

**City of Bowdon
Mayor and Council Meeting
January 12, 2015
7:15PM**

I.-IV. Agenda Items:

The Mayor and City Council met during a regular session on Monday, January 12th, 2015, in the Mayor and Council Chambers, 136 City Hall Avenue, Bowdon Georgia. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Keith Crawford at 7:15PM. Roll call was conducted by City Clerk Susan Pierce.

Members present: Mayor Keith Crawford
Mayor Pro-tem Wes McEntyre
Councilmember Marty Johnson
Councilmember Jan Johnson
Councilmember Jim Chaffin

Staff present: City Manager Bobby Elliott
Police Chief Mark Brock
City Clerk Susan Pierce
Main Street Director Jan Lloyd

The Invocation was led by Councilmember Jan Johnson, and was followed with the Pledge of Allegiance.

V. Approval of Minutes:

Minutes of Mayor & Council Meeting of December 8th, 2014 were read and presented for approval.
Motion by Mayor Pro-tem Wes McEntyre to approve the minutes; second by Councilmember Jim Chaffin; motion carried unanimously.

VI. Public Comment

There were no public comments.

VII. Business Session

- A. Mayor Crawford announced that Wes McEntyre was stepping down from the position of Mayor Pro-tem. The Mayor then appointed Councilmember Jim Chaffin as new Mayor Pro-tem.
- B. Freedom/Veteran's Park property acquisition – Mayor Keith Crawford abstained from any discussion and vote due to his mother-in-law being the only surviving member of the Bowdon Women's Club, which currently owns the property. Mayor Pro-tem Chaffin asked the City Manager for a brief review. Bobby confirmed that the survey was completed and the Quit Claim Deed was ready to execute. He also stated that utility locates were completed, and that he will meet with the Sprig-n-Dig Garden Club to discuss possible design revisions due to the location of the utility lines.
Motion by Councilmember Marty Johnson to approve the property acquisition; second by Councilmember Wes McEntyre; motion carried unanimously.
- C. Resolution to update DDA bank signature cards – Mayor Crawford presented the resolution to update bank signature cards with all current Council members as well as the City Manager authorized to sign; each check to require two signatures.

Motion by Councilmember Wes McEntyre to approve updating signature cards; second by Councilmember Jan Johnson; motion carried unanimously.

- D. Alcohol license renewals – LocoMex, Bowdon Kwick Shop, Magnificent Group, Patel Food Mart, Blue Diamond Business, Brown’s Package Store. Council asked Chief Brock if there had been any negative issues with any of these businesses; he stated there had been a couple of reports of sales to minors but no proof to file charges. Also request for Special Use Permit for Main Street to serve alcohol for their February 7 fundraiser, Mardis Gras at RSVP, to serve under the license issued to LocoMex. Main Street Director Jan Lloyd also asked if the fee for the Special Use Permit could be waived, since it would be a City event.

Motion by Mayor Pro-tem Jim Chaffin to approve above requested alcohol license renewals as well as the Special Use Permit with the fee waived; second by Councilmember Wes McEntyre; Councilmember Jan Johnson abstained; motion carried.

- E. CDBG 2014 – Bobby confirmed there were four bids received for the sewer rehab project; the low bidder was Insituform. They also did the work on our last sewer project and did a good job. Gresham, Smith and Partners, our engineering firm, recommended that we go with Insituform’s bid for the contract

Motion by Councilmember Wes McEntyre to approve the choice and acceptance of the contract bid from Insituform; second by Mayor Pro-tem Jim Chaffin; motion carried unanimously.

Councilmember McEntyre inquired about maps of the work area(s) for the project; Bobby said he will get copies to the Council members. He also said the contracts would be coming within the next week for official signatures.

- F. Police vehicle purchase – Bobby reminded Mayor and Council of the recommendation of Hardy Chevrolet for the purchase of the new police vehicles since they currently have the State contract. We will be ordering 2 Tahoe’s at \$28,425 each and 2 Caprices at \$26,500 each, for a total of \$109,850. They will be black, and it will take about 12 weeks for the dealership to get them in. Wes McEntyre expressed his appreciation to George Chambers for his involvement in helping to secure the funds from the County which allowed for the purchase of these vehicles.

Motion by Councilmember Wes McEntyre to approve police vehicle purchase as presented; second by Councilmember Marty Johnson; motion carried unanimously.

- G. Worker’s Compensation renewal – Bobby presented the renewal quotes and recommended going back with Key Risk. We will be saving approximately \$4172.00 on our annual premium.

Motion by Councilmember Wes McEntyre to approve renewal as presented; second by Councilmember Marty Johnson; motion carried unanimously.

- H. City Manager reports – included in agenda items.

- I. Department reports – no discussion; Council said it was good information and very informative.

VIII. Financial Session

- A. General Fund Financial Reports were provided to Mayor and Council. We have received a check from the County for December Property Tax collections in the amount of \$106,291.64, and a check from the County Commission for Recreation Department participation in the amount of \$50,262.91.

- B. Property Tax Unpaid Balance Summary was included in the Council packages

- C. Mayor Crawford noted that the cash balances as of 01/09/2015 were included with the packages.

At this time, Mayor Crawford asked for a motion to move into Executive Session to discuss a real estate matter.

Motion by Councilmember Wes McEntyre to move into Executive Session; second by Councilmember Jan Johnson; motion carried unanimously.

IX. Executive Session

Motion by Councilmember Wes McEntyre to move out of Executive Session; second by Mayor Pro-tem Jim Chaffin; motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Councilmember Jan Johnson to approve update and renewal of lease agreement between the City of Bowdon and Tommy Messer, Bowdon Hardware; second by Councilmember Marty Johnson; motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Councilmember Wes McEntyre to adjourn Council meeting; second by Mayor Pro-tem Jim Chaffin; motion carried unanimously.

X. Adjournment

Mayor Keith Crawford

City Clerk Susan Pierce