

# MINUTES

## TOWN OF BOWMAN/COUNCIL MEETING 11/05/2024

The Bowman Town Council meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm, by Mayor Patsy Rhett. Present were Councilman Ike Carter, who delivered the prayer, Councilperson Ada Smith who led the Pledge of Allegiance and Councilperson Rogers. Councilman Shawn Glenn was absent.

The attendees then repeated the Civility Pledge. The chair then asked for a Motion of approval for the November meeting minutes. Councilman Carter approved, Councilperson Rogers second the motion. The finance report was made by Ms. Amy C. Rinkenberger, see attachment. Motion of acceptance was made by Councilperson Rogers and approved by Councilman Carter.

Request to be heard by townsperson Evangelist Quintilla Brown to come before the council. Evangelist Brown brought before the council her idea to host a summer camp called GAP (Guiding and Providing Outreach Ministry). She provided the Mayor and Council with a Mission and Purpose statement. She stated she is a lifelong resident of Bowman for 60 years and a Bowanite. She stated this is a youth outreach ministry where she is trying to reach the youth in areas such as drugs, self-esteem through mentoring. She stated she has talked to the Police and Sheriff Ravenell and they are behind it. She stated she would like to use a part of the town hall building for the proposed summer camp. Councilman Carter asked her how many participants was she expecting she stated maybe 100. Councilperson Smith asked her how many people would she have to assist her, Evangelist Brown stated 10. Mayor Rhett stated the adults would have to be vetted. The Council thought her idea was great, she would need to meet with the Mayor when she has more information such as how many participants, dates, time and staff.

Administrative Updates Mayor Rhett informed the Council and townspeople letters were mailed by Sharmain Johnson for the Christmas Parade which will be December 12, 2024 at 6:30 pm. Councilpersons are required to be in the Parade. Assistance will be needed to line up the participants. Volunteers are welcome. Mayor Rhett asked the Council and the present Community members for ideas for a theme for the parade. No one had any ideas, Mayor stated if anyone comes up with an idea to let herself or office staff know.

Mayor Rhett informed the Council and town members she was interested in hosting a breakfast with Councilpersons present for the Senior Citizens in the Town. She stated letters will be mailed to the Community Churches and they will need to RSVP as to how many can come. The date of December 20, 2024 at 9:00 am was decided by Mayor and Councilpersons. It will be in the Banquet Hall.

Mayor Rhett let the Council and town members know that FEMA stopped by with flyers informing those impacted by Hurricane Helene can call or go online to request assistance. She stated the information will be left on the table inside the Town Hall. Councilperson Smith stated the flyers are also located at the Town Library.

Street Reports were provided by Councilman Carter. He has been riding around and writes down issues and then goes to the [scdot.org](http://scdot.org) website and fills the information in. He invited everyone to go to the website for issues, the more we send in the more chance they are going to do it. Councilman Carter also discussed the painted lines on the roads, it is hard to see the road in some places. Councilperson Smith stated the streets on main street look very nice, the young man did a good job. Councilman Carter stated if y'all see anything please tell me. Councilperson Rogers asked about a stop sign by the post office that is hanging down, the screw is out and it is down. Councilman Carter stated he will report it. Mayor Rhett brought up an issue with the hooks that are used for hanging the holiday decorations. The trucks have been hitting them. Councilman Carter stated they can place barricades

Parks and Recreation were provided by Councilperson Smith. She informed everyone the trees were planted at the downtown park, the landscape company is working on the smaller plants. She stated the large trees are beautiful and in the summertime it will be a cooling shady park. She reminded all that it was funded by a grant. She stated herself and Councilman Carter have met with a playground equipment company, they have a proposal and are seeking funding for the equipment. The Nature Park is continuing to be maintained, the only thing need to be worked on is the lights to be more efficient. Councilperson Rogers asked about the memorial where the trees were planted, will the trees grow high to interfere with the power lines. A concerned citizen brought it to her attention. Councilperson Smith stated they will look into that concern. Mayor Rhett informed all of the four students we had from the Citadel that were in need of community service hours. The young men went to the Nature Park, brought some of their own equipment cleaned up. They did a wonderful job!

Councilperson Rogers provided all with the Bowman Police Report, see attached. She informed the Council that for the month of October there were a total of 5 incidents: 1 information only, 2 were assisting other agencies, 1 larceny and 1 for pointing and presenting. Citations were not presented at this time. Councilperson Rogers informed Council the burgundy Taurus has been repaired and is back in service for patrol. The gray Tahoe will go to the sign shop to be marked with Bowman PD. The White Tahoe is in need of new tires and a front end alignment. The transmission is also slipping. She also informed council of the Federal 1033 program for equipment, Chief Pendarvis elaborated on this program. Councilperson Rogers also informed the Council that the Police Department has been receiving application for a new Police Officer. Some applicants have never been to the academy, some are still under contract with other agencies and their contracts would have to be bought out. Mayor Rhett stated they would need to talk with their auditor. Councilperson Smith asked if we send them to the academy do we get a commitment, Chief Pendarvis stated we get a 2-year commitment. If we buy out their contract, we get a commitment of one year. Councilman Carter made a motion for Mayor Rhett to look into everything and bring it back to the Council to revisit in January 2025, Councilperson Smith second the motion. Dress blues were discussed and the cost was \$800 per Dress uniform.

Mayor Rhett thanked the Council and asked if there were any comments or questions from the community, none were presented. Mayor Rhett informed all that the office will be closed Monday, November 11, 2024 in observance of Veterans Day. She stated to all to have a Wonderful Thanksgiving. She asked that we acknowledge and appreciate all that the veterans have done, and the ones that gave their precious lives in service to our country. Mayor asked for motion to dismiss the Council Meeting, Councilperson Smith made the motion Councilperson Rogers and Councilman Carter second the motion.

Respectfully Submitted