

Regular City Council Meeting
June 6, 2017

STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF MONTAGUE
CITY OF BOWIE

On this the 6th day of June, 2017, the council convened in a regular meeting open to the public as advertised with all Councilors present. City Attorney Jennings was absent.

Presiding: Mayor Pro Tem Davis
Councilors: Bell, Boyd, Graham, Gunter, and Malone
City Manager Tow
City Secretary Page

Mayor Pro Tem Davis called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Consent Agenda Items: Approval of Minutes –May 16, 2017.

Councilor Gunter moved, with a second from Councilor Boyd, to approve the May 16, 2017 Minutes as presented. Motion carried five with Councilors Bell, Boyd, Graham, Gunter, and Malone voting Aye.

Second reading of Ordinance 2017-07- An ordinance of the City Council of the City of Bowie, Texas approving a negotiated settlement between the Atmos Cities Steering Committee (“ACSC”) and Atmos Energy Corp., Mid-Tex Division regarding the company’s 2017 rate review mechanism filings; declaring existing rates to be unreasonable; adopting tariffs that reflect rate adjustments consistent with the negotiated settlement; finding the rates to be set by the settlement tariffs to be just and reasonable and in the public interest; requiring reconciliation and rate adjustments if federal income tax rates change; terminating the RRM process for 2018 pending renegotiation of RRM terms and conditions; requiring the company to reimburse ACSC’S reasonable ratemaking expenses; determining that this ordinance was passed in accordance with the requirements of the Texas Open Meetings Act; adopting a savings clause; declaring an effective date; and requiring delivery of the ordinance to the company and the ACSC’s legal counsel.

Councilor Bell moved, with a second from Councilor Graham, to approve the second reading of Ordinance 2017-07. Motion carried five with Councilors Bell, Boyd, Graham, Gunter, and Malone voting Aye.

Consider Approval of Lease Assignment between City of Bowie and Smarty Pants Preschool owner Erica Preuninger.

This item was tabled.

Second reading of Ordinance 2017-05-An ordinance amending Chapter 11, Section 11.801 (a) (1) (2) (3) (4) of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Bowie, Texas increasing water rates; establishing an effective date of June 10th for rate increases; and providing for a severability clause.

This item failed due to the lack of a motion.

Second reading of Ordinance 2017-06-An ordinance amending Chapter 11, Section 11.802 (a) (1) and (2) of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Bowie, Texas increasing water rates; establishing an effective date of June 10th for rate increases; and providing for a severability clause.

This item failed due to the lack of a motion.

Introduce new water and sewer rate proposal.

Councilor Bell moved, with a second from Councilor Graham, to accept the new water and sewer rate proposal. The proposal will be brought back as an ordinance to approve. Motion carried five with Councilors Bell, Boyd, Graham, Gunter, and Malone voting Aye.

Montague County Tax Appraisal District:

(a) Review annual audit

(b) Approve proposed 2018 Budgets

Councilor Gunter moved, with a second from Councilor Bell, to approve the annual audit. Motion carried five with Councilors Bell, Boyd, Graham, Gunter, and Malone voting Aye.

Councilor Bell moved, with a second from Councilor Boyd, to approve the proposed 2018 budget. Motion carried five with Councilors Bell, Boyd, Graham, Gunter, and Malone voting Aye.

Consider recommendation from Planning Commission on request from Valerie Wise to replat 1500 & 1506 Nugent Street. Being 1.66 acres, all of Lots 1-3, Block 2 of the Roberts Redivision of Lot A & part of Lot B of the Neely Acres. Creating Lot 1R & Lot 2R, Block 2 of the Roberts Redivision of Lot A & part of Lot B of the Neely Acres.

Councilor Malone moved, with a second from Councilor Graham, to approve the recommendation from the Planning Commission on the replat. Motion carried five with Councilors Bell, Boyd, Graham, Gunter, and Malone voting Aye.

Resolution 2017-18-A resolution authorizing continued participation with the ATMOS Cities Steering Committee; and authorizing the payment of two cents per capita to the ATMOS Cities Steering Committee to fund regulatory and related activities related to ATMOS Energy Corporation.

Councilor Gunter moved, with a second from Councilor Graham, to approve Resolution 2017-18. Motion carried five with Councilors Bell, Boyd, Graham, Gunter, and Malone voting Aye.

Ordinance 2017-08-An ordinance amending the Code of Ordinances of the City of Bowie, Texas, Chapter 4 "Business and Commerce" Article 4.600 "Ambulances," amending Section 4.604 by adding subsection (6)j. allowing providers licensed through the Texas Department of State Health Services and contracted with and subsidized by Montague County, Texas to transport nursing home residents residing in nursing homes located in Bowie, Texas to Nocona General Hospital; providing a savings clause; providing a repealing clause; providing a severability clause and providing an effective date.

Councilor Boyd moved, with a second from Councilor Bell, to approve Ordinance 2017-08. Motion carried five with Councilors Bell, Boyd, Graham, Gunter, and Malone voting Aye.

Presentation and proposal for EMS Billing Services from Emergicon.

Councilor Graham moved, with a second from Councilor Gunter, to continue to work with Emergicon. Motion carried five with Councilors Bell, Boyd, Graham, Gunter, and Malone voting Aye.

Request from Fire Chief Doug Page on filling 2 vacant positions.

Councilor Boyd moved, with a second from Councilor Graham, to fill the 2 vacant positions in the Fire Department. Motion carried five with Councilors Bell, Boyd, Graham, Gunter, and Malone voting Aye.

Request from Fire Chief Doug Page to add part time staff to aid in reducing some overtime expenditures.

Councilor Malone moved, with a second from Councilor Boyd, to add part time staff to the Fire Department to aid in reducing some overtime expenditures. Motion carried five with Councilors Bell, Boyd, Graham, Gunter, and Malone voting Aye.

Request to fill Public Works vacant position.

City Manager Tow ask to fill the Public Works position left by Ramon Johnson. At this time we are contracting with someone who holds a water license, but need to fill this position. We are advertising for a public works director with a license in W/WW and Street experience.

Councilor Graham moved, with a second from Councilor Boyd, to approve filling the Public Works position. Motion carried five with Councilors Bell, Boyd, Graham, Gunter, and Malone voting Aye.

Appoint a Mayor to fill unexpired term ending, November 2017.

Councilor Boyd moved, with a second from Councilor Bell, to appoint Scott Davis Mayor. Motion carried five with Councilors Bell, Boyd, Graham, Gunter, and Malone voting Aye.

Swear in Mayor.

Scott Davis was sworn in by City Secretary Sandy Page.

Accept resignation of Councilor Scott Davis for the North (Pct. 1) seat in the event he is appointed to complete the unexpired term of Mayor.

Councilor Malone moved, with a second from Councilor Bell, to accept the resignation of Councilor Scott Davis. Motion carried five with Councilors Bell, Boyd, Graham, Gunter, and Malone voting Aye.

Appoint a Mayor Pro Tem in the event Councilor Scott Davis is appointed to complete the unexpired term of Mayor.

Councilor Malone moved, with a second from Councilor Bell, to appoint Terry Gunter as Mayor Pro Tem. Motion carried five with Councilors Bell, Boyd, Graham, Gunter, and Malone voting Aye.

Mayor Davis adjourned the meeting at 7:23 p.m.

ATTEST:


Sandy Page, City Secretary


Scott Davis, Mayor