

# NO MASK NO ENTRY

## Town of Bowman Council Meeting

November 3, 2020, 7:00pm

Mission Statement: The Town of Bowman government delivers essential services that contribute to the well-being, safety, and quality of life of its citizens. In doing so, we seek to meet the collective needs of our citizens in a cost-effective manner. We strive to provide “Quality Service and Solutions: Mutual Respect and Unity with the Community to reach a positive and productive goal for a common cause.”

The Bowman Town Council will meet in regular session on the first Tuesday of each month (with the exception of July, Special Call to Meeting and Emergency Meetings).

- I. Call to Order** **Mayor Rhett**
  
- II. Greetings** **Mayor Rhett**
  
- III. Prayer** **Rev. Sheri White**
  - Reverend Sheri White led the prayer for the swearing in ceremony for the newly elected Council Person Delesera Roger’s
  
- IV. Pledge of Allegiance**
  
- V. Swearing in Ceremony of Council Person Roger’s**
  - Reverend Sheri White offered the new Council Person the Oath of Office
  - New Council Person Roger’s offered a moment of silent prayer for the deceased Councilman Michael Void and made the outreach to the community to support the Town of Bowman and to reach out to the Town Council and the Mayor if they have any concerns.
  - Mrs. Roger’s took her place on the Town Council
  
- VI. Departmental Reports**
  1. Approval of October Minutes
    - Properly moved by Councilman Carter and second by Councilman Harley that the Town Council meeting minutes from October, the motion was approved by the Council.
  
  2. Finance Report Town Clerk – Toni Glover
    - ❖ General Fund Beginning Balance: \$136,804.04
    - Ending Balance: \$80,592.16

- ❖ Water Fund    Beginning Balance: \$36,718.37  
Ending Balance:     \$68,121.27

- ❖ Citizen asks of methods to receive the City of Bowman Financial Monthly Report(s); the Mayor did advise the citizen that the information is published on the Town of Bowman website as well as any citizen are welcomed to request a copy from the office.

3. Administrative Updates    Mayor Patsy Rhett

- Broadband Connections    Mr. Metts
  - ❖ Mr. Metts stated the history of Broadband within Orangeburg County and the benefits that they can bring to the Town of Bowman
  - ❖ Town of Bowman entered into an agreement with Edisto Electric and Dominion Energy: Motioned by Councilman Carter and properly second by Councilman Harley and approved by all of Town Council

**V11. Reports from Components**

1. Streets    Councilman Carter

- ❖ Councilman Carter reemphasize that the citizens of Bowman should not use the ditches as trash dump sites and if they see someone using the ditches as dump sites to please inform Town Hall.
- ❖ The Army Corp has agreed to do a study and will provide the information to the state, the county and to the Town of Bowman in reference to the flowing of water through the Town of Bowman; especially with creeks in reference to the Water Share
- ❖ Councilman Carter stated that he will be cleaning out the ditches in the Town of Bowman; Councilman Carter and Mr. Breland of the State DOT have discussed repairing the water leak under the sidewalk by Antioch Baptist Church due to underground movement of water (like a spring). The plan is to cut the bluff back in an effort to be able to see how the water is actually flowing; more information will be forth coming as Councilman Carter continues to work on this project. Councilman Carter stated that he would send email notification carbon copying the Mayor to Mr. Breland in reference to the update of the this project.
- ❖ Due to a Bowman Business Owner concerns in reference to some issues with the ditch located off of Oliver and Smith St. (stating that she has voiced her concerns numerous times with the County in reference to who is responsible for the maintenance of this location); Councilman Carter offered to keep the citizen updated on what he can find out about that ditch location for maintenance; he also requested for the citizen to contact him via email in reference to any other concerns that she may have that are related to the ongoing issues.

2. Recreation Council Person Pelzer
- ❖ Bowman Parks and Recreation along with the Banquet Hall located at Town Hall are still closed the public due to COVID-19
  - ❖ Council Person Pelzer gave a Great Thank you for all that participated in the Town of Bowman Truck or Treat; the winner of the virtual custom contest was Little Miss Brooklyn Smith who received a \$10.00 gift card from the Town of Bowman.
  - ❖ Breast Cancer Survivor Parade was held Sunday 11-01-20.
3. Water and Sewer Councilman Harley
- ❖ Councilman Harley commended the water and sewer department on the wonderful services they have provided to the Town. As of to date all known leaks have been taken care of and all know water and sewer concerns from citizens have been addressed.
  - ❖ A Bowman Citizen had concerns in reference to water discoloration coming into the Parsonage; the Mayor ensured the community that whenever there is an issue like that for citizens for the citizen(s) to contact Town Hall.
  - ❖ There have been some water leaks throughout the community some due to the work that Broadband has been doing throughout the community and some for other purposes; the Town of Bowman has been working very diligent to remedy the leaks as soon as we are made aware of them.
4. Police Department Chief Pendarvis
- ❖ 1 Natural Death
  - ❖ 1 Suspicious Incident
  - ❖ 1 Threat/Harassment
  - ❖ 1 Assault/Kidnap
  - ❖ 1 Domestic Violence
  - ❖ The Chief shared his concerns in reference to the Police Department being in need of updated patrol vehicles.

**VII. Old Business**

**Mayor Patsy Rhett**

- Library
  - ❖ The library is still under construction
- Street Lighting
  - ❖ The Town Hall Building will be receiving street lighting from Dominion Energy
- Reroofing and town hall renovations
  - ❖ Renovations will start on Town Hall with funds from the Penny tax (roof and bathrooms in the Mayor's office and the main Hallway)

- Christmas Parade
  - ❖ Due to COVID-19, the Mayor requested for the Council to take a vote in reference if we should have a Christmas Parade for 2020; the floor was open to the public there were no comments or questions from the public. Mayor Rhett placed the motion before the Council Town Council and Councilman Carter motioned for the Town to cancel the Christmas Parade for 2020 in an effort to lower exposure of COVID-19 to our community; motion was properly second by Councilman Harley, the Town Council voted and it was passed that The Town of Bowman WILL NOT have a 2020 Christmas Parade.
  
- Electronic Meters
  - ❖ The competing vendors did conduct a virtual presentation that was announced and accessible to the general public within the past month and the Town Council did meet in a Special Session to decide which vendor to move forward with. Town Hall will send out notification to the Bowman Community when the vendor is able to come back to answer any questions and address concerns as we move forward with the installing electronic meters for the Town of Bowman.
  
- Floor opened for questions or comments from the public:
  - ❖ Question in reference to what occurred with the marquee that was out in front of Town Hall. The Mayor did inform the public that at this time that we are purchasing a new marquee (sign) due to complications with the prior one.

#### VIII. Executive Session

- Town Attorney
  - ❖ Bowman Town Council had an Executive Session after the Bowman Town Hall Meeting and after the Executive Session a motion was made to accept the law firm of Johnson, Toal and Battiste as the attorney of record for the Town of Bowman.

#### IV. Adjournment

- Mayor Rhett motioned for Town Council to adjourn from Town Council Meeting and to go into Executive Session, properly second by Councilman Carter.