest Road, Garden City, Georgia.

Chief Ballard confirmed the application as complete.

Councilmember Morris made a motion to approve the alcoholic beverage license application for 1780 Dean Forest Road. Councilmember Hall seconded the motion, the motion passes with all voting in favor of the motion.

**Resolution – MCCI, LLC Laserfiche Records Management Agreement:** The Clerk of Council read the heading of a resolution authorizing the execution of a master services agreement by and between Garden City, Georgia, and MCCI, LLC for Laserfiche records management software and services.

Mayor Campbell called for a motion to table the resolution for the MCCL, LLC Laserfiche records management agreement.

Councilmember Morris made a motion to table the resolution until the November 3<sup>rd</sup> Council meeting. Councilmember Tice seconded the motion, the vote passes with all voting in favor of the motion.

**Adjournment:** Councilmember Ruiz made a motion to adjourn at approximately 6:07pm. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Morris and passed without opposition.

*Transcribed & submitted by: The Clerk of Council  
Accepted & approved by: The City Council on 11-3-25*