

TOWN OF BOWMAN  
Council Meeting Minutes  
December 15, 2023

Present: Mayor Patsy Rhett

Council: Ike Carter, Councilman

Delesera Roger's, Councilperson

Shaquetta Pelzer, Councilperson

Shawn Glenn, Councilman (absent)

Town Manager: Yvonne Lewis

Part-time Office Assistant: Shamain Johnson

Chief of Police: Kevin Pendarvis

The Town of Bowman Council meeting was called to order by Mayor Rhett at 7:00 PM. Councilperson Shaquetta Pelzer offered the prayer. Councilman Ike Carter led the Pledge to the flag.. The November 2023 minutes was approved by Councilperson Pelzer second by Councilperson Rogers.

**Citizen Request- None**

Mayor Rhett at this point thanked everyone for their presence and for taking the time to attend our monthly meeting.

**Finance Report**

Due to the new banking system the entire statement was incomplete. The balances are as listed below:

Operation and Maintenance: Ending balance as of 11/30/2023 \$ 30,149.08

General Fund: Ending balance as of 11/30/2023 \$ 108,703.10

The finance report was motion by Councilperson Pelzer and second by Councilperson Rogers.

**Administrative Updates**

Mayor Rhett read a resolution as it relates to the upgrade to the sewer plant. (1 million dollar funding) A loan assistance agreement. Question: Councilman Carter concerning more clarification about how the

money is to be spent. Mayor Rhett stated that the construction process has begun. A resolution is a part of the process. A motion was offered by Councilman Carter to accept the sign agreement for funds to improve our sewer system. Second by Councilperson Rogers.

### **Medical Center**

Mayor Rhett stated that everything is completed and a full report will be furnished in January.

### **1890 –Chris Green –Director**

Mr. Green stated that he is the new director. Mr. Green stated that his program has a lot to offer and he would like to work with the community more. Mr. Green also stated that they have a smart classroom and during the spring break they will be working with the students from the community.

### **Auditor Search**

Mayor Rhett stated that we are currently looking for a new auditioning firm. Mayor Rhett also stated that we will have a budget workshop on 12/12/2023. We also must have our year end budget completed by March 1, 2024.

### **Departmental Reports**

**Streets**-Councilman Carter stated that he is working with SCDOT to get more done. He also asked everyone to reach out to SCDOT through their website. A statement was made by Council elect Ada Smith that the handicap signs in front of town hall need to be replaced. Councilman Carter stated that he has a meeting with from SCDOT grant writing division.

**Parks & Recreation**- Councilperson Pelzer- reminded everyone about the annual Christmas Parade on December 14, 2023 at 7:00pm. Secondly Councilperson Pelzer stated that the Thanksgiving Dinner was very successful. Councilperson also stated let's look forward to Christmas Dinner 2024.

**Police Department**- Councilperson Rogers stated that we need more police officers for the 24-hour coverage. Currently there are two vehicles in Hampton County for sale. Motion was made by Councilman Carter to allow Mayor Rhett to handle the actual selection of purchasing the vehicles. Motion second by Councilperson Pelzer. Councilman Cater stated that the statement concerning the chief being responsible for 24/7 protection.

Mayor Rhett stated that currently our sewer system is still experiencing problems from rugs that are not flushable into our system and burning up our motors. This problem is costing our town dearly. Councilman Carter asked can the problem be back tracked to our manholes.

**Special Recognition**- Mayor Rhett presented a plaque to Councilperson Pelzer for her service to the Town of Bowman. We then stood adjourn until the meeting the first Tuesday night in January 2024.