

**City of Bowdon  
Mayor and Council Meeting  
August 11, 2014  
7:15PM**

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

The Mayor and City Council met during a regular session on Monday, August 11<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: Police Chief Mark Brock  
City Clerk Susan Pierce

The Invocation was led by Mayor Pro-tem Wes McEntyre, and was followed with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**V. Approval of Minutes:**

Minutes of Mayor & Council Meeting of July 14<sup>th</sup>, 2014 were read and presented for approval.  
Motion by Mayor Pro-tem Wes McEntyre to approve the minutes; second by Councilmember Marty Johnson; motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Crawford then asked to add two more items to the agenda as follows:

- E. Plaque in Freedom Park
- F. BAUCM Memorandum of Understanding

Motion by Councilmember Jan Johnson to add item "E." to agenda; second by Mayor Pro-tem McEntyre; motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Mayor Pro-tem McEntyre to add item "F." to agenda; second by Councilmember Marty Johnson; motion carried unanimously.

**VI. Business Session**

- A. Mayor Crawford presented the Intergovernmental Agreement with the Carroll County Tax Commission for them to continue property tax collections for the City of Bowdon.

Mayor Pro-tem Wes McEntyre made a motion to approve the agreements; Councilmember Jim Chaffin seconded the motion; motion carried unanimously.

- B. Mayor Crawford stated that the Main Street Board had submitted a map of the proposed Main Street District boundaries. Jan Lloyd, Main Street Director, gave an update of the Board's work

so far. She stated that even though the district includes the Historic Downtown area, the map does not go into the Historic Registry; it is just for the DCA and Main Street purposes. Wes asked if there could be adjustments to the boundaries, and Jan said that yes, there could be. She and the Board are working with the timeline set up by the DCA and Main Street Program, and are meeting every two weeks.

Motion by Mayor Pro-tem McEntyre to approve the Main Street District boundary map; second by Councilmember Chaffin; motion approved unanimously.

Jan then asked for a letter from the Council authorizing the Board to open a checking account for Main Street projects, separate from the City's budget. It would still be included with the City's audit, and would require 2 signatures. The signers are to be Jan Lloyd, Lyn Farmer and Matt McCord.

Motion by Mayor Pro-tem McEntyre to approve opening a separate checking account for Main Street; second by Councilmember Jim Chaffin; motion carried unanimously.

C. Mayor Crawford stated that the Council needed to act on the Proposed Tax Digest, which was discussed at last month's meeting.

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

D. Mayor Crawford noted that the Unpaid Property Tax Summary was included in the Council packages for review.

E. Johnnie Huey from the Historical Preservation Commission announced that there would be a bronze plaque placed in Freedom Park to honor Colonel L. E. Witt, Jr. and asked if Council would approve the plaque. Jan Johnson said she appreciated the work Mr. Huey did on the recognition of Colonel Witt, which included the plaque as well as getting the highway named for him.

Motion by Councilmember Jan Johnson to approve placing the plaque in Freedom Park; second by Mayor Pro-tem McEntyre; motion carried unanimously.

F. Mayor Crawford next presented the Memorandum of Understanding for the Bowdon Area United Christian Ministries (BAUCM) to move into the cafeteria section of the old Primary School. This is a 3-year lease as originally presented, with one change requested from the BAUCM to amend the lease cancellation notice to 12 months instead of 6 months.

Motion by Mayor Pro-tem McEntyre to approve the amended MOU as presented; second by Councilmember Marty Johnson; motion carried unanimously.

## **VII. Financial Session:**

A. Keith noted that the Financial Reports as of June 30, 2014 were included in the Council packages.

## **VIII. Public Comment:**

Peggy Sikes asked about getting a copy of the minutes as well as the financial report included in the Council packages. She asked if they could be emailed. City Clerk Susan Pierce said she

would email them to her. Mrs. Sikes said she would send Susan an email to remind her, and also so that she would have Mrs. Sikes' email address. Susan also reminded her that she is in process of having all of the minutes put on the City's website.

Mrs. Fannie Sullivan said she enjoyed Founder's Day and the parade. She also said that she planned to give some of the proceeds from her book sales to the BAUCM and the Senior Center. Former mayor Jimmy Watts addressed the Council next, expressing his displeasure with the Mayor and Council's handling of the resignation of former City Manager Jimmy Meigs. Mayor Crawford assured him that any rumors Mr. Watts had heard are not true, and Mayor Pro-tem McEntyre informed Mr. Watts that he (Mr. Watts) did not know all of the specifics involved in the decision.

At this time, Mayor Crawford 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 Jan 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 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