

**City Of Bowman
Called Meeting
March 4th, 2024
Minutes**

MEMBERS PRESENT

Mayor, Scott Harpold

Council Member, Mary Clark

Council Member Jeff Spratlin

Council Member, Henrietta Williams

Council Member, Leah Carey

Council Member, Betty Jo Maxwell

MEDIA PRESENT

Mark Berryman, 105.3 Radio station

Rose Scoggins, Elberton Star

STAFF PRESENT:

Assistant City Clerk, Savannah Ivester

The meeting was called to order at 7:00pm. A prayer was said by Council Woman Mary Clark. The Pledge of Allegiance was said after our prayer.

AMMENDING OF AGENDA:

Council Woman Betty Jo Maxwell stated that she would like to make a motion to amend the agenda to vote on the mayor pro tem position. Council Woman Mary Clark seconded.

Mayor Harpold stated he would like the attorney present if the agenda was to be amended.

Council Woman Henrietta Williams stated that it was her understanding that once you have an agenda for a called meeting, you cannot amend it. Councilwoman Mary Clark stated, we have amended Called Meeting Agendas in the past. Shortly thereafter, Councilwoman Henrietta Williams walked out of the meeting. Carey, Clark and Maxwell voted to amend the agenda to include "Mayor-Pro-Tem. Maxwell made motion to choose Councilwoman Carey as "Mayor-Pro-Tem. "

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Mayor Harpold stated that there is a motion on the floor to vote on the mayor pro-tem position; and asked for a second.

Council Woman Mary Clark seconded.

CITY CLERK POSITION:

Mayor Harpold stated that the initial reason this meeting was called was to vote on the city clerk position.

Councilman Jeff Spratlin stated that he and the personnel committee had a lot of resumes that came through and they brought forth their top three to make their decision.

Council Woman Leah Carey stated they had not had enough time to look over the resumes and she asked that we table this to have more time to look over the resumes more thoroughly.

Mayor Harpold stated that the number one position for the city clerk has been given a runaround and needs to be voted on tonight. Mayor Harpold also stated that he is appointing Brook Sabatini for the position and needs to bring it to a vote.

Mayor Harpold asked for a motion to appoint Brook Sabatini as the City Clerk. Councilman Jeff Spratlin made the motion. No other council persons seconded. Motion failed.

NOMINATION OF MAYOR PRO-TEM POSITION:

Mayor Harpold stated that the nomination of Council Woman Leah Carey is actually an increase in pay and anytime there is an increase in pay in a position is a violation of office to vote for yourself.

Mayor Harpold asked if there was a choice for mayor pro-tem on the floor. No Council person was nominated therefore Mr. Harpold asked for this to be tabled until the next meeting.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Harpold asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilman Jeff Spratlin made the motion. Council Woman Betty Jo seconded. Meeting adjourned.