

STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF MONTAGUE
CITY OF BOWIE

On this the 11th day of May, 2020, the council convened in a regular meeting open to the public as advertised with all Councilors present.

Presiding: Mayor Pro-Tem Love
Councilors: Bell, Buckmaster, Higgins, Kent, and Malone.
City Secretary Page
City Manager Cunningham
City Attorney Rotramble

Mayor Pro-Tem Love called the regular meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

INVOCATION

Invocation was given by Kenny Bingham from Casting Out Ministries.

ITEMS OF COMMUNITY INTEREST

EMS Week Proclamation was presented to Fire Chief Doug Page.

Due to Memorial Day Holiday our next meeting will be May 28, 2020.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

City Manager Report

New UV System at the sewer plant is finished and the system is working great.

Water Plant Bleach Conversion is almost complete. The containment wall in the chemical building has been completed, the floor has been coated, and they are doing the final painting, electrical and plumbing work. The bulk tanks for the bleach have also been moved in and they are being plumbed.

Lee Street has been paved and the water line and new water taps are in. The paving where we have laid new water lines will continue with Matthews Street. Work has also been done on drainage areas on Pecan Street and other areas of the City. The Water Department crew is laying new water lines on Clay Street as we have builders who are building houses in that area where it was served by a 2" main line. After we verify that the sewer lines in that area are good, we will repave Clay Street where we are laying new line.

CDBG for the Mill Street sewer line replacement is proceeding. The engineer is getting permission to bore under the railroad where the line will run and they are still doing the environmental study. Construction on this project will probably commence in the fall.

Cunningham has been appointed to the Board of Directors of the Texas Public Power Association. TDA who manages the CDBG Program has changed the way they score grants. It used to be at the local level, which is Nortex in our area, but now the scoring will be done at the State level.

The Bowie Swimming Pool will open on May 30, 2020. The governor has limited the number of attendees to 25% of the occupant level, which in our case will be 80 people, including the staff.

Selma Park is now open with a new park host. Kristina Smith will be there and be able to take reservations on-line.

Cunningham has been contacted by an organization called "The Nature Conservancy". They want to buy water from Amon Carter Lake. They have a project going south of Lake Bridgeport and will also be using water from that lake. The project is training for area farmers and ranchers on water usage and conservation. They are to present the city with a contract that has pricing included. Their estimated usage would be between 180 and 500- acre feet of water. For example, 500- acre feet of water would be about 4" of water if the lake is full and of course less than that for 180- acre feet of water. Before we sign any type of contract, we will get the advice of an engineer that has experience with lakes and hydraulics of a lake.

On the Midwest vs. Bowie lawsuit, Midwest filed a motion asking for a partial summary judgement in their suit against the City. Our attorney filed a Motion to Strike some of the evidence Midwest submitted in support of its motion and our attorney's will be filing a plea asking the court to dismiss the entire lawsuit based on the City's governmental immunity.

Consent Agenda Items: Approval of Minutes –April 27, 2020.

Councilor Malone moved, with a second from Councilor Bell, to approve the consent agenda items. Motion carried with Councilors Bell, Buckmaster, Higgins, Kent, and Malone voting Aye.

Accept resignation of Mayor Bill Miller.

Councilor Higgins moved, with a second from Councilor Kent, to accept the resignation of Mayor Bill Miller. Motion carried with Councilors Bell, Buckmaster, Higgins, Kent, and Malone voting Aye.

Consider Appointment or Special Election for Mayor position.

Councilor Malone moved, with a second from Councilor Higgins, to accept applications, then interview and appoint for the Mayor position. Motion carried with Councilors Bell, Buckmaster, Higgins, Kent, and Malone voting Aye

Consider request from Linda & Sean Reno on BMX Race Track and Bike Park.

Councilor Higgins moved, with a second from Councilor Malone, to start the process of bringing to Bowie the BMX Race Track and Bike Park. Motion carried with Councilors Bell, Buckmaster, Higgins, Kent, and Malone voting Aye.

Memorandum of Understanding & Delegation of Authority between The City of Bowie, Texas and The Montague Emergency Communications Team.

Councilor Buckmaster moved, to table this item until the City Attorney had time to review and make sure it went along with our Charter. Motion died for lack of a second.

Councilor Malone moved, with a second from Councilor Kent to accept the memorandum of Understanding & Delegation of Authority between the City of Bowie and The Montague Emergency Communications Team. Motion carried with Councilors Bell, Kent, and Malone voting Aye. Councilor Buckmaster voted Nay and Councilor Higgins Abstained.

Electric Cost of Service & Rate Study.

City Manager Cunningham gave a report on the Electric Cost of Service & Rate Study done by Schneider Engineering. The study stated that small commercial and medium commercial are subsidizing residential 11.13 percent, which is the difference between the revenue and allocated revenue from cost of service. Overall, the city's rate categories are bringing in 4.86 percent above revenue and allocated revenue from cost of service. The city also accounts for \$1,352, 824 transferred into the general fund from electric revenue in fiscal 2019 accounting for 19 percent of its expenses. It suggests the following changes for the city to consider. Increase residential rates, reduce net small commercial and medium commercial revenues. A demand fee also is recommended for medium commercial. Councilor Thomas Kent and City Manager Cunningham exchanged a few words about where the city makes its money on electricity with Kent adding he is against raising residential rates. The council took no action on this item.

Second reading of Ordinance 2020-06-An ordinance of the City Council of the City of Bowie, Texas, amending Chapter 3 "Building and Construction" Article 3.100 "Building Code" by adding a new section 3.104 to be entitled "Cross Connection Control Program", providing a repealing clause and severability clause, establishing penalties for the violation of these restrictions and provisions for their enforcement, and finding and determining that the meeting at which this ordinance is passed is open to the public as required by law.

Councilor Kent moved, with a second from Councilor Bell, to approve the second reading of Ordinance 2020-06. Motion carried with Councilors Bell, Buckmaster, Higgins, and Kent voting Aye. Councilor Malone voted Nay.

City of Bowie Charter Commission vote.

Councilor Malone moved, with a second from Councilor Kent, to approve the list of 12 previously approved.

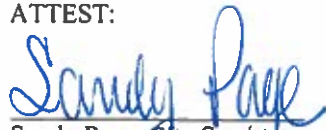
Lee Adams
Bill Calabretta
Brandon Earp
Margin Latham
TJ McEwen
Brent Shaw
Craig Stallcup
Dillon Steen
Ward Wallace
Pat Walters
Randy West
Windol Robbins


Motion carried with Councilors Bell, Buckmaster, Higgins, Kent, and Malone voting Aye.

Councilor Buckmaster moved, with a second from Councilor Malone, to add Donna Ashley to the Committee to round out to the number of 13 previously approved. Motion carried with Councilors Bell, Buckmaster, Higgins, Kent, and Malone voting Aye.

Mayor Pro-Tem Love adjourned the regular meeting at 7:11 p.m.

ATTEST:


Sandy Page, City Secretary


Jason Love, Mayor Pro-Tem

Special City Council Meeting
May 18, 2020

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On this the 18th day of May, 2020, the council convened in a special meeting open to the public as advertised with four Councilors present. Councilor Buckmaster was absent. Councilor Kent has resigned.

Presiding: Mayor Pro-Tem Love
Councilors: Bell, Higgins, and Malone.
City Secretary Page
City Manager Cunningham
City Attorney Rotramble

Mayor Pro-Tem Love called the regular meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Interview Mayor Candidates.

The only applicant was Gaylynn Burriss.

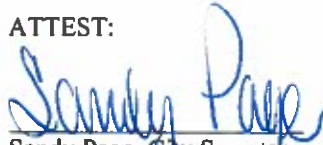
Appoint Mayor.

Councilor Malone moved, with a second from Councilor Higgins, to appoint Gaylynn Burriss to fill the unexpired term of Mayor Bill Miller. Motion carried with Councilors Bell, Higgins, and Malone voting Aye.

Mayor Pro-Tem Love gave the Oath of Office to Gaylynn Burriss.

Mayor Pro-Tem Love adjourned the regular meeting at 6:05 p.m.

ATTEST:


Sandy Page, City Secretary


Jason Love, Mayor Pro-Tem