



**Bowman City Council
Call Meeting
October 2, 2024
Bowman City Hall 7:00pm**

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, Adam Nelson

MEDIA PRESENT

Ashley, 105.3 Radio station
Julie Weeks, Elberton Star

STAFF PRESENT:

City Clerk, Tiffany Verdell
Assistant City Clerk, Kendra Jones

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 pm. A prayer was said by Council Woman Henrietta Williams. The Pledge of Allegiance was said after our prayer. Mayor Scott Harpold called the called meeting to order.

Ordinance covering the time and day change of monthly meetings:

Mayor Harpold explained that the council had meet last week during a work session to discuss the date and time change for all future regular scheduled meetings. Mayor stated that he advised the council to think of not us the present but future councils and mayors as well when selecting a time. Council Woman Clark stated she spoke with several citizens who were opposed to the meeting being on Wednesday due to bible study at the church and they would not be able to attend. Based on this she stated she would be obtaining from the vote. Council Woman Carey made a motion to move the regular scheduled meetings to the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 6pm. Council Woman Maxwell seconded the motion. Mayor called for a vote by a show of hands: Approve 2 votes (Carey, Maxwell) opposed 2 votes (Spratlin, Williams,) No vote: (Clark). Mayor voted to break the tie and voted opposed. Motion failed.

Councilmen Spratlin made a motion to move the regular scheduled meeting to the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 6:30pm. Council Woman Williams seconded the motion. Mayor called for a vote by a show of hands: Approved 3 votes (Spratlin, Williams, and Maxwell) opposed: 1 vote (Carey) no vote (Clark). Motion passed.

Ethics Ordinance:



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Mayor Harpold explained the council also discussed improving the current city ethics by adding some new amendments which were discussed at the work session that was held last week. Mayor went over the changes. Counsel Woman Clark asked that these choices be highlighted, made bold, and dated when entered on the current ethics packet. So everyone will be aware of what changed and when. Counsel Woman Williams made a motion for acceptance of model ethics ordinance provided by the Georgia Municipal Association with the following designations within the proposed ordinance; Alternative C of BOARD OF ETHICS provision, with 2 year terms for members of Board of Ethics, the second subsection (J) allowing removal of member of Board of Ethics for cause; Alternatives A&B of RECIEPT OF COMPLAINTS provision regarding form of complaint and Alternative A regarding filling of ethics complaint for political purposes . 2nd from Counsel Member Spratlin. Mayor called for a vote by a show of hands. All in favor. Motion passed.

Indemnification Ordinance:

Mayor Harpold explained that the Indemnification is an ordinance set in place to protect the council, employees and the mayor from lawsuits that might arise based on them doing their duties correctly and within the guidelines of the job. Mayor read a copy of the indemnification drafted by the attorney's firm. Counsel man Spratlin made a motion to accept this ordinance as a first read only and discuss at the next scheduled meeting. Counsel Woman Maxwell seconded. All in favor by show of hands. Motion passed.

Mayor Harpold made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilman Spratlin made the motion for meeting to be adjourned. Council Woman Clark/Council Woman Williams seconded. All in favor. Meeting adjourned.

Approved: 10-09-2024



Mayor



City Clerk