

**City of Bowdon
Mayor and Council Meeting
Monday, December 20, 2021
7:00PM
Mayor and Council Chambers, 182 Grammar School Road**

I.-IV. Agenda Items:

The Mayor and City Council met for a regular meeting on Monday, December 20th, 2021. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Pro-tem Jan Johnson at 7:00PM.

Roll call was conducted by City Clerk Susan Pierce.

Members present: Mayor Jim Chaffin
Mayor Pro-tem Jan Johnson
Councilmember Marty Johnson
Councilmember Wes McEntyre
Councilmember Ward 2 (Randy Saxon is being sworn in tonight)

Staff present: City Manager Gary Bullock
City Clerk Susan Pierce
Police Chief Mark Brock
City Attorney David Mecklin

The Invocation was led by Councilmember McEntyre and was followed with the Pledge of Allegiance.

V. Swearing in of Newly Elected Officials

City Attorney David Mecklin administered the Oath of Office to Randy Saxon, elected to fill the position of Noah Steed who resigned January 31, 2021.

VI. Approval of Meeting Agenda

Motion by Councilmember McEntyre to approve the meeting agenda as presented; second by Councilmember Marty Johnson; motion carried unanimously.

VII. Approval of Minutes

Minutes of Mayor & Council Meeting on November 15th, 2021 were read and presented for approval.

Motion by Councilmember McEntyre to approve the minutes from the November 15, 2021 meeting as presented; second by Councilmember Marty Johnson; motion carried unanimously.

VIII. Public Comments

None.

IX. Public Hearing – Variance Request for Bowdon Kwick Shop, 710 E. College Street

Darryl Ray from HRC Engineers presented the plans for renovations to the Bowdon Kwick Shop. The request is for a variance in the setbacks of the building to the property lines. The Zoning Appeals Board met and recommended approval at their meeting on November 18th. After discussion, Mayor Chaffin

asked for a motion to approve the variance as recommended.

Motion by Councilmember McEntyre to approve the setback variance request for Bowdon Kwick Shop, 710 E. College Street, as recommended by the Zoning Appeals Board; second by Councilmember Marty Johnson; motion carried unanimously, with Councilmember Saxon abstaining due to his previous role as Chairman of the Zoning Appeals Board at the November 18 meeting recommending Council approval.

X. Business Session

- A. Alcohol License Renewals – There are 2 renewals and 2 new restaurant requests. The renewals are for Magnificent Group (Marathon Station) and Patel Food Mart. The new requests are for Cuatro Locos Cantina and Rick’s Classic American Restaurant. City Clerk Pierce reported that Cuatro Locos asked to postpone their approval until next month’s meeting due to delays in advertising the Public Hearing. Brian Yarbrough was present to answer questions about Rick’s Classic American. Chief Brock noted that he was unaware of any problems associated with any of these businesses.

Motion by Councilmember Saxon to approve the alcohol license renewals and issuances as presented; second by Councilmember Marty Johnson; motion carried unanimously.

- B. Worker Comp Insurance Renewal – Mr. Bullock stated that the renewal premium from McGriff Insurance was around \$6000.00 less than last year.

Motion by Mayor Pro-tem Jan Johnson to approve the renewal of the Workers Comp Insurance policy as presented; second by Councilmember Marty Johnson; motion carried unanimously.

- C. Council Meeting Dates – Mr. Bullock asked Council if they wanted to change the council meeting dates to the second Monday night each month instead of the third, as they had discussed in the work session. All were in favor due to the conflict with holidays.

Motion by Councilmember McEntyre to move the council meeting dates to the second Monday of each month as presented; second by Mayor Pro-tem Jan Johnson; motion carried unanimously.

- D. Tennis Court bids – Mr. Bullock presented a comparison of the bids to replace the tennis courts at the Recreation Department. Signature Tennis Courts from Woodstock bid \$115,200.00; Court Makers, Inc. from Marietta bid \$100,067.57; Sports Turf Company from Whitesburg declined to bid. After discussion of the details of the bids, it was recommended that the bid be awarded to Signature Tennis Courts.

Motion by Councilmember McEntyre to approve awarding the contract for the new tennis courts to Signature Tennis Courts in the amount of \$115,200.00 as presented; second by Mayor Pro-tem Jan Johnson; motion carried unanimously.

- E. Historic Preservation Commission Appointment/Re-appointments – Phil Coley has agreed to fill the vacancy on the commission left by Denise Rowell’s resignation. This term will end December 2023. Hal Lovvorn, Mary Mallory, and Jon Watts are up for re-appointment. Their new terms will end December 2024. Bill Fordham is also up for re-appointment. His new term will end December 2023.

Motion by Councilmember McEntyre to approve the appointment of Phil Coley and the re-appointments of Hal Lovvorn, Mary Mallory, Jon Watts, and Bill Fordham to the Historic Preservation Commission as presented; second by Councilmember Saxon; motion carried unanimously.

- F. Bowdon Housing Authority appointment – Mayor Chaffin has asked Dennis Kirk to consider the appointment; Mr. Kirk is to get back with him soon.
- G. Zoning Appeals Board appointment – Councilmember McEntyre asked Kris Henderson if he would be interested in filling the vacancy left by Randy Saxon. Mr. Henderson agreed to serve on the Board.

Motion by Councilmember McEntyre to approve the appointment of Kris Henderson to the Zoning Appeals Board as presented; second by Mayor Pro-tem Jan Johnson; motion carried unanimously.

- H. City Manager Reports – Mr. Bullock reported on possible purchase of new police cars. Dodge is not taking orders due to lack of material, but we can get on a list for this year and next year. We can also look at the budget to consider painting the older cars.

Mayor Pro-tem Johnson asked about the pothole on Lovvorn Avenue. Mr. Bullock said Tim Keeton at Public Works had contacted Carroll County about repairing because it needs a “hot patch” so that it will last longer.

Mr. Bullock reminded Council that City Hall will be closed Friday December 24 for Christmas Eve and Monday December 27 for Christmas Day. We will also be closed Friday December 31 for New Year’s Day.

We are on target to move administrative offices on Tuesday December 28 and Wednesday December 29. The water clerks will not move until the construction is finished on the front of the building.

- I. Department reports – no comments or questions.

XI. Financial Session

- A. Property Tax Unpaid Balance Summary – no comments
- B. November Financial Reports – we are on target with our budget, and the audit is finished.
- C. Cash Balances as of 12/14/2021 – no questions.

Motion by Councilmember McEntyre to adjourn the meeting; second by Councilmember Marty Johnson; motion carried unanimously.

XII. Adjournment

Mayor Jim Chaffin

City Clerk Susan Pierce