

City of Bowdon
Mayor and Council Meeting/Public Hearing
Monday, May 9, 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, April 11th, 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 Wes McEntyre
Councilmember Randy Saxon

Absent: Councilmember Marty Johnson

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

The Invocation was led by Councilmember Wes 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 Councilmember Saxon; motion carried unanimously.

VI. Approval of Minutes

Minutes of Mayor & Council Meeting on April 11th, 2022 were read and presented for approval.

Motion by Councilmember McEntyre to approve the minutes from the April 11, 2022 meeting as presented; second by Councilmember Saxon; motion carried unanimously.

VII. Public Hearing

- Renaming a portion of Kent Avenue to Irene Keith Avenue

Comments: Mayor Pro-tem Johnson spoke in appreciation of Mrs. Keith's contributions to the City through the schools, church and community, as well as serving on the former Bowdon

Hospital Board. Mayor Chaffin also expressed his appreciation for her contributions and read the resolution from the city regarding the street name change. Mrs. Keith spoke, saying it was an honor to be recognized for her work in the community, and offered to continue to help the community as needed. Mr. Bullock explained that the portion being renamed is from Bowdon Tyus Road to the east property line of Hudson Heights.

Motion by Councilmember McEntyre to approve the resolution to rename the portion of Kent Avenue, from Bowdon Tyus Road to the east property line of Hudson Heights, to Irene Keith Avenue as presented; second by Mayor Pro-tem Jan Johnson; motion carried unanimously.

VIII. Public Comments

Vicky Anderson, candidate for District 6 Carroll County Commissioner, re-introduced herself to Council and reiterated her former commission experience.

Rhonda Keith thanked the Council for honoring her mother, Mrs. Irene Keith, by renaming a portion of Kent Avenue to Irene Keith Avenue in recognition of her contributions to the Bowdon community as an educator and volunteer.

Danny Bailey, candidate for District 6 Carroll County Commissioner, thanked the Council for their time and reminded everyone that he is a Bowdon native and would serve the County well if elected.

IX. Business Session

- A. Approval of City Manager authorization to engage in the annual Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) from Department of Community Affairs (DCA) for the Main Street Program.

Motion by Councilmember McEntyre to authorize City Manager Gary Bullock to engage in the annual MOU from DCA for the Main Street Program as presented; second by Mayor Pro-tem Jan Johnson; motion carried unanimously.

- B. Liability Insurance renewal – Mr. Bullock noted that the premium increased a little more due to cyber security and property damage rates increasing. The premium is still less than it was in 2017.
- C. Add Bar Screen at Wastewater Treatment Plant – needed to filter out large “rags” (paper towels, etc.) which clog the system. We have 2 bids, \$118,621.32 from Pump & Process, and \$149,755.89 from Legacy Environmental. Mr. Bullock recommended going with Pump & Process, taking half from Water Reserve Funds and half from ARPA funds since it is considered infrastructure repairs.

Motion by Councilmember Saxon to approve contract with Pump & Process in the amount of \$118,621.32 for installation of the Bar Screen at the Wastewater Treatment Plant as presented; second by Councilmember McEntyre; motion carried unanimously.

- D. City Manager Reports – Mr. Bullock reported that the tennis court asphalt has been removed but there is a soil issue that must be checked before the courts are replaced so that the warranty will be good on the new courts being installed. We also looked at the sidewalks and are waiting on a drawing from the merchants as to streetlamp placement, etc. so that we can submit it to the DOT. We want to have them finished before Founders Day. Mr. Bullock is also working on the budget.
- E. Department reports – no questions.

IX. Financial Session

- A. Property Tax Unpaid Balance Summary – no comments
- B. April Financial Reports – revenues are up \$75,000 (60%), with the increases being mainly in the Recreation Department. The numbers are pretty well on target. There has been an increase in cost of chemicals at the water plant.
Mayor Chaffin reported that the Gymnastics Team was doing well, including his granddaughter. Mr. Bullock added that the chairs in the Council room and the meeting room were donated by Ra-Lin in Carrollton.
- C. Cash Balances as of 05/06/2022 – no questions.

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

X. Adjournment

Mayor Jim Chaffin

City Clerk Susan Pierce