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Town of Bowman Council Meeting

Meeting Minutes

October 6, 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. Prayer** **Council Person Pelzer**

- II. Pledge of Allegiance**

- III. Introduction of new Member Deleseara Rogers**
 - Mayor Patsy Rhett introduce the new Council Person Mrs. Deleseara Rogers and she made a few brief remarks to the community; she will be sworn in during the November 2020 Council Meeting

- IV. Resolution for the late Councilman Void**
 - Resolution presented to the late family of Michael Void by Mayor Patsy Rhett on the behalf of the Town of Bowman and the Town Council

- V. Approval of Minutes from June 2, 2020**
 - All council members did receive the meeting minutes from June 2, 2020 to review and these meeting minutes will be voted on for approval at the November 2020 meeting.

- VI. Departmental Reports**
 1. Administrative Updates Mayor Patsy Rhett
 - We are anticipating on receiving \$10,000 from the Solar Plant by the end of this week; the following is a small list of what the above funds have been allocated for:
 - Either a sign on Main St that will be post all the meetings that occur for the Town of Bowman or use the funds for upgrades for the Inner City Park
 - The Town will ensure to acknowledge Cypress in the assistance with obtaining the \$10,000 donation

2. Finance Report Toni Glover, Town Clerk - absent
 - Written report distributed to Council Members

3. Water/Sewer Report Councilman Leroy Harley
 - Councilman Harley stated that he was able to see that the drainage on main roads worked properly during our last flooding

 - The Town of Bowman Water Department did ensure the following:
 - Maintenance on our lagoons
 - Maintenance on the water pumps by changing the cylinders
 - Removed debris that accumulated during the flood
 - Inspected water hydrates on Bowman Brach Hwy while having access to the Town of Bowman Water Department Operator, Cedric Hudson

 - The Town of Bowman has been conducting multiple flushing of water hydrates which is order by Santee Cooper when our levels are not proper; during flushing the water pressure for residence may be affected.

4. Police Department Chief Kevin Pendarvis
 - 2 Suspicious Incidents
 - 2 Deceased Persons
 - 1 Info Only
 - 1 MIPP

The Police Department ordered Ballistic Vest for our officers thanks to the generous donations from Edisto Baptist Church, Mrs. Gayle West, Mrs. Rachel Weathers and the Bowman Beautification Comity. The Police Department also ordered new flash lights and jackets with the monies that was raised by Mrs. West and Mrs. Weathers. We would like to thank everyone for all for all the hard work they have out into helping the Town to get the needed items to keep our officers safe.

The Police Department is working with the State to obtain funding for new body cameras for the Police Department.

The police Department was awarded 2 new In-Car video cameras to be mounted in the patrol vehicles from the State of South Carolina. 1 vehicle will be mounted in the Tahoe and the other will go in whatever other patrol vehicle.

- The flags that are displayed at Town Hall were donated by Woody Weathers in memory of his family members

5. Parks & Recreation

Council Person Pelzer

- Due to the Corona Virus Pandemic, the Town of Bowman will continue to keep all parks, and banquet halls closed – which means at this time we are not collecting any deposit for those locations at this time.

- October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month: please feel free to contact the following if you have any questions in reference to organizing any programs or celebrations that are already planned
 - Yoursheka Shuler – 803.747.5365
 - Ellen Hicks – 803.829.1350
 - Melvin Felder Jr. - 803.290.3728
 - Shaquetta Pelzer - 803.308.5416

- Southeaster Outdoor Center will be hosting a Drive-Thru Haunted House (Wicked Woods) Drive-Thru on the following dates at \$20.00 per vehicle from 7:00pm to 10:00pm:
 - October 9, 2020
 - October 10, 2020
 - October 16, 2020
 - October 17, 2020
 - October 23, 2020
 - October 24, 2020

- For the month of December the Proud Squad will determine which home displays the most Christmas Spirit with decorations
- Town Hall will Host the Trunk and Treat will be at Town of Hall and we do ask that any person or organization that would like to participate to be at Town Hall by 5:00 pm to 7:00pm on 10-31-2020.

6. Streets

Councilman Ike Carter

- The Army Corp of Engineers, The Edisto Water Shed and Orangeburg County to stay in contact with Mayor Rhett in reference to any excessive flooding through-out the Town of Bowman especially during a major storm
- Councilman Carter wants to ensure the entire Town of Bowman understand that ditches are not to be used for trash disposal
- SC DOT and they stated to him that they will no longer paint any yellow lines on the highways or curves

- Street lights: The City of Bowman will install all new LED lights throughout the Town of Bowman and Mayor Rhett is communicating with Dominion for architectural lights for downtown Bowman
- Councilman Carter to follow up with resident in reference to Oliver St not being recognized as an actual street within the Town limits of Bowman

VII. Old Business

Mayor Patsy Rhett

- Library
 - The physical work has begun and the Town Council will have more information in reference to the progress since it has just started for November Council Meeting.
- Dime Store Purchase
 - The Town is awaiting for some documentation to complete ownership of the property and then Orangeburg County has agreed to demolish the building at NO COST to the Town of Bowman and then we as a Town Council will calibrate with the community and then finalize any suggestions with Town Council vote on what would be the best project for the Town of Bowman.
- Roof and Meters
 - As a follow up to previous discussions; the Town of Bowman will redo the main section of Town Hall and those funds will come from the 4th Penny Tax in the amount of:
 - ✓ \$300,000 for the water and sewer treatment plant(s)
 - The Town Council will have a meeting after the Town Council Meeting tonight to vote on what electronic meter reading service provider to move forward with providing services to the Town of Bowman.
- Town Hall Improvements
 - \$240,422 for Town Hall with at least \$110, 250 to do one section of the Town Hall roof (the whole building will be over \$600,000) so at this time we are doing the roof in increments
 - The Town of Building has received a quote of \$26,000 to redo all the restrooms within Town Hall by the contractor Mr. Skip Welsh

VIII. New Business

Mayor Patsy Rhett

- Hydrants
- The Town of Bowman is looking into replacing multiple fire hydrates at this time
- At this time the Food Give Away that was being held at Town Hall the distributor of the food to the community is no longer available.
- At this time it is unsure if the Town of Bowman will hold the Traditional Christmas Parade at this time due to the COVID-19 Pandemic.

- If any person within the city limits has property damage due to an accident or mother nature and have questions in reference to who is responsible should contact Bowman Town Hall to inquire at 803.829.2666 or bowmansc@oburg.net
- Introduction of the new pastor of New Covenant United Methodist Church, Pastor White

IX. Executive Session

- Council reviewed candidate information for installation of electronic meters

IV. Adjournment