Town of Bowman

COUNCIL MEETING

## MINUTES December 3, 2019

Present: Mayor Patsy Rhett

Council: L. Weathers, Councilman

M. Void, Councilman

L. Harley, Councilman

Officer Manager: Yvonne Lewis

Chief of Police: Kevin Pendarvis

The Town of Bowman Council meeting was called to order by Mayor Patsy Rhett at 7:00pm. Councilman L. Weathers offered the invocation. The previous meeting minutes were approved and adopted. Motion was offered and minutes were second and would be kept on file for future reference.

Citizen Request: None

Invited guest: 1. Ben Manuel-Cypress Creek, (2) Councilman Johnny Ravenell, (3) Al Jenkins-Tim Scott office.

**Finance Report** 

General Fund \$ 8,663.58

Sewer operation \$ 3,671.18

Municipal Fund \$4,683.54

It was properly motioned by Councilman Void and second by Councilman Harley that the Financial Report be received and kept for future reference.

## Water & Sewer Revenue—Councilman Harley

Councilman Harley stated that the operator of record stated that the aerator has been repaired. Councilman Harley stated that the town meet with SCDHEC and we had several writeup and hopefully our fine would not be great. We have started making repairs. We are also in the process of getting the required equipment to get our equipment up and running.

Police Department—Chief Pendarvis

Two incidents were written for the month. Chief Pendarvis stated that they are in the process of purchasing a new vehicle for patrolling. The dodge charger will be repaired. The new vehicle will come strictly from police funds. Councilman Weathers stated once again about the traffic on main street. He stated that there should be more visible patrol.

Parks & Recreation—Councilman Void

Councilman Void stated the upcoming candlelight parade would be on Thursday, Dec. 12, 2019 at 7pm. Mayor Rhett stated that the Grand Marshal for the parade would be the Class of 1984. They are being honored for their continued support to the citizens of Bowman. The Bowman beautification committee stated that Santa will be in town on December the 13<sup>th</sup>.

## Streets-Councilman Weathers

Councilman Weathers thanked the beautification committee for the job well done through out the town. The SCDOT project is cancelled to begin work in January 2020.

Old Business

Mayor Rhett stated that there is on going discussion with the County of Orangeburg. Mayor Rhett stated that there is a water bill in the amount of 259,920.00 and it shows that over 7 million gallons of usage in one month. Councilman Ravenell said to allow him the opportunity to look at it. Mayor Rhett thanked outgoing Councilman Weathers for his service to the town. Councilman Weathers stated that he felt that he didn't have enough time to devote his full attention to the town, but he isn't going anywhere and will still be here to help.

**New Business** 

Ben Manuel-Cypress Creek stated that the project development team has begun to set up a scholarship fund at OCTECH for the Town of Bowman Students. Mayor Rhett stated that were have interviewed six potential candidates for the Clerk position. We also now have a new office assistant Ms. LaGwenda Thomas. Mayor Rhett stated that our new Councilperson Shaguetta Pelzer will be sworn in at our January 2020 meeting. The books for the special election are now open and will close December 17, 2019 @ noon.

The Town of Bowman Fiscal Budget received its first reading.

General Fund \$ 438,206.00

Water Fund \$ 280,476.00

Total Operating \$718,682.00

It was properly motioned by Councilman Void and second by Councilman Harley that the Fiscal Budget is accepted for its 1<sup>st</sup> reading.

Meeting Adjourn until January 2, 2020