

City of Bowdon
Mayor and Council Meeting/Public Hearing
Monday, March 14, 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, March 14th, 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 Chief Mark Brock
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. Approval of Meeting Agenda

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

VI. Approval of Minutes

Minutes of Mayor & Council Meeting on February 14th, 2022 were read and presented for approval.

Motion by Councilmember McEntyre to approve the minutes from the February 14, 2022 meeting as presented; second by Mayor Pro-tem Jan Johnson; motion carried unanimously.

VII. Public Hearing

Cuatro Locos Cantina, 139 City Hall Ave., Suite B, applied for their alcohol license.

Motion by Councilmember McEntyre to approve the alcohol license request for Cuatro Locos Cantina as presented; second by Councilmember Saxon; motion carried unanimously.

VIII. Public Comments

Ms. Rhonda Keith and Ms. Sandra Brown Lee from the non-profit group Community Action for Improvement presented a short informational program, explaining the benefits offered by the organization. The benefits include financial assistance for low-income families to help with lighting, heating, and water utilities, as well as weatherization.

Ms. Cynthia Ayers expressed her concerns, after experiencing a home invasion, about a partially burned house, the occupants of which may be involved in drug activity. City Attorney David Mecklin said there might be some code violations that Code Enforcement could look into. City Manager Bullock asked Chief Mark Brock if the police department had increased patrols in the area, and Chief Brock affirmed they had.

Ms. Vicky Anderson introduced herself as a candidate for the District 6 Commissioner position.

IX. Business Session

- A. Senior Center Building Repairs – Mr. Bullock stated that the building is now secure. Repairs have been made to the trusses, with additional bracing. We will be installing HVAC, lighting, and ceiling tiles. An inquiry into wind speed in the area verified that in December 2021 we experienced winds of 70 MPH. Mr. Bullock is forwarding the information to the insurance company to go along with our claim.
- B. Annexation request by Leslie Willis – Ms. Willis is requesting her 5 acres located at 210 Holly Road be annexed into the city limits. The parcel is contiguous with the current city limits.

Motion by Councilmember McEntyre to approve the annexation request for 210 Holly Road as presented; second by Mayor Pro-tem Jan Johnson; motion carried unanimously.

- C. Moratorium for vape shops and game rooms – Council would like to update the city ordinances to include guidelines for vape shops and game rooms.

Motion by Councilmember McEntyre to place a 180-day moratorium on vape shops and game rooms to allow time for ordinances to be drafted and adopted covering these types of businesses; second by Mayor Pro-tem Jan Johnson; motion carried unanimously.

- D. Environmental Clearance Engagement – Mr. Bullock asked for authorization to engage Carter & Sloope to do an environmental clearance report for a pre-application to GEFA for work on the water line infrastructure, including moving services from old lines to new lines and replacing old cast iron water lines. The cost for the report will be \$5000.00.

Motion by Mayor Pro-tem Jan Johnson to allocate \$5000.00 to engage Carter & Sloope for the environmental clearance report to go along with the GEFA pre-application for water line infrastructure work; second by Councilmember McEntyre; motion carried unanimously.

E. City Manager Reports – Mr. Bullock reported that we have paving equipment working on the front parking lot of the Municipal Building today. We are getting ready to close on Wednesday to move the water payment cashiers to the new building.

F. Department reports – no questions.

IX. Financial Session

A. Property Tax Unpaid Balance Summary – no comments

B. Financial Reports –The Recreation Department revenue continues to increase with new programs and sponsorships. They are using the Square App for concessions as well as registration fees.

Main Street Director Jan Gibbs stated that the Spring Open House went very well for the downtown merchants. We are also still researching food truck ordinances

C. Cash Balances as of 03/01/2022 – no questions.

Motion by Councilmember McEntyre to adjourn the council meeting; second by Councilmember Saxon; motion carried unanimously.

X. Adjournment

Mayor Jim Chaffin

City Clerk Susan Pierce