

**City of Bowdon
Mayor and Council Meeting
November 10, 2014
7:15PM**

I.-IV. Agenda Items:

The Mayor and City Council met during a regular session on Monday, November 10th, 2014, 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. Keith recognized Winston Jones from the Times-Georgian and thanked him for the article about the new police equipment we will be purchasing. 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: Interim City Manager Mike Jackson
Police Chief Mark Brock
City Clerk Susan Pierce

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

V. Approval of Minutes:

Minutes of Mayor & Council Meeting of October 13th, 2014 were read and presented for approval. Motion by Councilmember Jim Chaffin to approve the minutes; second by Councilmember Marty Johnson; motion carried unanimously.

VI. Public Comment

- A. Peggy Sikes handed out a list of City of Bowdon committee/commission members "to help others serve". She also had a list of items under "Cities of Ethics". She related it to city employee positions and job descriptions.
- B. Miss Fannie Sullivan said we are doing a good job.
- C. Betty Jane Landers and Sherry Scales, representing the Sprig-n-Dig Garden Club, asked about Freedom Park. They said they have the 58 military memorial bricks that were sold ready to be engraved and laid in the park. They have a plan for redesigning the park layout. Keith said that the survey of the property was completed on Friday, and we are just waiting on the city attorney to draw up the deed transfer. Jan Johnson remarked that the marker there now was originally in the center, and the plan puts it back in the original location. Sherry said that the people who had bought the bricks were anxious for them to be installed.

- D. Colonel Hitt said the flags around town for Veteran's Day tomorrow look good.

VII. Business Session

- A. City Manager Mike Jackson gave an update on delinquent water bill collections, noting that he is pleased with the progress we are making. He also said that he has enjoyed being here in Bowdon. His last day will be November 26, the day before Thanksgiving.
- B. Department reports were reviewed; Jan asked if the pump at the sewer plant was repaired, and was informed that yes, repairs had been made.
- C. Financial Policy – updated from last meeting. Two other changes were recommended – on page four, first sentence, strike “and elected official” from the verbiage. Also on page four, strike the paragraph titled “Unreserved Fund Balance”.
Motion by Councilmember Jan Johnson to approve Financial Policy as presented, with the two changes noted above; second by Councilmember Marty Johnson; motion carried unanimously.
- D. Purchasing Policy – updated from last meeting.
Motion by Councilmember Jan Johnson to approve Purchasing Policy as presented; second by Councilmember Marty Johnson; motion carried unanimously.
- E. Selection and approval of new City Manager – final two candidates are Bobby C. Elliott and Johnny Williams. Council has interviewed each candidate, and has decided to offer the position to Bobby Elliott. The City Attorney has composed a contract between the City of Bowdon and Mr. Elliott, which includes an annual salary of \$70,000 and a monthly car allowance of \$300.
Motion by Councilmember Marty Johnson to approve hiring Bobby C. Elliott as the new City Manager; second by Councilmember Jim Chaffin; motion carried unanimously.
Motion by Councilmember Jim Chaffin to approve contract between the City of Bowdon and new City Manager Bobby Elliott; second by Councilmember Jan Johnson; motion carried unanimously.

At this time, Mayor Crawford introduced Bobby Elliott, who gave a brief speech thanking the Council for the opportunity to serve the City of Bowdon. Bobby's first day will be December 1st.

VIII. Financial Session:

- A. Council reviewed the General Fund Statement of Revenues and Expenditures. It was suggested that the report be broken down by department and sub-totaled. Mike also suggested that the last column reflect the budget percentage expended instead of remaining.
- B. Council next reviewed the Property Tax Unpaid Balance Summary. We have not received a check from the County as of yet, but it should be around \$50,000.

- C. Mayor Crawford noted that the cash balances as of 11/07/2014 were included with the packages.

At this time, Mayor Crawford asked if there was any other business; there being none, he asked for a motion to adjourn.

Motion by Mayor Pro-tem McEntyre to adjourn Council Meeting; second by Councilmember Marty Johnson; motion carried unanimously.

X. Adjournment

Mayor Keith Crawford

City Clerk Susan Pierce