



City Of Bowman
Monthly Council Meeting
April 22nd , 2024
Minutes

MEMBERS PRESENT

Mayor, Scott Harpold

Council Woman Mary Clark

Council Member Jeff Spratlin

Council Member, Henrietta Williams

Council Member, Leah Carey

Council Member, Betty Jo Maxwell

Attorney, Doug Kidd

MEDIA PRESENT

Mark Berryman, 105.3 Radio station

Rose Scoggins, Elberton Star

STAFF PRESENT:

City Clerk, Tiffany Verdell

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES (O.C.G.A 50-14-1(e) (2)

Mayor Harpold asked for the approval of the last months minutes be postpone until and update for all council to have the right minutes in hand.

GA RUL WATER PRESENTATION – BILL POWELL:

Bill stated the current water rate structure is out of compliance with water stewardship act set forth by Governor Sunny Purdue in 2010. Bill recommended that the city do a water audit to tell how much water the city is losing between pump water and billed water. Bill presented a business plan with a water/sewer rate analyzes from 2023 budget.



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Bill state the current rates need to be implemented within the city for water and sewage. Bill asked when the city wanted to implement a new rate for the water and sewage. Mayor Harpold suggested to bring up and next council meeting for questions and or vote.

Mayor Harpold asked the audience if any questions for Bill after the presentation: Question was: 1. how much water was used? Bill out about 2,139,000 gallons of water and 876,000 gallons of waste water. 2. How much water is wasted? Did not know, water audit will tell the results for that.

Council Woman Mary Clark asked about approving the minutes and amend the agenda. Council Woman Betty Jo Maxwell also wanted to amend the agenda to add the formal complaint against Mayor Harpold in an executive session without Mayor Harpold attending. Attorney Doug Kidd stated that only personal, litigations and real estate transactions are for executive session. To put the complaint in open session to be discussed.

AMMENDING OF AGENDA:

Councilman Jeff Spratlin made a motion to change agenda, the personal committee finish with the evaluation for Assistant City Clerk Savannah annul review.

Mayor Harpold state that there is a motion from Councilman Jeff Spratlin to change agenda to add the finding of the personal committee regarding the Assistant City Clerk.

Council Woman Leah Carey seconded. Motion Carried.

Council Woman Mary Clark made a motion to have a called meeting to discuss the ethics complaint against Council Woman Leah Carey and Mayor Scott Harpold. Councilman Jeff Spratlin and Council Woman Betty Jo Maxwell second motion.

BUILDING INSPECTOR AND PRICE CHANGE:

Mayor Scott Harpold asked for a motion to approve "Bureau Veritas" billing.



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Council Woman Mary Clark made a motion to approve the billing and asked that in future meeting that all things needing approval be sent before the meeting so council can look over the information before handed out.

Councilman Jeff Spratlin second. Motion carried.

ROAD REPAIRS:

Councilman Jeff Spratlin took the bids from Council Woman Mary Clark and ask a contractor to give a recommendation for bids the he would see what other contractor would bid. Mayor Harpold talked about the work Tray Hobbs stated that he would do for the city, Mayor stated that Tray would patch the road, if he did the work for \$2000 a day. Councilman Jeff state that the city workers could do some of the small patch repair. Council Woman Mary Clark had estimates from Stratton and Sons for \$1,998,000, Garrett Paving \$1,246,597 and Asa Paving \$1,742,000. The concise is to get another set of estimates then move forward.

ALCOHOL LICENSES

Mayor Scott Harpold ask if council needed to vote on new alcohol licenses (they do according to Attorney Doug Kidd). There are three alcohol licenses that needed to be voted on Arzo Investments, LLC DBA Royal Food Mart, Bowman Mart and Bowman Mini Mart. City Clerk Tiffany Verdell stated that she talked to the state office and was told that once applicant has obtained a city alcohol license that the applicant then request for a state license. Mayor Scott Harpold ask for a motion for the Beer & Wine license. Council Woman Henrietta Williams made a motion to accept the Beer & Wine licenses for on Arzo Investments, LLC DBA Royal Food Mart, Bowman Mart and Bowman Mini Mart. Councilman Jeff Spratlin seconded. Motion carried for new alcohol licenses.

SOLAR ZONING:

Mayor Scott Harpold state that the Attorney Doug Kidd there is more to look at concerning the Solar Zoning Ordinance.

MAYOR REPORT:



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Mayor Harpold mention the Recall election against Council Woman Leah Carey and Council Woman Betty Jo Maxwell that was in place at the moment. Early voting is currently going and official voting day is May 7th.

The road to the Park is still being looked at, at this time.

Question for Council, someone wants to sell produce on the Square. Mayor Scott Harpold brought up doing a farmers market maybe once a week or once a month.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT:

Nothing at this time.

HOSPITAL AUTORITY REPORT:

Tammy Dalton state the hospital had an average daily census of 15.5 patients from March 2024 up from 11.6 patients from March 2023. Total average length of stay was 2.7 days. Emergency rooms visits were 615 up from 584. Gross patient revenue was \$3,088,480 in March 2024.

DEVELOPMENT AUTORITY REPORT

No report.

COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS:

Council Woman Leah Carey nothing to report.

Council Woman Henrietta Williams reported on the Spring Festival. Total revenue of \$4,427.00, payout/expenses \$2117.80. Total revenue \$2309.20. Council Woman Henrietta Williams thanked everyone, especially Bowman Baptist Church. Tammy Dalton update the Mecole Hardman granite tribute has been submitted to the city. Getting approval from DOT is next step in having this completed.

Councilman Jeff Spratlin stated that the public works department cleaned the city park.



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Council Woman Betty Jo Maxwell stated that the city cemetery need to be cleaned, monuments pressure washed and paving of the roads.

Council Woman Mary Clark nothing to report.

PERSONAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE: Vivian Barnes, Tammy Dalton and Councilman Jeff Spratlin make up the personal advisory committee. The committee looked at Savannah Ivester annual review and went over all information provide about assistant city clerk pay rates and recommended that Savannah Ivester get a 3% raise which would be .42 cent and hour raise. The committee also would like to recommend that since there are other city workers that have completed course and are waiting for certificates to come in that something is set at an incrementally percentage stand point. Mayor Scott Harpold as for a motion to accept the 3% raise for assistant city clerk Savannah Ivester. Councilman Jeff Spratlin made the motion to give Assistant city clerk Savannah Ivester a 3% raise. Motion was not carried.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT REPORT:

Nothing to report.

SPEAKERS: Terri Lunsford spoke about building permits.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Scott Harpold asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Council Woman Henriette Williams made a motion to adjourn, Councilman Jeff Spratlin seconded. Meeting adjourned.