

Regular City Council Meeting
February 21, 2017

STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF MONTAGUE
CITY OF BOWIE

On this the 21st day of February, 2017, the council convened in a workshop and regular meeting open to the public as advertised with all Councilors present.

Presiding: Mayor Slack
Councilors: Bell, Boyd, Davis, Graham, Gunter, and Malone
City Manager Tow
City Secretary Page
City Attorney Jennings

Mayor Slack called the workshop to order at 6:00 p.m.

Review of Agenda Items for Regular Meeting of February 21, 2017

City Manager Tow briefly reviewed the scheduled agenda items: Consent Agenda Items, Second reading of Ordinance 2017-01, Second reading of Ordinance 2017-02, P&Z recommendation to close Rock Hill Road, Proclamation, Racial Profiling Report, Municipal Court clerk, and two executive sessions.

Items of Interest

Mayor Slack recognized Judge Cordell and Municipal Court Week.

Texas Public Officials workshop will be April 13, 2017.

Texas Rural Challenge workshop will be June 29-30, 2017.

Leadership Montague County was in Austin last week. The group met with Texas Governor Greg Abbott and State Representative Drew Springer. Mayor Slack talked with the Department of Agriculture about grants to improve broadband services and with TxDot to discuss the 1125 Bridge.

City Manager Report

Mr. Tow attended a Small Cities Advisory Council meeting.

Water meters on Hwy. 59 should finish up this week. Hwy. 1125/Silver Lakes next week.

Departmental Reports

Airport, Code, Electric, Fire, Municipal Court, Parks, Police, and Public Works gave monthly reports.

Mayor Slack adjourned the workshop at 6:28 p.m.

Mayor Slack called the regular meeting to order at 6:29 p.m.

Consent Agenda Items: Approval of Minutes –February 7, 2017 Regular Meeting; Resolution 2017-05- Authorizing City Manager to write off uncollected utility accounts over 15 months delinquent; Resolution 2017-06 - Authorizing City Manager to write off uncollected library overdue fines over 15 months delinquent.

Councilor Davis moved, with a second from Councilor Gunter, to approve the Consent Agenda Items as presented. Motion carried six with Councilors Bell, Boyd, Davis, Graham, Gunter, and Malone voting Aye.

Present Proclamation proclaiming March 4, 2017 as Lion's Club White Cane Day.

Mayor Slack presented the proclamation to Lion's Club members Donna Rogers, Tracey Jennings, and Jim Graham.

Second reading of Ordinance 2017-01-An ordinance amending Chapter 1, "General provisions" of the City of Bowie Code of Ordinances by deleting Article 1.1200 "Bowie Hospital Authority"; providing a severability clause; providing a savings clause; and providing an effective date.

Councilor Graham moved, with a second from Councilor Malone, to table the second reading of Ordinance 2017-01. Motion carried six with Councilors Bell, Boyd, Davis, Graham, Gunter, and Malone voting Aye.

Ordinance 2017-02-amending Chapter 1, "General Provisions," Article 1.700 "Sales and Use Taxes," of the City of Bowie Code of Ordinances by repealing the application of the exemption from local sales and use taxes on receipts from the sale of telecommunications services within the City of Bowie by adding Article 1.705 "Telecommunications Tax"; providing a severability clause; providing a savings clause; and providing an effective date.

Councilor Bell moved, with a second from Councilor Malone, to approve Ordinance 2017-02. Motion carried six with Councilors Bell, Boyd, Davis, Graham, Gunter, and Malone voting Aye.

Mayor Slack moved into Executive Session at 6:38 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.0071-Consultation with Attorney.

1. Request from Jeff and Mabelle Mills to close a portion of Rock Hill Road.

Mayor Slack closed Executive Session at 7:29 p.m.

Mayor Slack convened into Open Session at 7:30 p.m.

CONSIDER ANY OFFICIAL ACTION REGARDING EXECUTIVE SESSION: Pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.071 Consultation with Attorney.

1. Action was conducted under Old Business VI. 3.

Consider recommendation from Planning Commission on request from Jeff and Mabelle Mills to close a portion of Rock Hill Road. (Tabled from the December 14, 2016 meeting)

Councilor Graham moved, with a second from Councilor Bell, to reject the recommendation from the Planning Commission to close a portion of Rock Hill Road. Motion failed two to four with Councilors Boyd, Davis, Gunter, and Malone voting Nay. Councilors Graham and Bell voted Aye.

Accept annual Racial Profiling Report by Police Chief Guy Green.

Councilor Malone moved, with a second from Councilor Graham, to accept the annual Racial Profiling Report by Police Chief Guy Green. Motion carried six with Councilors Bell, Boyd, Davis, Graham, Gunter, and Malone voting Aye.

Mayor Slack again moved into Executive Session at 7:40 p.m. Excusing City Manager Tow and City Secretary Page.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.0074-Deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public officer or employee-Brittney Evans, Municipal Court Clerk.

Mayor Slack closed Executive Session at 7:52 p.m.

Mayor Slack convened into Open Session at 7:53 p.m.

CONSIDER ANY OFFICIAL ACTION REGARDING EXECUTIVE SESSION: Pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.0074-Deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public officer or employee-Brittney Evans, Municipal Court Clerk.

Councilor Davis moved, with a second from Councilor Gunter, to accept with regret, the resignation of Municipal Court Clerk Brittney Evans. Motion carried six with Councilors Bell, Boyd, Davis, Graham, Gunter, and Malone voting Aye.

Direction to staff regarding posting of appointment for Municipal Clerk.

Councilor Graham moved, with a second from Councilor Malone, to have staff post the appointment for Municipal Clerk. Motion carried with Councilors Boyd, Malone, and Graham voting Aye. Councilors Bell, Davis, and Gunter voted Nay. Mayor Slack then broke the tie by voting Nay.

Councilor Gunter moved, with a second from Councilor Davis, to appoint the Municipal Judge to fill the position of Municipal Court Clerk. Motion carried four with Councilors Bell, Davis, Gunter, and Malone voting Aye. Councilors Boyd and Graham voted Nay.

Mayor Slack adjourned the Regular Meeting at 8:20 p.m.

ATTEST:


Sandy Page, City Secretary


Larry Slack, Mayor

Special City Council Meeting
February 28, 2017

STATE OF TEXAS
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On this the 28th day of February, 2017, the council convened in a special meeting open to the public as advertised with the Mayor and five Councilors present. Councilor Malone was absent.

Presiding: Mayor Slack
Councilors: Bell, Boyd, Davis, Graham, and Gunter
City Secretary Page
City Attorney Jennings

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION: TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 551.086-Certain Public Power Utilities: Competitive Matters.

1. Wholesale cost forecast for BTU contract and forecast for 2019 power supply.

2. Update on solar purchase power agreement-pricing update.

Mayor Slack moved into executive session at 6:01 p.m.

Mayor Slack closed the executive session at 7:00 p.m.

Mayor Slack convened into Open Session at 7:01 p.m.

ACTION FOLLOWING EXECUTIVE SESSION: TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 551.086-Certain Public Power Utilities: Competitive Matters.

1. Wholesale cost forecast for BTU contract and forecast for 2019 power supply.

Councilor Davis moved, with a second from Councilor Graham, to not increase utility rate prices as recommended by Schneider Engineering at this time. Motion carried five with councilors Bell, Boyd, Davis, Graham, and Gunter voting Aye.

2. Update on solar purchase power agreement-pricing update.

Councilor Davis moved, with a second from Councilor Graham, to allow Schneider Engineering to negotiate with SoCore Solar regarding a solar purchase power agreement. Motion carried five with councilors Bell, Boyd, Davis, Graham, and Gunter voting Aye.

Discussion and possible action regarding budget revenue's, expenditures, projections and related council actions regarding same.

Councilor Bell moved, with a second from Councilor Graham, to notify the County of our intentions to discontinue ambulance service outside the city limits of Bowie effective October 1, 2017. Motion carried five with councilors Bell, Boyd, Davis, Graham, and Gunter voting Aye.

Councilor Davis moved, with a second from Councilor Gunter, to direct staff to review City Police Department operations and recommend cost savings in 45 days. Motion carried five with councilors Bell, Boyd, Davis, Graham, and Gunter voting Aye.

Councilor Gunter moved, with a second from Councilor Graham, to direct staff to review the Summer Recreation Program to cut cost or increase revenues to save money. Motion carried five with councilors Bell, Boyd, Davis, Graham, and Gunter voting Aye.

Councilor Davis moved, with a second from Councilor Gunter, to direct staff to review the sewer operations in effort to reduce or eliminate the net revenue loss. Motion carried five with councilors Bell, Boyd, Davis, Graham, and Gunter voting Aye.

Councilor Davis moved, with a second from Councilor Bell, to direct staff to review the employee insurance program and determine which options are available to reduce cost. Motion carried five with councilors Bell, Boyd, Davis, Graham, and Gunter voting Aye.

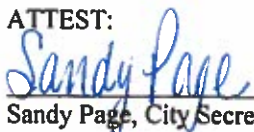
Councilor Bell moved, with a second from Councilor Davis, to have a hiring freeze unless an employee replacement is authorized by council. Motion carried five with councilors Bell, Boyd, Davis, Graham, and Gunter voting Aye.

Discussion and action for Customer Education Campaign. Develop customer education campaign that provides for better understanding of the value proposition for customers of the City of Bowie in having an electric system and how it provides for value for the local community.

Councilor Graham moved, with a second from Councilor Gunter, to direct Schneider Engineering to draft a proposal for the Customer Education Campaign for council to review. Motion carried five with councilors Bell, Boyd, Davis, Graham, and Gunter voting Aye.

With no further business to discuss, Mayor Slack adjourned the meeting at 8:08 p.m.

ATTEST:


Sandy Page, City Secretary


Larry Slack, Mayor