

STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF MONTAGUE
CITY OF BOWIE

On this the 13th day of July, 2020, the council convened in a regular meeting open to the public as advertised with five Councilors present. Councilor Buckmaster was absent.

Presiding: Mayor Burris
Councilors: Bell, Hefley, Higgins, Love, and Malone.
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 Page.

PUBLIC HEARING:

2019 Annual Drinking Water Quality Consumer Confidence Report.

Mayor Burris opened the public hearing at 6:01 p.m.

There were no citizens comments or questions.

Mayor Burris closed the public hearing at 6:02 p.m.

ITEMS OF COMMUNITY INTEREST

The 2nd annual Reds, Whites, and Brews and food trucks too will be July 18th. At 8:00 Sgt. Pepper's Lonely Bluegrass Band will be playing. It is a tribute to the Beatles.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

CITY MANAGER REPORT

Charter Commission has nearly completed Sections 1-6 with a few changes. The next meeting will be July 16th.

Refunding Bonds. This is the bonds of the Community Center. We will save about \$136,000 over the next 10 years or about \$13,600 per year on interest.

On selling Tract 1 (0.0444 acres) being part of Tract B, Section 2, Lake Bowie Subdivision, I would like council to consider a zero amount. This amount will not cost the city anything in my negotiations with the property owners. The county has abandoned the old road and we will basically be giving the property owners the land based on the fact that the property owners will pay all cost of the property transfer. I recommend giving the property owners this land.

This budget is not complete in that we will not have the actual tax values until July 20th.

Texas Dept. of Ag Zoom meeting about the statewide scoring committee set the criteria for the CDBG grant applications, but after we set the scoring criteria, the state will do the actual scoring. We have always done the scoring at Nortex, but the state has changed the rules.

We are in contact with Traylor & Associates about a couple of grants. One being the Tx CDBG-State Urgent Need Fund or Tx CDBG-SUN which is a \$350,000 grant for disaster related cost eligible for reimbursement. An example might be generators, or mitigation measures to repair, replace or improve public infrastructure or repair of uninsured properties. They are also looking at grants from the Texas General Land Office for us. This is a no cost solution in that the grant writer's fees are not paid by us but through the grant funding for managing the grant for us.

The TxDOT Grant for the Airport has changed substantially since the advent of the Corona Virus. Because of grants for the virus, our share of the grant funding will probably be zero. Originally our share of the funding was going to be in the vicinity of \$138,000, but we are almost positive the amount will be zero. We received funds today from the Corona Virus Relief Fund in the amount of \$56,507.00. We are to receive funding in the amount of \$55.00 per capita. This is the initial installment of \$282,535.00. We can collect the difference which is \$226,028.00. Obviously, we will be able to collect all of the money that we have spent which is great.

We are still communicating with The Nature Conservancy about buying water from Amon Carter Lake. There is some difference of opinion about the lake level at which they can no longer take water from the lake. I have proposed a higher level and they are now preparing a contract for our review with this new level.

CITY MANAGER REPORT (continued)

New fuel tanks were delivered to the airport today. This is a budgeted item. Before long we should be selling more fuel because of the ease of use because of the credit card machine. They should save us money over the years to come because we don't have to buy insurance for underground tanks, we don't have to do cathodic testing, and other testing for leakage.

We have hired a company to come to the Business Park and stack the timber and brush to get it ready to burn. They moved in today and have already gotten a lot done by noon.

Consent Agenda Items: Approval of Minutes –June 22, 2020 Regular Meeting.

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

Ordinance 2020-07-An ordinance authorizing the issuance of the City of Bowie, Texas General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series 2020; and other matters related thereto.

Councilor Higgins moved, with a second from Councilor Love, to approve ordinance 2020-07. Motion carried with Councilors Bell, Hefley, Higgins, Love, and Malone voting Aye.

Ordinance 2020-08-An ordinance providing for a General Election in the City of Bowie; authorizing the Montague County elections Administrator to officially conduct the November 3, 2020 General Election; setting forth council positions and terms; establishing regular and early voting places; and establishing an effective date.

Councilor Love moved, with a second from Councilor Malone, to approve Ordinance 2020-08. Motion carried with Councilors Bell, Hefley, Higgins, Love, and Malone voting Aye.

Consider selling Tract 1 (0.0444 acres, more or less) being part of Tract B, Section 2, Lake Bowie Subdivision.

Councilor Malone moved, with a second from Councilor Love, to sell the tract of land for \$1.00. Motion carried with Councilors Bell, Hefley Higgins, Love, and Malone voting Aye.

Resolution 2020-21-A resolution of the City Council of the City of Bowie, Texas designating Kim Haralson, MCTAD Chief Appraiser, to calculate the no-new revenue tax rate and the voter approval tax rate in accordance with the Texas Tax Code.

Councilor Higgins moved, with a second from Councilor Bell, to approve Resolution 2020-21. Motion carried with Councilors Bell, Hefley, Higgins, Love, and Malone voting Aye.

Montague County Tax Appraisal District:

a. Approve proposed 2021 Budget.

Councilor Malone moved, with a second from Councilor Hefley, to approve the MCTAD proposed 2021 budget. Motion carried with Councilors Bell, Hefley, Higgins, Love, and Malone voting Aye.

Draft 2020/2021 City of Bowie Municipal Budget.

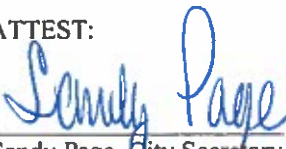
Cunningham reported this is just a draft and it is certainly subject to change as we are waiting on the certified property values. This draft has a utility fund budget of \$9,497,646 and a general fund of \$8,080,538 for expenses. A health insurance increase is expected. Once the values arrive the revenue projections will be refined and then the council will hold a budget workshop.


Set Public Hearing on proposed budget for August 10, 2020.

Councilor Higgins moved, with a second from Councilor Malone, to set a Public Hearing on the proposed budget for August 10th. Motion carried with Councilors Bell, Hefley, Higgins, Love, and Malone voting Aye.

Mayor Burris adjourned the regular meeting at 6:30 p.m.

ATTEST:


Sandy Page, City Secretary


Gaylynn Burris, Mayor