

Special City Council Meeting
December 12, 2017

STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF MONTAGUE
CITY OF BOWIE

On this the 12th day of December, 2017, the council convened in a special meeting open to the public as advertised with six Councilors present.

Presiding: Mayor Burris
Councilors: Bell, Bishop, Boyd, Gunter, Mills, and Stallcup
City Secretary Page
City Attorney Jennings

Mayor Burris called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Appointment of a Councilor to fill unexpired term ending November 2018 for Precinct 1-North Ward.

Councilor Gunter moved, with a second from Councilor Mills, to appoint Craig Stallcup as Councilor to fill the unexpired term ending November 2018 for Precinct 1-North Ward. Motion carried four with Councilors Bell, Boyd, Gunter, and Mills voting Aye. Councilor Bishop voted Nay.

Swear in Councilor-Precinct 1- North Ward.

Mayor Burris swore in Craig Stallcup as Councilor of Precinct 1-North Ward.

Public Comments.

No public comments were made.

Items of Interest.

Mayor Burris presented Fire Chief Doug Page with a plaque from the State Fire Marshal's Office recognizing the City for a Class Two ISO public protection rating. Jesse Williams with the State Fire Marshal's Office stated "The community has achieved one of the highest Public Protection Classification ratings awarded by the ISO and approved by the Texas Department of Insurance, and are among the nation's best. As a result of better fire protection, you will see lower insurance rates.

The City office will be closed December 25 and 26 for Christmas Holidays and Jan 1 for New Year's.

Our meetings for January will be January 9 and 23rd.

Finance Director Renee' Lawson has submitted her resignation and will be leaving January 1st.

Departmental Reports

Reports were given by Airport, Code, Library, and Street.

Consent Agenda Items: Approval of Minutes –November 16, 2017 Special Meeting; Resolution 2017-35- Authorizing City Manager to write off uncollected utility accounts over 15 months delinquent; Resolution 2017-36 - Authorizing City Manager to write off uncollected library overdue fines over 15 months delinquent.

Councilor Gunter moved, with a second from Councilor Bishop, to approve the Consent Agenda items as presented. Motion carried six with Councilors Bell, Bishop, Boyd, Gunter, Mills and Stallcup voting Aye.

Update from Comcell on Broadband service.

Mike Humpert explained the company will provide 100 MG internet, build a network, provide voice-over IP and connect it with a new phone system for the city. Bowie will be the first city of our size to have fiber. Mr. Humpert is asking the company be allowed to set a small building in a back corner of the community room parking lot where it can set up its operations. The new service could be operational by February.

Councilor Gunter moved, with a second from Councilor Boyd, to proceed with Comcell negotiations. Motion carried six with Councilors Bell, Bishop, Boyd, Gunter, Mills and Stallcup voting Aye.

Set final date to accept City Manager position applications.

Councilor Bishop moved, with a second from Councilor Bell, to set December 20, 2017 as the final date to accept applications for the City Manager position. Motion carried six with Councilors Bell, Bishop, Boyd, Gunter, Mills, and Stallcup voting Aye.

New member Orientation and Discussion of Duties.

City Attorney Tracey Jennings gave the new member orientation and discussion of duties, including Conflict of Interest, Open Meetings, Public Information, Executive Sessions and Ethical Conduct.

Re-appointment to Library Board.

Councilor Bishop moved, with a second from Councilor Bell, to re-appoint Judy Hill to the Library Board. Motion carried six with Councilors Bell, Bishop, Boyd, Gunter, Mills, and Stallcup voting Aye.

Councilor Gunter moved, with a second from Councilor Bishop, to re-appoint Janell Rodgers to the Library Board. Motion carried six with Councilors Bell, Bishop, Boyd, Gunter, Mills, and Stallcup voting Aye.


Consider authorizing the purchase of an Ambulance.

Councilor Gunter moved, with a second from Councilor Stallcup, to authorize \$49,999.99 for the purchase of a used ambulance. Motion carried five with Councilors Bell, Boyd, Gunter, Mills, and Stallcup voting Aye. Councilor Bishop voted Nay.

Mayor Burris adjourned the meeting at 7:34 p.m.

ATTEST:


Sandy Page, City Secretary


Gaylyn Burris, Mayor