

**City of Bowdon**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Public Hearing for FY 2020 Budget and**  
**Mayor and Council Meeting**  
**June 17, 2019**  
**7:00PM**

**I.-IV. Agenda Items:**

The Mayor and City Council met during a regular session on Monday, June 17<sup>th</sup>, 2019, in the Mayor and Council Chambers, 182 Grammar School Road, Bowdon Georgia. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Jim Chaffin at 7:00PM.

Roll call was conducted by City Clerk Susan Pierce.

Members present: Mayor Jim Chaffin  
Mayor Pro-tem Jan Johnson  
Councilmember Marty Johnson  
Councilmember Wes McEntyre  
Councilmember Noah Steed

Staff present: City Manager Gary Bullock  
City Clerk Susan Pierce  
Police Chief Mark Brock  
Main Street Director Jan Gibbs

The Invocation was led by Councilmember Wes McEntyre and was followed with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**V. Approval of Minutes**

Minutes of Mayor & Council Meeting on May 13<sup>th</sup>, 2019 and Public Hearing on June 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2019 were read and presented for approval.

*Motion by Councilmember Wes McEntyre to approve the minutes as presented; second by Councilmember Marty Johnson; motion carried by a 3-1 margin, with Councilmember Noah Steed abstaining due to his absence at the meetings.*

**VI. Public Hearing – FY 2020 Budget**

**A. Public Comments**

None on the proposed FY 2020 Budget.

Olivia Holz, 309 E. College Street, asked about the properties in disrepair in the City. She mentioned that there were many houses falling down, burned, and overgrown with tall grass, weeds and trash. Mr. Bullock, City Manager, stated that we do have money in the budget for a Code Enforcement Officer to address these properties.

Connie Hensler from the American Red Cross spoke on the results of the “Sound the Alarm, Save a Life” program. On April 27, the Red Cross along with local volunteers and first responders, walked around Bowdon, installing 183 smoke alarms and making 92 homes safer from fire.

## VII. Business Session

- A. Adoption of FY 2020 Budget – Mr. Bullock gave a brief overview of the budget highlights, including a 2.50% wage increase for employees.

Motion by Councilmember McEntyre to approve the City of Bowdon FY 2020 Budget as presented; second by Councilmember Marty Johnson; motion carried unanimously.

- B. Library Board Appointments – The Warren P. Sewell Library Board of Trustees recommended the re-appointments of Marilyn Morris and Nancy Sparkman, and the appointment of Johnnie Davis to replace Shannon Rainwater.

Motion by Councilmember McEntyre to approve the re-appointment of Marilyn Morris and Nancy Sparkman to the Library Board, and to appoint Johnnie Davis to replace Shannon Rainwater on the Library Board as presented; second by Mayor Pro-tem Jan Johnson; motion carried unanimously.

- C. GEFA Loan Modification Agreement – 3<sup>rd</sup> Modification to extend the project completion into 2020 with all drawdowns to be completed by December 1, 2020.

Motion by Councilmember Steed to approve the GEFA Loan Modification Agreement as presented; second by Mayor Pro-tem Jan Johnson; motion carried unanimously.

- D. Renewal of Beautification CD – Mrs. Pierce, City Clerk, informed Council that today was the last day to renew the CD without a penalty. The CD automatically renewed at SunTrust.

Motion by Councilmember McEntyre to approve the renewal of the Beautification CD at SunTrust Bank; second by Councilmember Marty Johnson; motion carried unanimously.

- E. Messer Lease renewal – Mrs. Pierce notified Council that she had spoken with Tommy Messer (former owner, retired) and Rob Messer (present owner). Mr. Rob Messer does wish to continue with the lease with updated terms as follows: Lease will renew every 12 months, and both the tenant and the landlord can terminate the lease with a 60-day written notice.

Motion by Councilmember McEntyre to renew the Messer Lease with Rob Messer, including the updated terms as presented; second by Mayor Pro-tem Jan Johnson; motion carried unanimously.

- F. Public Safety Memorial – Mr. Bullock said that this was to honor First Responders who lost their life in the line of duty. The monument will be located in Carrollton. We have \$2500 in the City Hall budget and \$2500 in the Police budget to cover a \$5000 donation from the City of Bowdon. Mr. Bullock recommended that we donate \$5000 since we get a lot of cooperation from all of the first responders.

Motion by Councilmember McEntyre to approve donating \$5000 for the Public Safety Memorial; second by Councilmember Marty Johnson; motion carried unanimously.

- G. Department Reports – no comments. Mr. Bullock did inform Mayor and Council that on June 10 we had a water main leak on N. Hwy. 100, and we currently have a leak that looks like it started Saturday morning. We do not have any leak detection equipment and have not been able yet to locate where the leak is. We are losing water from the tank at a rate of about 6 inches per hour. We will resume the search tomorrow. Mayor Pro-tem Jan Johnson asked if we could borrow some equipment to help find the leak. Mr. Bullock stated that he had already spoken with Matt Windom at Carroll County Water Authority, and they are willing to help us out with their equipment.
- He also notified Council that Barr Industrial Ave. between Padgett Dr. and Kent Ave. will be closed to through traffic from July 15 to July 19 so that crews can replace the culvert west of the entrance to Pilgrim's Pride. We will furnish the materials and use contract labor. This will be part of our LMIG and SPLOST funding.
- Mr. Bullock also let Council know that we are keeping a business in Bowdon that would have had to leave their current location and working with a prospective buyer on the purchase of one of our downtown buildings.
- Mayor Pro-tem Jan Johnson asked about paving Bowdon Tyus Road. Mr. Bullock answered that we have not yet put that out for bids, but it is the next project after the culvert replacement is completed. Mayor Pro-tem Johnson mentioned that school will be starting early in August, so the paving needs to be completed by the end of July.

## **IX. Financial Session**

- A. Reviewed Property Tax Unpaid Balance Summary.
- B. Reviewed May financial reports
- C. Cash balances as of June 14, 2019

Mayor Chaffin then stated that before we adjourn, he wanted to recognize the work of Councilmember Wes McEntyre with the Bowdon Baptist Church Honduras Mission Team. He led 26 people on a one-week mission trip. This was the 6<sup>th</sup> year for the mission team trip. They saw 1000 patients in 3 days.

There being no other business, Mayor Chaffin asked for a motion to adjourn.

*Motion by Councilmember McEntyre to adjourn the meeting; second by Councilmember Marty Johnson; motion carried unanimously.*

## **X. Adjournment**

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Mayor Jim Chaffin

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City Clerk Susan Pierce