

**City of Bowdon  
Mayor and Council Meeting  
December 8, 2014  
7:15PM**

**I.-IV. Agenda Items:**

The Mayor and City Council met during a regular session on Monday, December 8<sup>th</sup>, 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. 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

The Invocation was led by Mayor Pro-tem Wes McEntyre, and was followed with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**V. Approval of Minutes:**

Minutes of Mayor & Council Meeting of November 10<sup>th</sup>, 2014 were read and presented for approval. Mayor Crawford stated that he had spoken to Sherry Scales about the Freedom Park request, and said that it would be on the January agenda.

Motion by Councilmember Jim Chaffin to approve the minutes; second by Mayor Pro-tem Wes McEntyre; motion carried unanimously.

**VI. Public Comment**

There were no public comments.

**VII. Business Session**

- A. City Manager Bobby Elliott said he met with Department Heads individually and as a group last week. He also said we were continuing to make progress on the delinquent water bills. Bobby then noted that we still have a pump out at the Waste Water Plant, but it is a tandem pump, so we are okay until the repairs can be made.
- B. Bobby next reported on the status of the 2015 LMIG grant. He has the application ready to submit; it needs to be approved by Council. Mayor Pro-tem McEntyre asked if the funds were just for E. College Street. Bobby said that the 2014 LMIG would cover the other areas needing repair. Councilmember Marty Johnson asked where the money for the City's part would come from; Bobby said we could include it in our next budget. Councilmember Jan Johnson noted that the improvement recommendation came from the Main Street Design Committee, working with Tim Keeton on the repairs needed for the safety of pedestrians. Bobby said there were several areas where the money could be used, but the sidewalks were the first priority.

Motion by Councilmember Chaffin to approve the 2015 LMIG application; second by Councilmember Marty Johnson; motion carried unanimously.

- C. Bobby informed Council that we had received the renewal quotes from Humana for our employee health insurance. He and Susan had gone over the options, and recommended Option 3, which is the closest to our current coverage and cost.  
Motion by Councilmember Marty Johnson to approve health insurance renewal; second by Councilmember Jan Johnson; motion carried unanimously.
- D. Alcohol license renewals – Bowdon Piggly Wiggly, Discount Food Mart, Las Palomas Restaurant, Raging Bull Steaks & Wings, and Rite-Aid Discount Pharmacy. Council asked Chief Brock if there had been any negative issues with any of these businesses; he verified there were none.  
Motion by Mayor Pro-tem McEntyre to approve above requested alcohol license renewals; second by Councilmember Marty Johnson; motion carried unanimously.
- E. Department Reports – Mayor Crawford asked if there were any questions about the reports from the Department Heads. Councilmember Jan Johnson asked if the Library could include the circulation and participation numbers with their report, and if the Recreation Department could include the rental fees received for the Senior Center, Copeland Hall and the Gymnastics Center. Bobby said we will ask for them to be included.

#### **VIII. Financial Session:**

- A. Our new accountant, Rick Hartley, was present to answer questions about the format and content of the financial reports from the system. He noted that the Property Tax had been over-inflated, so he hoped some of the expenditures had been, also. We may need a budget amendment in order to have more realistic numbers.
- B. Council next reviewed the Property Tax Unpaid Balance Summary. We should be receiving a large check in January.
- C. Mayor Crawford noted that the cash balances as of 12/05/2014 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**

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Mayor Keith Crawford

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City Clerk Susan Pierce