

TOWN OF BOWMAN

COUNCIL MEETING

MINUTES September 3, 2019

Present: Mayor Pro-Tem Patsy Rhett

Council: Michael Void, Councilman

Leroy Harley, Councilman

L. Landrum Weathers, Councilman

Town Clerk: Melvin Felder, Jr.

Chief of Police: Kevin Pendarvis

Office Manager: Yvonne Lewis

The Town of Bowman Council meeting was called to order by Mayor Pro-Tem at 7:00 PM. Councilman L. Landrum Weathers offered the invocation. The previous meeting minutes were approved and adopted. Motion was offered by Councilman Void and second by Councilman Harley.

Citizen Request

Reatha Baxter – Mrs. Baxter had a concern in regards to the petition that was answered during the previous meeting. Her request was in regards to the final paragraph on the petition. In the response to the petition it stated that “At the death of all landowners on this petition, it will become null and void.” Mrs Baxter request is to have the following: “For properties bequeath from an original landowner to a family member, the family member would not be required to obtain a majority of signatures from the landowners from Laura Street and Charter Oaks Court. However, the gamily member landowner would acknowledge acceptance and adherence to the original petition by providing a notarized letter and a copy of the original petition.”

It was noted that after careful consideration no changes will be made to the Response to Petition issued to Mrs. Baxter and that the petition will become null and void upon the death of the landowners who names appear on the petition given.

Administrative Updates

Mayor Pro-Tem stated that in preparation of Hurricane Dorian the County will be opening two shelters beginning at 8:00am on tomorrow. Those shelters will be at Orangeburg Wilkinson High School and Lake Marion High School and Technology Center.

Mayor Pro-Tem stated that some of the newly planted flowers on Main Street have been pulled up and taken without the Town’s notice. Mayor Pro-Tem stated that the Town is constantly trying to enhance and however we cannot sustain such vandalism.

Finance Report

For the Month Ended August 2019

Sewer Operation \$ 14,537.51

General Fund \$ 44,504.51

Municipal Fund \$ 3,157.50

The financial report was motion to be accepted and place in the file for future reference by Councilman Void. Motion was properly second by Councilman Harley.

Water and Sewer Department - Leroy Harley - Councilman

Councilman Harley read the report from the Operator detailing his usual work log for the month that included the various testing, changing of cylinders, minor repairs that were contracted out, and the monthly DMR Report that submitted to SCDHEC.

A resident stated that around 8am – 12 noon she and another neighbor are experiencing pressure problems. Councilman Harley stated that he would check into this issue.

Police Department- Patsy Rhett- Councilperson

Chief Pendarvis gave the police department report. 12 reports were written for the month.

Pendarvis stated the department is preparing for Hurricane Dorian.

Pendarvis stated that the department is in the process of getting all the equipment out of the old patrol cars and will be preparing the vehicles for sale. He stated the money collected will be used for the purchased of used patrol cars from the State Surplus.

Parks-Councilman Michael Void

Councilman Void stated that he is pleased with the work that has been done in the parks and with the addition and upgrades of the lighting in the Inner City Park. He further stated that new swing seats will be able within the next few days.

Councilman Void stated that he is still looking into the locks for the restrooms.

Void stated that the Harvest Festival is expanding and that they have had to add more spots for vendors.

Streets - Councilman Weathers

Councilman Weathers stated that he did not have a report of the streets, but to see if the Water Department could clean around the storm drains in Town to help relieve some of the excess rain from the upcoming Hurricane.

It was further stated that the project with SCDOT was pushed back and that they are anticipating a new date of construction.

Old Business

Mayor Pro-Tem stated that on the previous Thursday, the Town hosted its Community Forum to update the citizens of what has been going on within the Town.

A citizen asked why they were not able to speak during the forum. It was noted that this meeting was just to update and inform citizens of what has and will take place within the community. Mayor Pro-Tem advised that she apologize that it was not the forum they were anticipating with Questions and Answers sessions, but advised that the town will host a Forum of such in the near future.

New Business

Mayor Pro-Tem Patsy Rhett reintroduced the Council to Ordinance 2019-08-06 – Adopting Ordinance – Comprehensive Plan. It was properly motioned by Councilman Void and second by Councilman Harley that the town accepts the Ordinance as a 3rd reading. (2nd reading held during Community Forum)

Mayor Pro-Tem Rhett signed off on the approval for the Town of Bowman website. Once the approval is submitted the website will be active in approximately a week.

A resident asked about the number of fire hydrants in the Town that was not working. It was stated that there are approximately 100 fire hydrants with less than 20 not properly functioning.

It was properly motioned by Councilman Void and second by Councilman Harley that the meeting be adjourned until the 1st Tuesday in October 2019.