

STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF MONTAGUE
CITY OF BOWIE

On this the 8th day of February, 2021, the council convened in a regular meeting open to the public as advertised with four Councilors present. Councilors Gunter and Higgins were absent.

Presiding: Mayor Burris
Councilors: Bates, Bell, Hefley, and Love
City Secretary Page
City Manager Cunningham
City Attorney Rotramble

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

INVOCATION

Invocation was given by Fire Chief Doug Page.

ITEMS OF COMMUNITY INTEREST

February 13 at 7:00 p.m. at the Chapman building the Bowie Alliance for Education and the Arts will have a Date Night Trivia.

February 13 at 6:00 p.m. Stone Bridge Venue will have a Valentines Dinner and Entertainment.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Glenda Durham would like an update on repairs for the area around Mill and Lamb Street. She also would like the city to put some money into the update of our website.

CITY MANAGER REPORT

Our creek improvements project is going as planned. We are slightly ahead of schedule, but the cold temperatures later this week will slow us down. The intersection of Rock and Pillar Streets work is about to begin. There will be some things that will be left undone until we see what is going to happen when we get the first large amount of rain. If everything holds together after a sizable amount of rain, we will go ahead and finish. The things that we are in doubt about are the culverts on Nelson Street and the culverts at Rock and Pillar Streets.

The Mill Street CDBG sewer line is slowly proceeding. The construction crew missed the grade on the sewer line on Wilbarger and Mill. They had to go back and dig up the line and re-lay it to the proper grade at no cost to us. The railroad boring is not going as planned. There is a big rock where we are boring and they are having a lot of trouble getting through it. It is going much slower than expected. They projected to be finished last Thursday and as of Monday are barely half way through. This is costing us because we are paying a percentage of the cost.

The sewer line project from Ussey Street to Mill Street is proceeding. The survey work is done and the easements are being prepared. One of the adjacent property owners has already told me they would sign the easements and I have not as yet talked to the other land owner. We will bid out this project as soon as the engineers have all of their work done.

We have had two transmission rate change requests from the PUC in the last month. One from BTU and one from AEP Texas. If the PUC allows the increase, it will increase our monthly cost about \$800 per month for the entire city. The transmission cost is a pass-through cost that is included with the TCOS charges on the electric bill. This \$800 per month will be spread out over all of our customer base.

Amber Cumbie is our new employee that is answering the phone, greeting visitors, scanning documents and helping out David and Sandy. We are very pleased with Amber and glad to have her in the office.

Consent Agenda Items: Approval of Minutes –January 25, 2021 Regular Meeting and Financial Statement ending December 2020.

Councilor Love moved, with a second from Councilor Hefley, to approve the consent agenda items. Motion carried with Councilors Bates, Bell, Hefley, and Love voting Aye.

Resolution 2021-04- A resolution to confirm the City of Bowie Investment Policy.

Councilor Bell moved, with a second from Councilor Bates, to approve Resolution 2021-04. Motion carried with Councilors Bates, Bell, Hefley, and Love voting Aye.

Resolution 2021-05- A resolution of the City Council of the City of Bowie, Texas, determining that an area of the City contains conditions which are detrimental to the public health, safety, and welfare of the community and constitutes a blighted area.

Councilor Hefley moved, with a second from Councilor Love, to approve Resolution 2021-05. Motion carried with Councilors Bates, Bell, Hefley, and Love voting Aye.

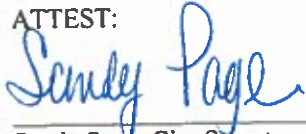
Appointment to the Community Development Board:

a. Stephanie Post.

Councilor Bates moved, with a second from Councilor Hefley, to approve Stephanie Post to the Community Development Board. Motion carried with Councilors Bates, Bell, Hefley, and Love voting Aye.

Mayor Burris adjourned the regular meeting at 6:15 p.m.

ATTEST:


Sandy Page, City Secretary


Gaylyn Burris, Mayor