

STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF MONTAGUE
CITY OF BOWIE

On this the 26th day of April, 2021, the council convened in a regular meeting open to the public as advertised with five Councilors present. Councilor Gunter was absent.

Presiding: Mayor Burris
Councilors: Bates, Bell, Hefley, Higgins, 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.

PROCLAMATION

A Proclamation was given for National Travel & Tourism in Texas.

ITEMS OF COMMUNITY INTEREST

City Office has the new awning on the building and will be complete once the address is put on.

CITY MANAGER REPORT

We have received the amended Certificate of Adjudication from TCEQ which is the amended water rights certificate for Amon Carter Lake that was requested by The Nature Conservancy. It authorizes us to sell water to The Nature Conservancy over the next 5 years. We will be receiving a check from them for \$10,000 and every year for the next 4 years we will receive a payment of \$10,000 per year along with a payment of \$75,000 when they start taking water from us. We can use the money for whatever the council budgets or we can just add this amount to our infrastructure account.

We also received the 2021 Preliminary Real Estate values from the Appraisal District. The values are \$355,294,882 which is \$26,542,180 more than our 2020 Certified values of \$328,752,702. The increase in values will make it easier to set our tax rate when it comes to budget time.

May 3rd will mark the beginning of our yearly budget process. Carrie will begin passing out our budget paperwork to the department heads to begin the process.

Consent Agenda Items: Approval of Minutes –April 12, 2021 Regular Meeting; Resolution 2021-15- Authorizing City Manager to write off uncollected utility accounts over 15 months delinquent; and Resolution 2021-16 - Authorizing City Manager to write off uncollected library overdue fines over 15 months delinquent.

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

Consider Planning and Zoning recommendation on request from Luke Bates, Able Horizon LLC to replat Lots 14, 15, & 16, Block 2, Whaley Addition. Creating Lot14R, Block 2, Whaley Addition.

Councilor Bell moved, with a second from Councilor Hefley, to support the P&Z decision to replat. Motion carried with Councilors Bell, Hefley, Higgins, and Love voting Aye. Councilors Bates abstained.

Approve Mayor to sign Special Warranty Deed between Bowie ISD/City of Bowie and Dynamic Duo. Property being all of Block 21 of the Original Townsite of Bowie, Montague County, Texas.

Councilor Love moved, with a second from Councilor Higgins to approve the Mayor to sign the Special Warranty Deed. Motion carried with Councilors Bates, Bell, Hefley, Higgins, and Love voting Aye.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mildred McCraw spoke on tourism. Not all happens within the city limits. Spread out beyond to get people to come into Bowie to shop. This is how we build back "Bowie Stronger".

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Mayor Burris adjourned the Regular Meeting at 6:22 p.m.
Mayor Burris moved into Executive Session at 6:24 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: PURSUANT TO TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 551.071-CONSULTATION WITH ATTORNEY.

1. Contemplated litigation on sewer easement.

Mayor Burris closed Executive Session at 7:14 p.m.


Mayor Burris convened into Open Session at 7:15 p.m.

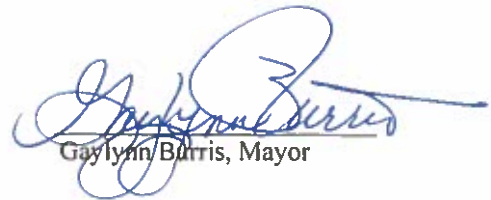
ACTION FOLLOWING EXECUTIVE SESSION: PURSUANT TO TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 551.071-CONSULTATION WITH ATTORNEY.

No action was taken.

Mayor Burris adjourned the regular meeting at 7:16 p.m.

ATTEST:


Sandy Page, City Secretary


Gaylynn Burris, Mayor