

**CITY OF BOWMAN  
MINUTES  
REGULAR MEETING  
JUNE 22, 2020**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Mayor Roberta Rice  
Council Member Wade Bridges  
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. Mayor Rice gave the prayer and all those present said the Pledge of Allegiance.

- APPROVAL OF AGENDA
  - Mayor Rice requested adding Skeeter's Designs to the agenda before the Mayor's Report. Councilwoman Clark made a motion to accept the agenda with the change, seconded by Councilwoman Williams and the vote was unanimous.
  
- APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES
  - Councilwoman Williams made a motion to approve the May 18, 2020 minutes. Councilwoman Clark asked Attorney Campbell the procedure to have the April minutes changed to add a motion that was made which was not included in the minutes. Attorney Campbell stated this could be done with an addendum to the minutes. Councilwoman Clark further stated she made a mistake with the correct name for the founder of the food pantry. Mayor Rice stated an addendum would be added to the May minutes to reflect this; Councilman Johnson seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.
  
- NEW BUSINESS
  - Skeeter Seymour gave a presentation on different options for a new sign for the Community Center. Council and Mayor were presented with 3 quotes and some discussion ensued on placement and size of the sign and grant monies to purchase it. Mayor Rice stated the council would look over the information and discuss more later.
  
- MAYOR'S REPORT
  - Mayor Rice stated Waste Pro was only charging the City an increase for April and May due to the pandemic. After recommendation from Attorney Campbell, Councilman Johnson made a motion to give the McGarity's, of D & M Variety, access to the (rental) building all week from 7 am to 4 pm until Friday at 12 pm to

remove their property, at that time the building will be locked and the contents considered abandoned and the city will do what's necessary to dispose of and empty the building, seconded by Councilwoman Williams and the vote was unanimous. Mayor Rice requested the council to approve the City of Bowman to donate \$200 monthly to the senior luncheon because the \$100 which comes from the county was not enough to cover expenses. Councilwoman Williams made a motion to donate the money monthly from the BCDC fund, seconded by Councilman Johnson and the vote was unanimous. Mayor Rice mentioned that last week when the water main broke, the concrete at 258 N Broad was broken up to repair the line. Rice asked if anyone knew someone to do the repairs. Councilman Bridges mentioned Johnny's Concrete. Mayor Rice mentioned to date there were 15 applications for Public Works Employee and 10 for Grounds Keeper. Mayor Rice also mentioned there were two virtual meetings with GMA Rep Sherri Bailey to assist with formulating a budget. Councilwoman Clark stated she would like to attend future meetings for the budget. Mayor Rice also mentioned the GMA convention was virtual this year and there was no cost to attend. Lastly, Rice mentioned that notices on the bill cannot be changed and the area to list on the bill was small.

- **ATTORNEY'S REPORT**

- Attorney Campbell spoke of the DCA loan for the RLF for the Fine Arts building. He stated that before the meeting he just received more information on this loan. Campbell brought the council up to speed on what occurred in the last two years. He suggested he and the Mayor discuss payment options with the DCA. After Attorney Campbell discussed deferment on the GEFA loan, Councilwoman Williams made a motion to introduce the resolution to defer payments, and waive the reading, seconded by Councilman Johnson and the vote was unanimous.

- **COUNCIL MEMBER REPORT**

- Councilwoman Clark stated the food pantry would be open from 11 to 1 the second Tuesday of each month. Councilwoman Clark asked if there was anything in place for the pandemic and Mayor Rice stated she had spoken with Chuck Almond. Councilman Johnson stated he was still waiting on paving quotes.

- **CITY CLERK REPORT**

- Clerk Duck gave the council an update on her certified clerk's training. Mayor Rice stated the new assistant clerk would start work on July 6<sup>th</sup>.

- **OLD BUSINESS**

- Councilwoman Clark made a motion to pay off the MGAG loan, seconded by Councilman Johnson and the vote was unanimous.

- **NEW BUSINESS**

- Councilwoman Clark requested a change made to the April minutes concerning the salary range for the assistant clerk and that it was listed in the personnel manuals. After a lengthy discussion, Mayor Rice suggested an addendum to the April minutes.

Councilwoman Williams made a motion to go into executive session, seconded by Councilwoman Clark and the vote was unanimous.

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

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

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Approved July 27, 2020