

City of Bowling Green

Minutes of Regular Meeting

December 11, 2018

Present: Mayor Fite, Commissioner Durastanti, Commissioner Spinks, Vice-Mayor Tucker, Commissioner Gardner, City Manager Conerly, Police Chief Scheel, City Clerk Silva, Attorney Buhr, and members of the audience.

Absent: None

1. **Call to order** – The meeting was called to order by Mayor Fite.
2. **Prayer** – Commissioner Spinks
3. **Flag Salute** – Mayor Fite
4. **Old Business**
 - a. **Approval of Minutes**
 - 1) **Regular Meeting 11/13/2018**

A motion to approve was made by Commissioner Spinks and was seconded by Commissioner Durastanti. All in favor, motion carried.
 - 2) **Final Budget Hearing 09/24/2018**

A motion to approve was made by Vice-Mayor Tucker and was seconded by Commissioner Spinks. All in favor, motion carried.
5. **New Business**
 - a. **Cooperative Funding Agreement between the Southwest Florida Water Management District and City of Bowling Green for Bowling Green Mosaic Mine Reclaimed Water Transmission Project (Q022)**

City Manager Conerly stated that this is the agreement for the construction of the Effluent Pipeline. He stated that the City is currently working on the 20-year agreement with Mosaic. Commissioner Durastanti asked about the financing. City Manager Conerly stated that this is part of an SRF Loan. Motion to approve was made by Commissioner Spinks. Motion was seconded by Vice-Mayor Tucker. Roll call vote, all in favor, motion carried.
6. **Mayor Fite**

Leslie Long of the Recreation Committee stated that the Recreation Committee did not meet today. She gave her resignation as Co-Chair of the Recreation Committee. She stated that she will still serve on the committee as a volunteer. Jean Kelly will now be the Chair person for the committee. Jean Kelly stated that the City has received the soccer goals. Mosaic gave the City a check for \$5,000.00 to cover the expense. She stated that they are looking forward to purchasing a volleyball net. Mayor Fite asked to have the Recreation Committee added to the monthly agenda.

Mayor Fite asked about the Community Building. City Manager Conerly stated that the architects have done the evaluation of the building and the City is now waiting for the total cost. Mayor Fite also mentioned that there were good comments on the Christmas decorations. He also stated that the contractors have mentioned that Wayne Prine,

Supervisor of Public Works, has been great to work with. He then mentioned that nine (9) street lights have been repaired in the last two (2) weeks.

7. Commissioners

Commissioner Durastanti told the Recreation Committee that they are appreciated. He wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Vice-Mayor Tucker stated that it has been a great year with great staff. She thanked the Recreation Committee for all they do. Commissioner Spinks stated that everything finally came together on some projects. He spoke of the various projects that the City has accomplished over the years. Commissioner Gardner told Ms. Long that he wished she wasn't leaving the committee. He is looking forward to working with the Recreation Committee. This is the first time he has seen anything change in this City.

8. City Attorney

Attorney Buhr wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. He stated that the City has accomplished so much. He spoke about the water wars. He asked that the City get with Wauchula on this issue. The City Commission asked Attorney Buhr to get with Attorney Tom Cloud of Wauchula regarding this issue.

9. City Manager

City Manager Conerly wished everyone a Merry Christmas. He thanked all the commissioners for being so supportive. He stated that the City has come so far and that all the departments have come together to build a great team.

A. Report on City Manager Applications

City Manager Conerly stated that the City had 17 applicants so far for the City Manager position and that the deadline is not until December 31st. He stated that the applications will be reviewed in January.

10. Police Chief

Chief Scheel wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. He stated that the Police Department was able to purchase the car and not have to get the SUV as the new police vehicle.

11. City Clerk

City Clerk Silva mentioned that the Christmas party will be on December 21st at noon. She also mentioned that City Hall will be closed the 24th and 25th for the Christmas holidays and the 1st for the New Year holiday.

12. Public

Nothing to discuss.

Mayor Fite adjourned the meeting.

Robert S. Fite Jr., Mayor

Maria Carmen Silva, City Clerk