

Town of Bowman
Council Meeting
Minutes August 1, 2023

Present: Mayor Patsy Rhett

Council: Councilperson, Delesera Rogers

Councilperson, Shaquetta Pelzer

Councilman, Ike Carter

Town Manager: Yvonne Lewis

Chief of Police: Kevin Pendarvis

The Town of Bowman Council meeting was called to order by Mayor Patsy Rhett at 7:00 pm. Our opening prayer was made by Rev. Mary Everheart Pastor of the Bowman Charge. The Pledge of Alliance to the flag was led by Councilperson Pelzer. A motion was offered by Councilperson Pelzer to accept the minutes from the previous meeting and was properly second by Councilperson Rogers.

Citizen Request

Pastor Mary Everheart of the Bowman Charge was introduced to those present and she was openly and warmly given a welcome to the Town of Bowman. Pastor Everheart gave a brief bio of her life and asked to become a member of the Bowman Ministerial Alliance. She also stated that she has over 28 years of law enforcement as a sled agent.

Our Second visitor was Judge Franklin Thompson who has retired and recently been appointed Chief Judge in Cottageville, SC . Judge Franklin stated that he would like to help out in our court system.

Finance Department

General Fund balance: As of June 30, 2023 : \$ 212,913.62

Sewer Operation & Maint. balance: As of June 30,2023: \$ 27,287.33

Motion was made by Councilperson Pelzer to accept the report as written with the necessary correction if needed and to be kept for future reference. Motion was second by Councilman Carter and Rogers.

Administrative Updates

Ashley Kellahan- Municipal Association- Ms. Kellahan presented Mayor and Council with an award presented by the SC Community Development (Award of Excellence) She stated that because the town of Bowman made such great improvements through the remodeling of the medical center and the lovely development of the Library. Ms. Kellahan also gave a very informational presentation of the local hospitality tax its benefits and non-benefits to adopting the tax. She went into great detail about how the tax is applied to our local revenue. The revenue could bring in two percent depending on the county it in.

Palmetto Pride Tree Grant: Mayor stated that the grant opens up on August 1, 2023.

Highlights from the Municipal Association: Mayor Rhett stated that the meeting was very well organized and very informative.

Ac/ SCSU- Mayor Rhett stated that the air conditioning for the SCSU office has gone out and that she has received only one bid out of several request and that she is awaiting more bids. The first bill was over 10,000.00 she also stated that the entire unit has to be replaced. Councilman Carter stated that he would get other A/C vendors to come and look and give a quote as it relates to the a/c system repairs.

Request from the Bowman High School Cheerleaders: After much discussion it was voted on as a council to give the cheerleaders \$75.00 per their request. Council Carter state that we would not give Branchville High only Bowman High.

Estimate from Industrial Rewind- Mayor Rhett stated that they gave the town a quote for \$20,000.00 to purchase a chopper for one of the pump station however Mayor Rhett stated that we have been placing sewer pellets in the pump station and so far it has been working and we haven't had another crisis.

Clerk Staff Shortage: Mayor Rhett stated that our previous Clerk Mrs. Berry has decided to return to the educational system and Our assistant has decided to return to nursing school. Mayor Rhett stated that our former Clerk Yvonne Lewis has step in and at times without receiving pay. Mayor Rhett stated that we have a temporary part-time officer worker Mrs. Shamain Johnson who is also retired helping out in the office. Mayor Rhett stated that we are still looking for a Clerk. Floor Discussion and Mayor Rhett stated that the council will be held in on the hiring once we have applicants for the position.

Departmental Reports

Streets- Councilman Carter: No question/No comments

Parks & Recreation- Councilperson Pelzer: Councilperson Pelzer stated that there will be a community march on August 6, 2023 @ 2pm. The march will begin at Town Hall and end at the Inner City Park with Mr. Harold Kelly- Mr. Olympia speaking. This march has been partnered with Mt. Zion/Glama House/Town of Bowman. Councilperson is asking all churches to participate. Council Pelzer states this march is of love and unity. Council agreed to give Council Pelzer \$100.00 donation to be used towards purchasing school supplies. Council Pelzer also stated that New Covenant will host a back to school bash on August 5, 2023. The Harvest Festival is sponsoring a pageant August 27, 2023.

Water/Sewer

Mayor Rhett stated everything looks find per our Operator Mr. Hudson. Our current permit is up for renewal for the sewer lagoon. Mayor Rhett also stated that we received an overall satisfaction rating.

Police Department

Councilperson Rogers stated that we had 5 incident reports/and 70 citations for the month. Councilperson Rogers also stated our department has new Tasers and flashlights. Council also agreed to purchase Gone Chill Software for 60.00 per month and the startup fee is 390.00. Chief Pendarvis also stated that the software must be approved by Sled and that could take 6 to 8 weeks. Motion by Carter to purchase the approved SLED-Gone Chill motion was second by Councilperson Pelzer.

Floor Discussion meeting adjourn