

Regular City Council Meeting  
May 10, 2021

STATE OF TEXAS  
COUNTY OF MONTAGUE  
CITY OF BOWIE

On this the 10th day of May, 2021, the council convened in a regular meeting open to the public as advertised with all Councilors present.

Presiding: Mayor Burris  
Councilors: Bates, Bell, Gunter, 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 Emergency Medical Services.

**ITEMS OF COMMUNITY INTEREST**

The Chamber of Commerce will be holding a golf tournament on May 15, 2021. 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday was very successful this weekend.

**CITY MANAGER REPORT**

Our FEMA application is being reviewed by FEMA. We stand a very good chance of recovering most of the funds that we spent on the February Freeze event.

We have the Certificate of Obligation for the TWDB loan. This will be the first reading and vote of this ordinance. It will not become effective until the second reading and vote in May. There should be some water and sewer rate change numbers for our next meeting. This loan requires that we do a water and sewer rate study and it is being processed by a firm that does rate reviews. We will then have a good idea of what the new rates will be in order to make the payments on this loan. This is almost free money with an interest rate of 2.17% and we have 30 years to pay it back. We should reduce maintenance cost and overtime by replacing all of this over 10 miles of sewer lines and lift stations by a large amount.

We have again started the Cybersecurity Awareness Training of all city employees that have a city phone or computer that they use as part of their job. The law passed at the last legislative session also requires all elected officials to take the training.

On the agenda is an ordinance to increase water and sewer tap fees. This is brought about for two reasons. Our cost on the parts necessary to do a sewer or water tap have increased significantly, so much that we are not covering the cost of the taps and most of our new water taps are in Silver Lakes Ranch and the travel time to and from Silver Lakes has increased the cost of the taps out there. One tap can be 15 man hours because of travel time. These increased fees are intended to make it so that we are at least breaking even with the cost of the taps.

**Consent Agenda Items: Approval of Minutes –April 26, 2021 Regular Meeting and Financial Statement ending March 2021.**

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

**Ordinance 2021-01- An ordinance authorizing the issuance of City of Bowie, Texas Combination Tax and Surplus Revenue Certificates of Obligation, Series 2021, in the principal amount of \$9,775,000 and awarding the sale of such Certificates of Obligation to the Texas Water Development Board.**

Councilor Bates moved, with a second from Councilor Bell, to approve Ordinance 2021-01. Motion carried with Councilors Bates, Bell, Gunter, Hefley, Higgins, and Love voting Aye.

**Ordinance 2021-02- An ordinance amending Chapter 11, Article 11.900 “Water and Sewer Tap Fees” of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Bowie, Texas increasing water and sewer tap fees; adding outside city limits fees; and adding the fee schedule for the tap fees to appendix “C” of the Bowie Code of Ordinances; providing a savings clause, a repealer clause; and providing an effective date.**

Councilor Love moved, with a second from Councilor Hefley to approve Ordinance 2021-02. Motion carried with Councilors Bates, Bell, Gunter, Hefley, Higgins, and Love voting Aye.

Ordinance 2021-03 – A ordinance amending Chapter 4, “Business & Commerce”, of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Bowie, amending Article 4.100 “Vendors and Solicitors”; Section 4.108 “Insurance or Bond Required”; Deleting Section 4.109 “Temporary Vending License Special Events”; Amending Section 4.110 “Exemptions”; Amending Section 4.111 “Restrictions Applicable To All Vendors”; and adding the fee schedule for Vendors and Solicitors to Appendix “C” of the Bowie Code of Ordinances; Repealing any conflicting codes, ordinances or orders; providing for a severability clause; adopting a savings clause; determining that this ordinance was passed in accordance with the requirements of the Open Meetings Act; and establishing an effective date.  
Councilor Bell moved, with a second from Councilor Hefley to approve Ordinance 2021-03. Motion carried with Councilors Bates, Bell, Gunter, Hefley, Higgins, and Love voting Aye.

Ordinance 2021-04 — A ordinance amending Chapter 4, “Business & Commerce”, of the City of Bowie Code of Ordinances, amending Article 4.200 “Mobile Food Vendors”; Section 4.202 “Mobile Food Units”; Deleting all of (1) (e), (4) (e) and (k); amending (1) Location (j) and (i) and adding the fee schedule for Mobile Food Units to Appendix “C” of the Bowie Code of Ordinances; repealing any conflicting codes, ordinances or orders; providing for a severability clause; adopting a savings clause; determining that this ordinance was passed in accordance with the requirements of the Open Meetings Act; and establishing an effective date.

Councilor Gunter moved, with a second from Councilor Love to approve Ordinance 2021-04. Motion carried with Councilors Bell, Gunter, Hefley, Higgins, and Love voting Aye. Councilor Bates voted Nay.

Ordinance 2021-05- An ordinance amending Chapter 4, Article 4.1000 “Occasional or Garage Sales”, Deleting Section 4.1004 “Permit Fee” of the Code of Ordinances of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Bowie Texas; providing a savings clause, a repealer clause; and providing an effective date.

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

Update on Charter Commission recommendation for amendments.

The Mayor went over Charter amendments and ask Council to study these for the next time they are presented.

Consider moving City Council meetings to 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays of the month.

Died for the lack of a motion.


PUBLIC COMMENTS

Terry Gunter praised the turnout for the 2021 Bowie Sports Association baseball season.

Mayor Burris adjourned the regular meeting at 6:58 p.m.

ATTEST:

  
Sandy Page, City Secretary

  
Gaylynn Burris, Mayor