



**City Of Bowman**  
**Monthly Council Meeting**  
**June 17<sup>th</sup>, 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, Jay Doss

**MEDIA PRESENT**

Ashley Cable, 105.3 Radio station  
Julie Weeks, 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.  
Mayor Scott Harpold called meeting to order.

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

Mayor Harpold asked for a motion to approve the amended minutes from the February 26<sup>th</sup> council meeting minutes. Council Woman Henrietta Williams made the motion. Councilman Jeff Spratlin seconded. Council Woman Betty Jo Maxwell and Council Woman Leah Carey opposed the motion. Motion carried.

Mayor Harpold asked for a motion to approve the amended minutes from the March 4<sup>th</sup> called meeting minutes. Councilman Jeff Spratlin made the motion. Council Woman Henrietta Williams seconded. Council Woman Betty Jo Maxwell and Council Woman Leah Carey opposed the motion. Motion carried.

Mayor Harpold asked for a motion to approve the amended minutes from the March 24<sup>th</sup> council meeting minutes. Council Woman Mary Clark agree to make a motion to approve minutes if changes where city clerk vote was tallied and the statement Council Woman Mary Clark about the city streets. A motion from Councilman Jeff Spratlin to postpone the March 24<sup>th</sup> meeting minutes. There was not a second, the motion failed. Council Woman Henrietta Williams made a motion to approve minutes with the corrections of adding the vote of city clerk is correct and council woman Mary Clark statement is corrected. Council Woman Mary Clark seconded the motion. Motion carried.



Mayor Harpold asked for a motion to approve the amended minutes from the April 22<sup>nd</sup> council meeting minutes. Councilman Jeff Spratlin made motion to approve minutes with the actual vote under the agenda section of minutes, the building inspector and price change. Council Woman Henrietta Williams seconded the motion. Council Woman Leah Carey opposed. Motion carried.

Mayor Harpold asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the May 20<sup>th</sup> council meeting minutes. Councilman Jeff Spratlin made motion to accept minutes with the correction of votes added to minutes. Council Woman Henrietta Williams seconded the motion. Council Woman Leah Carey recused herself from vote. Motion carried.

#### **RURUAL WATER RATE INCREASE:**

City Clerk Tiffany Verdell talked to Bill Powell and the new water rates for the city would go into effect by the end of the week. The rates will affect commercial and residential customer differently. Mayor Scott Harpold stated that there were still some billing issues, that the city is getting them corrected, more information will available later.

#### **MECOLE HARDMAN TRIBUTE:**

Mayor Scott Harpold thanked everyone that helped with making the tribute to Mecole Hardman a success. Tammy Dalton thanked everyone who helped with the celebration. David Dye with Granite City Quarry LLC donated the memorial statue of Mecole Hardman. Beer & Wine Shoppe along with LG's restaurant donate the flowers around the square. Skeeter designs repaired standing sign at four ways. Mecole Hardman's cousin Sonya Glaze donated the food. Mayor Scott Harpold thanked Tammy for all her time and effort to make it a success. Councilman Jeff Spratlin thanked Turner Concrete for the donation of the base for the monument.

#### **MAYOR REPORT:**

Mayor Scott Harpold stated that the road to the park was being clear using the 2020 LMG money that the city has not used.

Personal Advisory Committee hired Kendra Jones for assistant city clerk.

#### **COUNCIL REPORT:**

Council Women Leah Carey had nothing on Library Report.

Council Henrietta Williams gave final Spring Festival Financial Report of a total of \$4747.50; expenditure was \$1917.80 and profit of \$2829.70.

Councilman Jeff Spratlin talked to Alan Holmes; any project over \$100,000 has to ran in the newspaper for 30 days. Councilman Jeff Spratlin is still working on the process for the bids on the roads. Personal Advisory Committee is now working on get interviews for evaluation for all city workers for potential raises.

Council Woman Mary Clark that 3 council members went to the Ethic Board Training. Herself, Council Woman Betty Jo Maxwell, and Councilman Jeff Spratlin. Council Woman Mary Clark has company to environmental look at the elementary school for mold and asbestos testing.



Council Woman Betty Jo Maxwell has several bids for cleaning the monuments in the cemetery and someone may donate the time and money for cleaning the cemetery.

#### **HOSPITAL REPORT:**

The Hospital had an average daily census of 12.8 patients in May 2024 and 12.5 patients in May 2023. April 2024 had an average daily census of 14.0. Total Average Length of stay was 5.0 days in May 2024, 4.7 days in April 2024 and 4.7 days in May 2023. Acute Average Length of stay was 2.6 days in May 2024, 2.6 days in April 2024 and 3.1 days in May 2023. Swing Bed Average Length of stay was 8.7 days in May 2024, 10.3 days in April 2024 and 11.7 days in May 2023. There were 398 patient days of care in May 2024 versus 421 patient days of care in April 2024 and 386 patient days of care in May 2023. Emergency Room visits increased to 653 in May 2024 from 599 visits in April 2024. May 2023 had 753 visits. Surgery visits (including endoscopy visits) were 49 in May 2024 versus 36 in May 2023. Of the surgical cases performed in May 2024, 3 were inpatient (1 endoscopy and 2 general surgeries), 46 were outpatient (35 endoscopies and 11 general surgeries). Gross patient revenue was \$2,858,460 in May 2024 versus \$2,726,490 in May 2023. This is an increase of 4.8% or \$131,970 from prior year. Inpatient revenue increased \$14,350 from prior year and outpatient revenue increased 5.2% or \$117,620 from prior year. Gross Revenue from Surgery increased \$210,870 from the prior year. The Physician Practice gross revenue was \$44,640 in May 2024 versus \$44,600 in May 2023.

#### **PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT:**

Nothing to report

Mayor Scott Harpold made a motion to go into executive session. Council Woman Mary Clark made a motion to go into executive session for the purpose of discussing litigations. Councilman Jeff Spratlin seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

Major Scott Harpold made a motion to end the executive session and go back into regular session. Council Woman Mary Clark made the motion to go back into regular session. Councilman Jeff Spratlin seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

Mayor Scott Harpold asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Council Woman Henrietta Williams made the motion for meeting to be adjourned. Council Woman Mary Clark seconded. All in favor. Meeting adjourned.