

**CITY OF BOWMAN
MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
APRIL 27, 2020**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mayor Roberta Rice
Council Member Rachel Felice
Council Member Henrietta Williams
Council Member Mary Clark
Council Member Chris Johnson

MEDIA PRESENT:

Linton Johnson, WSGC Radio
Rose Scoggins, Elberton Star

STAFF PRESENT:

Crystal Duck, City Clerk
Richard Campbell, City Attorney

Mayor Roberta Rice called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. Councilwoman Mary Clark gave the prayer and all those present said the Pledge of Allegiance. Mayor Rice welcomed Chris Johnson to the council

- **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**
 - Councilwoman Williams made a motion to approve the agenda, seconded by Councilwoman Clark and the vote was unanimous.

- **APPROVAL OF THE MINUES**
 - Councilwoman Williams made a motion to approve the February 24, 2020 minutes, seconded by Councilwoman Felice and the vote was unanimous.
 - Councilwoman Felice made a motion to approve the March 23, 2020 minutes, seconded by Councilwoman Williams and the vote was unanimous.

- **MAYOR'S REPORT**
 - Mayor Rice stated letters were sent to D & M Variety and Dale Knight for his property located at Hendricks and Seymour and the GA Blaze concerning their lease. She also stated she met with parents of the GA Blaze Saturday for them to retrieve items from the L.B. Berryman building. She stated during spring break week for the Elbert County school system, volunteers including Randy Noyes, Henrietta Williams and Mary Clark assisted in giving out sack lunches to school children and seniors. The event went well and Councilwoman Clark requested the minutes reflect that the council supported this community event. Mayor Rice attended a web-based meeting for the Economic Recovery Task Force that was attended by representatives from the Elbert County Chamber, the City of Elberton, Elbert County Board of Commissioners, Athens Tech and the Economic Development Committee of Elberton, Bowman and Elbert County. She also stated since the sack lunches went so well, she would like the council to support the possibility of lunches some during the summer. She stated James Watson would attend an MGA virtual meeting on Wednesday. Several council members as well as herself were attending a virtual

meeting on Thursday for budget forecasting. She mentioned parents contacted her to consider placing a banner on the square for the class of 2020 since this class was the last to attend Bowman Elementary. Councilwoman Clark made a motion to approve purchasing the banner using BCDC funds, seconded by Councilwoman Williams and the vote was unanimous.

- **ATTORNEY'S REPORT**
 - Attorney Campbell stated he would inform the council if he received any push back on the letters he sent.

- **COUNCIL MEMBER REPORT**
 - Councilwoman Clark handed out a summary of the newly elected officials training she attended March 4th-6th. She expressed an interest in Bowman becoming a Certified City of Ethics.

- **CITY CLERK REPORT**
 - Clerk Duck had nothing at this time.

Councilwoman Felice made a motion to go into executive session, seconded by Councilman Johnson and the vote was unanimous.

Councilwoman Clark made a motion to return from executive session, seconded by Councilman Johnson and the vote was unanimous.

Councilman Johnson made a motion to hire Denise Baxley for the assistant clerk position at \$10 per hour with a 90-day probationary period after which her pay would increase by \$1 and after 1 year would increase another \$1, providing she passed a drug test and training was satisfactory. Her start date would be between May 1st and May 18th depending upon whether she need to work a notice from her current job. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Felice and the vote was unanimous.

Having no other business to discuss at this time, Councilman Johnson made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Councilwoman Clark and the vote was unanimous.

ADJOURNMENT

Approved May 18, 2020