

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

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

The Mayor and City Council met during a regular session on Monday, March 10<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

Absent: 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.

**V. Approval of Minutes:**

Minutes of Mayor & Council Meeting of February 10<sup>th</sup>, 2014 were read and presented for approval. Motion by Mayor Pro-tem Wes McEntyre to approve; second by Councilmember Marty Johnson; motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Crawford at this time gave an update on the buzzard discussion from last month's meeting. He shared some information he obtained from Leif Stephens, Certified Wildlife Biologist with the USDA APHIS Wildlife Services School of Forestry and Natural Resources at the University of Georgia.

**VI. Business Session:**

- A. Mayor Crawford presented a request from the Bowdon Hospital Authority for a replacement to serve the unexpired term of the late Ray Garrett. The Hospital Authority asked that Bonnie Smith McManus be considered for appointment to the unexpired 3 year term, which continues through April 2015.

Motion by Councilmember Marty Johnson to approve recommendation; second by Mayor Pro-tem McEntyre; motion carried unanimously.

- B. Mayor Crawford presented a request for a replacement to serve the unexpired term of Jan R. Johnson on the Ethics Committee. Ms. Johnson resigned her position upon qualification and election to the City of Bowdon Ward 1 City Council Seat. The mayor and Ethics Committee

recommended Mr. Ed Rowell be considered for appointment to the unexpired 5 year term, which continues through April 2017.

Motion by Councilmember Marty Johnson to approve recommendation; second by Mayor Pro-tem McEntyre; motion carried unanimously.

- C. Jan Lloyd, Cultural Arts/Copeland Hall Director and Main Street Director, presented a slide show and brief report on the Main Street Program. Bowdon was recently approved for inclusion in the program, which is housed in the State Office of Downtown Development through the Department of Community Affairs. Bowdon's downtown area is important because it has the highest concentration of small businesses and historic buildings. The Main Street Program is a great way to work with the State to bring improvements to small town downtown areas. Jan, along with several other Bowdon citizens (including Councilmember Jan Johnson), recently attended training classes on the Main Street Program. Councilmember Johnson said she enjoyed the training and was excited about the Program.

#### **VII. Financial Session:**

- A. Mayor Crawford stated that the Financial Report as of January 31, 2014 was included in the Council packages. City Manager Jimmy Meigs reported that we had received more Property Tax money from the County. He also said that the total projected revenue from property taxes was a little high, so we may not meet the projected revenue that we budgeted for. This is also partially due to the fact that we did not raise taxes and we had a decrease in the LOST revenue.
- B. The cash balances as of March 10, 2014 were included in the Council packages.

#### **VIII. Public Comment:**

1. Miss Fannie Sullivan expressed her continued support of Bowdon and her appreciation for the historical significance of the area. She mentioned she is writing a book about Bowdon. The Mayor said he would like to have a copy when it is finished.
2. Logan Jackson said that Gubernatorial Candidate David Pennington enjoyed his visit to Bowdon on March 1. He said Mr. Pennington loved Bowdon and that this was the type of city he thinks about when discussing small towns in Georgia. He may be coming back later to tour the City, and he is also interested in the Main Street Program.
3. Bill Sikes, who owns a property at 600 Wedowee Street, said he would like to review the minutes from previous Council meetings to avoid bringing up subjects that may have already been discussed. He is also interested in getting new industries in Bowdon, and would like to have a copy of the zoning map.
4. Peggy Sikes said she would also like to read the minutes for the last 5 years. She also asked if the Council meetings were recorded or video-taped. Logan Jackson asked if the minutes were posted on the website, and was informed that we are in process of getting them posted.

At this time, Mayor Crawford asked that Council move into Executive Session.

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

**IX. Executive Session.**

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

Subsequent to advice from City Attorney David Mecklin, Mayor Crawford asked for a motion authorizing him to sign the settlement agreement and deed of dedication for ownership of the pipes on the Rite-Aid property.

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

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

**X. Adjournment**

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Mayor Keith Crawford

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City Clerk Susan Pierce