

**City of Bowdon
Mayor and Council Meeting
Monday, January 10, 2022
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, January 10th, 2022. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Jim Chaffin 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 Randy Saxon

Staff present: City Manager Gary Bullock
City Clerk Susan Pierce
Police Lieutenant Randall Smith
Main Street Director Jan Gibbs
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 Jan Rowland Johnson, Ward 1, and Marty Johnson, Ward 4, re-elected to their council positions.

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 December 20th, 2021 were read and presented for approval.

Motion by Councilmember Saxon to approve the minutes from the December 20, 2021 meeting as presented; second by Councilmember McEntyre; motion carried unanimously.

VIII. Public Comments

None.

IX. Business Session

- A. Property Purchase – Mr. Bullock stated that, as previously discussed in the work session, the City had settled on an agreed upon price with Mr. Steve Clegg in the amount of \$15,000.00 for the purchase of the parking lot property on South Johnson Street behind his buildings. The City will pay the closing costs. Mr. Bullock will check on who will pay the property taxes; we will waive the City part of the taxes.

Motion by Councilmember McEntyre to approve the South Johnson Street property purchase as presented, giving Mr. Bullock authorization to negotiate who pays the property tax in the closing costs; second by Mayor Pro-tem Jan Johnson; motion carried unanimously.

- B. Sale of Obsolete Equipment and Vehicles – Mr. Bullock asked to add 2 vehicles to the previously approved list, a 2000 GMC pickup truck and the backhoe which is about 24 years old and needs repairs. These will be sold through GovDeals.

Motion by Councilmember Saxon to approve the addition of the 2000 GMC pickup and the backhoe to the list of vehicles and equipment to be sold through GovDeals as presented; second by Councilmember McEntyre; motion carried unanimously.

- C. Bowdon Housing Authority Appointment – Councilmember Saxon stated that Blain Ferguson agreed to serve on the Bowdon Housing Authority.

Motion by Councilmember Saxon to approve the appointment of Blain Ferguson to the Bowdon Housing Authority as presented; second by Councilmember McEntyre; motion carried unanimously.

- D. Adoption/Approval of the FY 2021 Audit – Mayor Chaffin stated that it was a very good audit. The only exception was the separation of duties, which is noted every year due to staffing issues.

Motion by Mayor Pro-tem Jan Johnson to approve the FY 2021 Audit as presented; second by Councilmember Marty Johnson; motion carried unanimously.

- E. City Manager Reports – Mr. Bullock reported that the Planning Retreat is now scheduled for Friday, March 23.
On December 28 we moved five of our offices up to the Municipal Complex. The phones and internet are working well. Councilmember Marty Johnson said the tower was looking great. Mr. Bullock said the construction should be finished in about a month to six weeks.

- F. Department reports – no comments or questions.

X. Financial Session

- A. Property Tax Unpaid Balance Summary – no comments
- B. Financial Reports – property taxes
- C. Cash Balances as of 01/04/2022 – no questions.

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

XI. Adjournment

Mayor Jim Chaffin

City Clerk Susan Pierce