

**City of Bowdon**  
**Mayor and Council Meeting**  
**September 8, 2014**  
**7:17 PM**

The Mayor and City Council met during the regular city council session on Monday, September 8, 2014, in the Mayor and Council chambers, 136 City Hall Avenue, Bowdon, Georgia. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Keith Crawford at 7:15 PM. Roll call was conducted by Cindy Inman.

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

**Staff present:** City Manager Mike Jackson  
Library Director Cindy Inman  
Cultural Arts Director Jan Lloyd  
Police Officer Buell Biggers  
Police Officer Andy Ritchie

Mayor Keith Crawford stated a Remembrance Walk would be held Thursday, September 11, 2014. The walk would begin at The Meeting Place and end at Freedom Park, where a proclamation would be read commemorating 9/11. Also Thursday, a book signing by Fannie Sullivan would be held at the Bowdon Library at 10:30.

Councilmember Jan Johnson opened the meeting with an invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Crawford introduced the Interim City Manager Mike Jackson.

Minutes of Mayor and Council meeting of August 11, 2014 were read and presented for approval. Motion by Mayor Pro-tem Wes McEntyre to approve; second by Councilmember Jim Chaffin; motion carried unanimously.

**Business Session:**

Mignon Wessinger requested the Historic Preservation Commission establish a Local Historic District. This district would help protect local historic sites starting with West College Street and the downtown sites. This would be an advantage to home owners and businesses. No action would be needed from the council.

City Manager Mike Jackson reported on the status of delinquent water bills. City Manager Jackson stated there was a total of approximately \$52,000.00 of unpaid water bills. He stated that letters had been sent to customers that had the largest water bills and as of September 9, \$19,000.00 had been collected in delinquent bills. City Manager requested permission and support from the council to continue this collection process. Councilmember Jim Chaffin made a motion to support this process and Mayor Pro-tem Wes McEntyre seconded; motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Crawford presented an updated Memorandum of Understanding with Carroll County Board of Education for the use of the old gym at the Elementary School. The only change was line item 2, stating the Carroll County Board of Education will maintain the utilities in their name. Mayor Pro Tem Wes McEntyre expressed concern about the vagueness of the document. Councilmember Marty Johnson made a motion to accept the MOU from Carroll County Board of Education; Councilmember Jan Johnson seconded; motion carried 3-1 with Mayor Pro-tem Wes McEntyre opposed.

Mayor Crawford brought to the Council's attention the commercial property lease of Tommy Messer for city property on North Carroll Street. Mr. Messer has been leasing this property since 2007 but the lease expired in 2010. Councilmember Jan Johnson expressed a desire to further look into this property. Councilmember Jan Johnson made a motion to table discussion of this item until executive session; Councilmember Marty Johnson seconded the motion; motion carried unanimously.

BAUCM Board accepted the amended Memorandum of Understanding for use of the cafeteria at the Primary School. No action from the council is needed. Councilmember Jan Johnson has concerns about security and suggested an inventory of equipment in the buildings.

Mayor Crawford announced the City of Bowdon had received a 2014 CDBG grant in the amount of \$500,000.00. This grant will tie in Highway 100, Rome Street, Eason Street, T Street and Angela Avenue to the wastewater treatment plant. Construction should begin in early 2015.

#### **Public comment**

Mayor Pro Tem Wes McEntyre expressed the council's condolences to Mayor Keith Crawford in the passing of David Roop.

Fannie Sullivan thanked everyone for the support of her book "Love Lifted Me". She hopes to help the Senior Citizen program and BAUCM.

Mayor Keith Crawford thanked Paul Jarrell for his work on Bowdon's Comprehensive Plan along with committee members Jan Johnson, Jan Lloyd, Kathie Holz, Mignon Wessinger, Matt McCord, and Carolyn Crawford.

Mayor Pro-tem Wes McEntyre made a motion to adjourn into executive session; Councilmember Jan Johnson seconded; motion carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned.

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Keith Crawford, Mayor

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Susan Pierce, City Clerk