

**City of Bowdon**  
**Mayor and Council Meeting**  
**January 13, 2014**  
**7:15PM**

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

The Mayor and City Council met during a regular session on Monday, January 13<sup>th</sup>, 2013, 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 Jim Chaffin  
Councilmember Marty Johnson  
Councilmember Jan Johnson

Staff present: City Manager Jimmy Meigs Police Chief Mark Brock  
City Clerk Susan Pierce

The Invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance were led by Jim Chaffin.

**V. Approval of Minutes:**

Minutes of Mayor & Council Meeting of December 9<sup>th</sup>, 2013 were read and presented for approval.  
Motion by Mayor Pro-tem Wes McEntyre to approve; second by Councilmember Marty Johnson; motion carried unanimously.

**VI. Business Session:**

- A. Mayor Crawford presided over the swearing in of newly elected council members Marty Johnson and Jan Johnson, and presented each with a framed certificate of their Oath of Office.
- B. City Manager Meigs gave an update on recent transactions conducted on behalf of the City. The TAN which was obtained last summer was paid in full on 12/31/13. The regular payment for the 1980 Bond came out of the bank account on 1/2/14. The new CDGB resolution for sewer rehabilitation is ready; Public Hearings have been held, studies of the areas have been conducted, and environmental reviews have been completed. Council just needs to adopt the resolution for applying for the grant. The grant writers are pleased, and a copy of the source and use of funds has been included. Mayor Crawford added that the areas benefitting from the rehabilitation include Angela Avenue, Ben Perkins Drive, North Carroll Street, Rome Street and Woodridge Drive.

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

- C. Mayor Crawford presented the Resolution to add a vote for Sunday Alcohol Sales in the City of Bowdon to the next election ballot in May. Several local convenience store owners had requested the resolution at the last Council Meeting, and have provided written requests for the issue to be added to the ballot because of the possibility of Carroll County also adding the option to their ballot. Mayor Pro-tem McEntyre stated that he understood the petition was predicated by Carroll County putting it on the May ballot, which still has not been decided. He understands that it could create an economic disparity if the County does include it on the ballot and it passes. It is possible, if the decision is made by February, that the County will have it on the May ballot. If not, the resolution will have to wait until the November ballot.

Motion by Mayor Pro-tem McEntyre to table vote on the resolution pending the County's decision; second by Councilmember Marty Johnson; motion to table approved unanimously.

- D. Two businesses requested Alcohol License renewals – Blue Diamond Business (Bowdon Mini Mart) and Magnificent Group (Food Express/BP). Chief Mark Brock said he knew of no problems with either store's operations.

Motion by Mayor Pro-tem McEntyre to approve the alcohol license renewals; second by Councilmember Jim Chaffin; motion carried unanimously.

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

- A. 2014 Budget Amendments – Two amendments were recommended by our auditor and accountant: One for \$8993 in the General Fund to account for a grant received by the Police Department to purchase a new Intoxilyzer, and the second for \$128,144 to account for a CDBG grant received in water/sewer revenue and expenses for sewer rehabilitation.

Motion by Mayor Pro-tem McEntyre to approve both budget amendments; second by Councilmember Jim Chaffin; motion carried unanimously.

- B. Mayor Crawford stated that the Financial Report as of November 30, 2013 was included in the Council packages. City Manager Meigs said that all was as expected.

- C. Mayor Crawford also stated that the cash balances as of January 10, 2014 were included in the Council packages.

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

- A. Sally Ann Circle petition – Amanda Preston, along with a group of residents from Sally Ann Circle, presented a petition requesting action be taken to rectify the situation at 462 Sally Ann Circle. The list of complaints includes clutter, unsanitary conditions, livestock (miniature horse) and child neglect. City Manager Meigs noted that the City had already issued a nuisance letter to the residents concerning the unsanitary conditions; he also stated that the child neglect issue had to be handled by the Department of Family and Child Services, not the City. Chief Brock mentioned that a citation had already been written concerning the horse, and that the residents would be in tomorrow night's court session to answer the citation. The residents cleaned the yard up after the City sent the original letter, but they have allowed things to accumulate once again. One resident asked if there was a way to make them keep it clean, but according to the City ordinance, we would just have to keep sending letters each time they allow conditions to deteriorate. Another resident said that the people kept their car running all night, and it was believed to be because they slept in their vehicle.

When asked if the City Ordinance could be changed, Wes said the Planning Commission would have to change the ordinance. Mayor Crawford told the group that they could call the City Manager for updates on what was being done about the situation. He then thanked the residents for their concern and comments, and encouraged them to let justice work through the municipal court system.

- B. Miss Fannie Sullivan spoke, saying she understood what the residents are going through, and said that all citizens have to learn to get along with each other and work together.

Mr. Robert Richardson said he hopes the Sunday alcohol sales does not pass, because he thinks some of the stores sell beer on Sunday anyway.

Carol Theune asked what the status of the Main Street Program is. Jimmy told her that Jan Lloyd has already started training this month for the program.

Mayor Crawford reported that the City has a 5-year update of our 20-year Comprehensive Plan due in October to Three Rivers Regional Commission.

Amanda Preston asked if the City could install a neighborhood watch sign at the entrance to Sally Ann Circle to help deter crime.

Mayor Crawford next read a letter to the Council from a couple who was helped by Officer Sam Short on Christmas Eve. They praised the courteous and helpful service they received from him, and wanted the City to know that they appreciated such kind assistance from the Police Department. Mayor Crawford also said that Mark and his staff do a good job, and that the City takes all comments seriously.

At this time, Mayor Crawford asked if there was any further business. There being none, he requested the meeting be adjourned.

Motion by Mayor Pro-tem Wes McEntyre to adjourn; second by Councilmember Jimmy Chaffin; motion carried unanimously.

#### **IX. Meeting adjourned.**

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Mayor Keith Crawford

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City Clerk Susan Pierce