

**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 14<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 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 9<sup>th</sup>, 2014 and June 17<sup>th</sup>, 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 list of Comprehensive Plan Committee Appointments; Councilmember Jim Chaffin seconded the motion. Councilmember Jan Johnson abstained from the vote since she will be one of the Committee members. The vote to accept was unanimous.

- B. Council reviewed the Memorandum of Understanding drawn up by City Attorney David Mecklin between the City and the BAUCM. The purpose of the MOU is to lease the old cafeteria building with three classrooms to the BAUCM for use in serving the Bowdon and surrounding communities. Wes asked about the terms of the lease, and was reminded that Jessica Reynolds from the GA DCA said we could not lease it for 25 years, which was the original request. The terms will be 3 years at a rate of \$1 per year. Eddie Holz, director of BAUCM, said the BAUCM board was meeting this Thursday, and would review and sign the MOU, which will then be brought back to Council.

*Motion by Councilmember Jan Johnson to approve the MOU between the City and the BAUCM; second by Mayor Pro-tem Wes McEntyre; motion approved unanimously.*

- C. Council reviewed the Memorandum of Understanding between the City and the Carroll County Board of Education for use of the old Gymnasium at Bowdon Elementary School. The County was going to tear it down since they built a new one, but the City requested it be left intact so that they could use it. Robert L. Thomas at the Recreation Department will be using it for after-school programs as well as extra space for basketball, etc. Marty mentioned that it was a nice gym, and it would be a shame for the County to tear it down. Keith said the City's liability policy would cover activities held at the gym. Jan and Wes asked about costs, such as utilities and personnel. Jimmy said the utilities would not be that much, and there would be no extra personnel, just more space for them to work in.

*Motion by Councilmember Marty Johnson to approve the MOU between the City and the Carroll County Board of Education; second by Councilmember Jim Chaffin; motion carried by 3-1 vote, with Mayor Pro-tem Wes McEntyre voting in opposition.*

- D. Council discussed the Tax Digest sent by Carroll County. Jimmy said this digest was based on numbers from the County tax valuations. The millage rate is set to be 8.66%, which is the same as the last five years. Wes said he was glad the millage rate did not have to be raised, and Keith reminded him that it was not decided yet. We will have to advertise the digest, and then vote on it at the next Council meeting on August 11, 2014.

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

- A. Keith noted that the Financial Reports as of May 31, 2014 were included in the Council packages. Jimmy said that the General Fund looked to be ahead by about \$50,000 in revenue over expenditures, and the Water Fund looked to be ahead by about \$100,000 in revenue over expenditures.
- B. Mayor Crawford stated that the cash balances were also included in the Council packages.

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

Paul Aust from the Bowdon Historical Society spoke about the upcoming Founder's Day celebration, which will be August 1-2. He said that Carroll County Magazine listed Founder's Day

as one of the major activities in Carroll County each year. He also announced that our Recreation Department Director, Robert L. Thomas, has been chosen for "Citizen of the Year", and will ride in the parade. This year's Grand Marshalls are Jim and Judy Rowell.

Keith said he was glad that the Historic Preservation Committee and Senator Mike Dugan had worked together in honoring the late Colonel L. E. Witt Jr. for his years of service in Bowdon, as well as his Distinguished Service as an Army pilot during World War II. Mignon Wessinger, a member of the Historic Preservation Committee, informed Council that Mr. Johnnie Huey also worked hard on this project. Colonel Witt's son, Jim, gave Johnnie all of his dad's paperwork, describing his missions during the war. The ceremony to honor Colonel Witt will be held at 11:00 am on August 2 in Veteran's Park.

Miss Fannie Sullivan spoke next, saying she sees a difference in the attitudes of the people of Bowdon, with everyone seeming to get along with each other and having hope. She also brought a preliminary copy of her book about her memories and the history of Bowdon.

At this time, Mayor Pro-tem McEntyre asked that Council move into Executive Session to discuss personnel matters.

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

#### **IX. Executive Session.**

At this time, Administrative Staff were also asked to leave the Session. Record of following motions received from Mayor Keith Crawford.

Motion by Councilmember Jim Chaffin to move out of Executive Session; second by Councilmember Jan Johnson; motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Councilmember Marty Johnson to adjourn Council Meeting; second by Councilmember Jim Chaffin; motion carried unanimously.

#### **X. Adjournment**

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Mayor Keith Crawford

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City Clerk Susan Pierce