

**City of Bowdon
Mayor and Council Meeting
July 14, 2014
7:15PM**

I.-IV. Agenda Items:

The Mayor and City Council met during a regular session on Monday, July 14th, 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 Jimmy Meigs Police Chief Mark Brock
City Clerk Susan Pierce

The Invocation was led by Councilmember Jan Johnson, and was followed with the Pledge of Allegiance. Mayor Crawford then recognized a special guest, Paul Jarrell, from Three Rivers Regional Commission, who will be helping with the update of Bowdon's Comprehensive Plan.

V. Approval of Minutes:

Minutes of Mayor & Council Meeting of June 9th, 2014 and June 17th, 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. Business Session

- A. Jimmy Meigs presented the list of appointments for the Comprehensive Plan Committee, which includes Kathy Holz, Jan Johnson, Mignon Wessinger, Jan Lloyd, Matt McCord, Carolyn Crawford and Jimmy Meigs. Wes asked about the number of committee members; Paul Jarrell said whatever is applicable to your city would work as long as they represent a broad spectrum of the community, so our seven members should be fine. Paul also added that he would be helping with the planning during the process of updating the Comprehensive Plan. Keith asked when the update was due, and Paul said October of this year, but the committee needs to submit it for review at the September Council meeting. Part of the information to include is a list of projects for the next 5 years (as well as the 20-year list).

Mayor Pro-tem Wes McEntyre made a motion to accept the recommendation tember/Mayor Pro-tem Wes McEntyre seconded the motion. The vote to accept was unanimous.

- B. Update on Comprehensive Plan: City Manager Jimmy Meigs stated that the 5-year update on the 2008-2028 Comprehensive Plan is due in October. The first public hearing will be Tuesday, May 27, 2014 at 5:30 pm in the City Hall Council Chambers. This hearing is the first step in the

process of completing the update. Three Rivers Regional Commission is assisting with the process. Mignon Wessinger, Chairman of the Planning Commission, stated that land use maps are available. She also said that in 2007, the Planning Commission revised the Downtown District, which now includes Bowdon Station, and that the Comprehensive Plan references the Historic Downtown District as one section to promote a pedestrian-friendly environment by improving and adding sidewalks.

- C. The Bowdon Hospital Authority submitted their recommendations for appointments – Mike Steed, Beverly Chaffin and Marty Johnson all agreed to extend their service to another term. Motion by Mayor Pro-tem McEntyre to approve appointments; second by Councilmember Jan Johnson; motion carried unanimously, with Councilmember Marty Johnson abstaining from the vote since he is one of the Authority members.

- D. The Bowdon Development Authority submitted their recommendation of Pat Hannon to serve on the Authority. Motion by Councilmember Jan Johnson to approve appointment; second by Mayor Pro-tem Wes McEntyre, motion carried unanimously.

VII. Financial Session:

- A. City Manager Meigs reported that he has checked with 2 local banks concerning a possible Tax Anticipation Note (TAN). BB&T is offering a rate of 1.17%, with a \$2500 fee (normally \$5000). He has not yet heard from Community and Southern Bank. He did say that based on the numbers from the last 2 years, he thinks we can get by without a TAN this year. Mayor Crawford said that we still have another month in the budget process, so we have time to obtain one if necessary.

- B. Mayor Crawford stated that the cash balances were included in the Council packages.

VIII. Public Comment:

Mignon Wessinger, 218 E. College Street, spoke concerning the possible sale of the old Grammar School property. She said she still lives in the house where she grew up, and she personally knows the Mayor and Council members. She said that she has always lived in a mixed-use neighborhood, but she is disturbed and broken-hearted by the possible use of the property. She said she always thought Bowdon would be a great place to grow old, but now she is not so sure. She thinks it is a bad plan not just for her but for the City.

Bill Sikes, who owns rental property at 600 Wedowee Street, said that he is a very “detailed” person, and wants to know why the City of Bowdon website is not more like the Carroll County website, which has details on checks, SPLOST 2015, etc. Mayor Crawford explained that we had updated the website last year, but with City Hall running on a skeleton crew, it limits what we can do at this time. He also reassured Mr. Sikes that Bowdon does receive monthly SPLOST checks from the County.

Miss Fannie Sullivan spoke next, saying Bowdon is a good place for seniors to grow old. She said citizens should not “lose hope”.

At this time, Mayor Crawford asked that Council move into Executive Session to discuss real estate matters.

Motion by Mayor Pro-tem McEntyre to enter into Executive Session; second by Councilmember Marty Johnson; motion carried unanimously.

IX. Executive Session.

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

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

X. Adjournment

Mayor Keith Crawford

City Clerk Susan Pierce