

**CITY OF BOWMAN
MINUTES
WORK SESSION
OCTOBER 26, 2020**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mayor Roberta Rice
Council Member Henrietta Williams
Council Member Mary Clark

MEDIA PRESENT:

Rose Scoggins, Elberton Star
Linton Johnson, WSGC Radio

STAFF PRESENT:

Crystal Duck, City Clerk
Richard Campbell, City Attorney
Jerri Elrod, Public Works Director
Vivian Barnes, Librarian

Mayor Roberta Rice called the meeting to order at 7:05 P.M. and stated this would be a work session since there was not a quorum. Councilwoman Williams gave the prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

- **MAYOR'S REPORT**

- Mayor Rice stated there was a gas leak at the regulator station on October 21st, but it was corrected today and PWD Jerri Elrod confirmed it. Rice mentioned the proclamation for Mental Health Awareness week which was done virtually. She also mentioned the Municipal Gas Authority teleconference she attended and confirmed that there would be no round two or three CARES funds because the money was going to cover unemployment taxes. She requested changing the payments for banners for the square from the BCDC fund to the General fund and voting on it at the next meeting. She stated election day was November 3rd and early voting started today at City Hall. Randy Noyes will fill Rachel Felice's seat. Two of the candidates for Wade Bridges stood and introduced themselves, Betty Jo Maxwell and Pat Elrod. The last candidate, Kevin Jared Collins was not present. Rice mentioned the Veteran's Day ceremony scheduled for November 11th on the square at 11 am with Joel Seymour as the speaker and refreshments afterward at the community center. Randy Noyes, by request of the mayor, mentioned the idea of placing pavers around the monument which would be purchased by family members, but this was still in the planning stage. Mayor Rice stated the November senior luncheon was moved to the 18th and would be catered by Ann Plummer. The mistletoe market would be on December 4th and 5th and the Christmas parade on the 5th. Rice state the old D & M building was cleaned out and she was working on getting a list of needed repairs. Mayor Rice also mentioned Joe Burdick had inquired about renting the loading dock side of the building at 89 E. Church St. Lastly, Mayor Rice stated she had the Peoples and Quigley reports if anyone wanted to see them and she received a thank you not from Burke Walker from the NEGRC for payment of dues.

- **ATTORNEY'S REPORT**
 - Attorney Campbell stated the council could not vote on Mr. Roach's zoning variance request to which Mayor Rice stated Mr. Roach was going to get his neighbors to sign something approving his building and get his attorney to combine his properties. Attorney Campbell mentioned an opinion letter required by the USDA for the city's loan. He asked PWD Elrod if they had copies of as built water lines maps. Elrod said they use to have them but were unable to locate them now. Mayor Rice stated she would contact People's and Quigley to get the maps sent to Campbell.
- **COUNCIL MEMBER REPORT**
 - Councilwoman Williams stated the Mistletoe Market would take place from 6 to 8 on Friday, December 4th along with caroling, a DJ and the tree lighting. Councilwoman Clark stated that Bowman did not have anyone on the oversight committee for the Splost Fund. Haley Fortson represents Elbert County; Tom Dean represents the City of Elberton. She was told the mayor could appoint someone and her husband John would volunteer. Clark said she read the next Splost referendum would be in 2022.
- **PUBLIC WORKS REPORT**
 - PWD Elrod stated the ground bed for the rectifier on Herndon was bad. Mick Steele came out and recommended repairing it. This would last for another 40 years.
- **CITY CLERK REPORT**
 - Clerk Duck stated the currently there was \$69, 177.49 in the 2010 Splost fund and \$317, 220.81 in the 2017 Splost fund. She mentioned the financial reports that were emailed to the council members and asked if there were any questions. She also mentioned breakfast with Santa would take place on December 20th and Randy Noyes was working out the details. Lastly, she stated the city received a check on October 15th from the insurance commissioner for \$69, 228.49.
- **LIBRARY REPORT**
 - Mayor Rice read the report which consisted of 142 attendance, 59 computer users, 2 wi-fi users, \$45.50 local prints and \$13.20 pines for September 26th to October 26th.
- **OLD BUSINESS**
 - Mayor Rice stated the building at 24 N Segars would need new windows, paneling, ceiling and bathroom upgrades to make them handicap accessible.
- **NEW BUSINESS**
 - Mayor Rice stated an RFP was received from Attorney Campbell and this would go on next month's agenda.
 - Mayor Rice requested Loyd Ivester and Jerri Elrod speak to other employees concerning what benefits they wanted relating to PTO and insurance. She also asked Clerk Duck to do the same.

Councilwoman Clark stated she was so grateful Tammy Dalton has agreed to assist with getting and securing the sign for the community center. Some discussion ensued on the topic. Tammy stated based on Chris's recommendation at a prior meeting, it would be more secure with masonry. Mayor Rice suggested local granite instead of brick.

ADJOURNMENT