

**CITY OF BOWMAN
MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
AUGUST 24, 2020**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mayor Roberta Rice
Council Member Wade Bridges
Council Member Henrietta Williams
Council Member Mary Clark
Council Member Chris Johnson

MEDIA PRESENT:

Rose Scoggins, Elberton Star
Linton Johnson, WSGC Radio

STAFF PRESENT:

Crystal Duck, City Clerk
Richard Campbell, City Attorney

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

- APPROVAL OF AGENDA
 - Mayor Rice requested moving item IV - New Business before the Mayor's Report so Mr. Sanders and Ms. Kirby could leave after their respective zoning variance applications to the council. Councilwoman Williams made a motion to approve the agenda with the Mayor's changes, seconded by Councilman Johnson and the vote was unanimous.
- APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES
 - Councilwoman Clark made a motion to approve the July 27, 2020 minutes, seconded by Councilman Johnson and the vote was unanimous.
- NEW BUSINESS
 - Attorney Campbell gave the council information on the zoning variance that Steve Sanders requested for his property located at 88 Carey Street for a 22 x 41 carport and how it violated current zoning. Mr. Sanders stated he wanted to protect his boat and truck with the carport and Mayor Rice said it would be an extension of his garage. Councilman Johnson made a motion to approve the variance, seconded by Councilwoman Williams and the vote was unanimous.
 - Attorney Campbell gave the council information on the zoning variance that Priscilla Kirby requested for her property located at 101 W Hendricks Street for a 30 x 65 outbuilding and how it violated current zoning. Furthermore, Kirby was not on record as the current title holder for the property. Campbell's advice to council was to table the matter until the warranty deed was filed/recorded. Ms. Kirby spoke and stated one of the existing buildings was already torn down and the second would be removed within 60 days of erecting the new building. Mayor Rice said once the warranty deed is filed, she will email council to get approval for the variance,

provided the old building (chicken house) is torn down within 60 days after the new building is completed.

- **MAYOR'S REPORT**

- Mayor Rice stated Bruce Harper will clean the community center floors in September. Rice said the CARES funding must be spent by September 1st. Councilman Johnson said spend the money on infrastructure for City Hall, VPN to shop, remote access and the website. Rice mentioned purchasing PPE to donate to the schools and sending money to Elbert County for an ambulance. Councilwoman Clark asked if the money could be used to purchase N95 masks. Mayor Rice stated Patrick with Peoples and Quigley is working on the grant for our water system. Another engineer with Peoples & Quigley is working on the grant for generators. She stated interviews were set up for this Wednesday to hire a gas employee and the groundskeeper position was filled last week. She went on to say there was a bid to clean 24 Segars Street (old D & M variety store) for \$900. Councilwoman Williams made a motion to approve the bid from Down South Outdoor Services pending proof of liability insurance, seconded by Councilman Johnson and the vote was unanimous. Mayor Rice read the library report and said Librarian Barnes needed a locking file cabinet and shelving for the closet. Councilwoman Clark made a motion to supply these for the library, seconded by Councilwoman Williams and the vote was unanimous.

- **ATTORNEY'S REPORT**

- Attorney Campbell stated the council needed to ratify the resolution for the CARES funding. Councilwoman Williams made a motion to ratify the resolution, seconded by Councilwoman Clark and the vote was unanimous. Campbell also said the lease for the L.B. Berryman building had been executed.

- **COUNCIL MEMBER REPORT**

- Councilwoman Clark asked about a work order to repair the windows at the community center. Mayor Rice stated the new groundskeeper had construction experience and could work on it. Clark also questioned the status of numbers for the stores on the square and the budget. Rice stated they had been unable to find any suitable numbers and she was working on the budget. Councilman Johnson stated the lowest bid to cut down trees at the park and off the square came from Clean Cut Tree Services for \$5,800. Johnson made a motion to approve the quote, seconded by Councilwoman Clark and the vote was unanimous. Councilman Johnson stated the city shop needed a compactor for \$999.99, a lightweight pump for \$419, a sewer camera for \$988.99, a hammer drill for \$399 and a finishing mower for \$2,898. Mayor Rice said the Elbert County road department would help CoB with potholes, etc. Johnson said the potholes would have to be fixed before paving for the LMIG projects. Councilman Johnson made a motion to approve purchasing the items listed using Splost funds from Water/Sewer and Streets, seconded by Councilwoman Williams and the vote was unanimous. Mayor Rice said the employees were going to training and Jerri Elrod accepted the PWD position.

- **CITY CLERK REPORT**

- Clerk Duck stated the Asyst contract for maintenance was up for renewal and was \$1,972.18. Councilman Johnson made a motion to approve, seconded by Councilwoman Williams and the vote was unanimous.

- **OLD BUSINESS**

- Councilwoman Clark asked Councilman Johnson if he would support the sign for the community center; he stated that he would. Clark also asked other council members. Councilman Johnson stated the quote from Skeeter was \$24,000; to which Councilwoman Clark stated that particular quote was from another vendor.
- Mayor Rice stated the city employees were to repair the concrete at 258 N Broad Street on Thursday.

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

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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 09/28/20