

**City of Bowdon**  
**Mayor and Council Meeting**  
**Monday, November 15, 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, November 15<sup>th</sup>, 2021. 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

Absent: Councilmember Wes McEntyre  
Councilmember Ward 2 (currently vacant)

Staff present: City Manager Gary Bullock  
City Clerk Susan Pierce  
Police Chief Mark Brock  
Main Street Director Jan Gibbs

The Invocation was led by Mayor Pro-tem Jan Johnson and was followed with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**V. Approval of Meeting Agenda**

City Clerk Susan Pierce informed Council that she had added the introduction of the new Recreation Department Managers to the agenda. Mr. Bullock asked to postpone Item F., Bowdon Housing Authority appointment, until next month.

*Motion by Councilmember Marty Johnson to approve the meeting agenda as amended; second by Mayor Pro-tem Jan Johnson; motion carried unanimously.*

**VI. Approval of Minutes**

Minutes of Mayor & Council Meeting on October 18<sup>th</sup>, 2021 were read and presented for approval.

*Motion by Mayor Pro-tem Jan Johnson to approve the minutes from the October 18, 2021 meeting as presented; second by Councilmember Marty Johnson; motion carried unanimously.*

**VII. Recognition of the Student Winners of the Georgia Cities Week Essay Contest, "If I Were Mayor of Bowdon".**

Main Street Director Jan Gibbs introduced the winners, each of whom read their winning essays. The winners were: First Place: Ryder New (not present)  
Second Place: Kate Robinson  
Third Place (tie): Katie Cosby and Reyna Henderson

**VIII. Introduction of New Recreation Department Managers** – Allan Fordham, Recreation Department Director; Doug Andrews, Athletic Director; Julie Saxon, Leisure Programs Director. Allan gave an overview of what has been taking place within the Recreation Department Programs.

## IX. Public Comments

Noah Steed spoke concerning the status of the rewriting of the livestock/animal ordinance. He offered the help of the agricultural alliance and reiterated that they would like to have input on the revisions. He would also like any meetings to be advertised in such a way that more people will be aware of them. The Planning Commission has not yet scheduled a meeting to discuss further revisions to the ordinance.

## X. Business Session

- A. Annexation of Bowdon Middle School – Mr. Bullock noted that Council has a copy of the resolution for the annexation of the Bowdon Middle School which has already been discussed.  
Motion by Mayor Pro-tem Jan Johnson to approve the annexation of the Bowdon Middle School into the city limits of Bowdon as presented; second by Councilmember Marty Johnson; motion carried unanimously.
- B. Alcohol License Renewals – El Mezcal Restaurant, Bowdon Piggly Wiggly, Bowdon Kwick Shop, Bowdon Mini Mart, and Brown’s Package Store (contingent upon renewal payment) submitted their applications for renewal of their alcohol licenses.  
Motion by Councilmember Marty Johnson to approve the above listed alcohol license renewal applications as presented; second by Mayor Pro-tem Jan Johnson; motion carried unanimously.
- C. Employee Insurance Renewals – Mr. Bullock noted that we are renewing the employee health insurance with Blue Cross/Blue Shield, and changing the dental and vision to Mutual of Omaha.  
Motion by Mayor Pro-tem Jan Johnson to approve the employee insurance renewals as presented; second by Councilmember Marty Johnson; motion carried unanimously.
- D. Equipment Replacement Resolution – Mr. Bullock presented the resolution and reminded Council of the information on the bids for the backhoe replacement. Yancey has the State Contract with a price of \$79,280; Case bid was \$89,773 and John Deere was \$85,915, so the Yancey state contract amount would be the low bid anyway.  
Motion by Councilmember Marty Johnson to approve the Equipment Replacement Resolution to purchase the backhoe from Yancey through the State Contract at an amount of \$79,820.00 as presented; second by Mayor Pro-tem Jan Johnson; motion carried unanimously.
- E. American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Resolution – Mr. Bullock stated we have received half of the ARPA funds and will receive the remainder in June of 2022 and gave an overview of the guidelines for use of the funds and amounts to be distributed to essential employees.  
Motion by Mayor Pro-tem Jan Johnson to approve the ARPA Resolution to accept the funds as presented; second by Councilmember Marty Johnson; motion carried unanimously.
- F. Bowdon Housing Authority appointment – postponed
- G. Purchase of score boards for Recreation Department – Mr. Bullock noted that we can purchase 7 lighted baseball scoreboards for \$21,260, and informed Council that the Recreation Department has already received \$6000.00 in donations toward the purchase of the scoreboards.

Motion by Councilmember Marty Johnson to approve the purchase of the 7 lighted baseball scoreboards as presented; second by Mayor Pro-tem Jan Johnson; motion carried unanimously.

- H. City Manager Reports – Mr. Bullock stated that we have 2 bids on repairing the tennis courts and are waiting on the third bid. Mayor Pro-tem Jan Johnson asked about the Senior Meals, possibly asking for grants from organizations such as the Community Foundation. Councilmember Marty Johnson asked if pickleball will be included with the tennis courts, and Mr. Bullock said that yes, the courts would be a combination of both tennis and pickleball.
- I. Department reports – no comments or questions.

#### **XI. Financial Session**

- A. Property Tax Unpaid Balance Summary – we received our first check for this year which was just over \$119,000.00.
- B. October Financial Reports – we are on target with our budget.
- C. Cash Balances as of 11/09/2021 – no questions.

Mayor Pro-tem Jan Johnson stated that Bowdon By Candlelight was very good. Main Street Director Jan Gibbs said she would like to get a plaque for Telisha Gibson to recognize her for her hard work on the new lights downtown.

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

#### **XII. Adjournment**

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Mayor Jim Chaffin

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City Clerk Susan Pierce