

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

MEMBERS PRESNET

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, Tifany Verdell

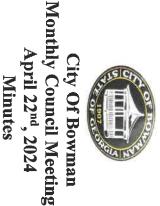
Pledge of Allegiance was said after our prayer The meeting was called to order at 7:00pm. A prayer was said by Council Woman Mary Clark. The

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:

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



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

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

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

AMMENDING OF AGENDA:

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

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

Council Woman Leah Carey seconded. Motion Carried.

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

BUILDING INSPECTOR AND PRICE CHANGE:

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



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

Councilman Jeff Spratlin second. Motion carried.

ROAD REPAIRS:

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

ALCOHOL LICENSES

Mart, Bowman Mart and Bowman Mini Mart. Councilman Jeff Spratlin seconded. Motion a motion to accept the Beer & Wine licenses for on Arzo Investments, LLC DBA Royal Food Harpold ask for a motion for the Beer & Wine license. Council Woman Henrietta Williams made obtained a city alcohol license that the applicant then request for a state license. Mayor Scott Tifany Verdell stated that she talked to the state office and was told that once applicant has carried for new alcohol licenses. Investments, LLC DBA Royal Food Mart, Bowman Mart and Bowman Mini Mart. City Clerk 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

SOLAR ZONING:

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

MAYOR REPORT:



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

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

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

ATTORNEY'S REPORT:

Nothing at this time.

HOSPITAL AUTORITY REPORT:

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

DEVELOPMENT AUTORITY REPORT

No report

COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS:

Council Woman Leah Carey nothing to report.

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

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



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

Council Woman Mary Clark nothing to report

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

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