

STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF MONTAGUE
CITY OF BOWIE

On this the 27th day of July, 2020, the council convened in a regular meeting open to the public as advertised with four Councilors present. Councilors Henry and Malone were absent

Presiding: Mayor Burris
Councilors: Bell, Buckmaster, 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.

ITEMS OF COMMUNITY INTEREST- None

PUBLIC COMMENTS- None

CITY MANAGER REPORT

Last Thursday we did the final burn on the brush piles from the tornado damage.

Tax rate information- A 3 ½ % increase in the tax value would create a tax rate of .5548 per \$100 which is what the state calls the voter approval M&O rate. Last year's rate was .5445 per \$100. The No New Tax Rate for 2020 is .5362 per \$100, which will bring in the same amount of revenue as last year. The De minimis Tax Rate is .6882 per \$100 which is the highest rate we can charge without an election. Here are our tax rate choices:

No New Taxes Rate: \$.5362 per \$100 valuation.

Voter Approval Rate: (3 ½ % increase) \$.5548 per \$100 valuation.

Rate without a \$100,000 decrease in electric revenue and an increase in taxes with a 3% salary increase: \$.5447. I suggest somewhere between these two rates to take care of the \$100,000 transfer of electric rate to taxes.

De minimis Rate: (highest we can charge without an election) \$.6882 per \$100 valuation.

August 10th will be our first budget hearing.

TWDB Sewer Line Replacement Loan- We are now in the planning process. We are planning to replace about 48,000 feet of problem sewer lines in the city. Hopefully, we can work a deal with TWDB to pave the streets where we are laying the new line. They will pay for paving over the line to a contractor, but we probably can pave the whole street for what they will be paying for the paving, so our engineers are trying to work a deal where we get the paving money and pave the whole street. We are also planning to replace pumps in 3 or 4 lift stations and eliminate some lift stations where we can gravity feed. We are having problems with our clarifier at the sewer plant and we are looking at an additional stand by basin for when we have to work on the clarifier.

The Charter Commission is still working through the charter. Sandy, the Mayor, two members of the council and I have been attending as we are all free to do. We have been advising, recommending and suggesting to the group where the charter has presented problems in the past.

CDBG-SUN Grant Program-We opened proposals on this grant program today. The Mayor, Sandy, Stony and I are on the scoring committee for the Grant Writer proposals. SUN stands for State Urgent Need fund and the maximum amount of this grant is \$350,000. This grant requires the purchase of something to help with storm related problems.

CDBG-MIT Grant Program-This grant is a mitigation grant and just about anything from our mitigation program can be funded. These items include flooding repair to the creek, a new transformer for the substation and several other items.

Back the Blue-This past Tuesday a volunteer group led by Dillon Steen had a Back the Blue event in our Finance Building parking lot. The citizens of Bowie were well represented. Over \$2,500 was raised by the event and the Police Department will use the money in the future for a wish list of items.

CITY MANAGER REPORT (continued)

Mayor Burris has been re-appointed to the Texas Public Power Association Board of Directors and has been selected to receive the prestigious TPPA Public Service Award at the virtual annual meeting today. The Public Service Award is given to elected officials who serve and contribute to the TPPA.

Consent Agenda Items: Approval of Minutes –July 13, 2020 Regular Meeting; Resolution 2020-22- Authorizing City Manager to write off uncollected utility accounts over 15 months delinquent; and Resolution 2020-23- Authorizing City Manager to write off uncollected library overdue fines over 15 months delinquent.

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

Consider recommendation from P&Z on request from Ace Real Estate Group Inc., Chad and Anna Coker, to replat 2.01 acres, Part of Block 9 and 10, Lindsey Addition, located at the corner of W. Riley Street, Green Street, and Ussery Street. Creating Lot 1 thru Lot 3, Block 1 and Lot 1 thru 10, Coker Addition.

Councilor Higgins moved, with a second from Councilor Love, to approve the P&Z recommendation. Motion carried with Councilors Bell, Buckmaster, Higgins, and Love voting Aye.

Second reading of 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 Higgins, to approve the second reading of Ordinance 2020-08. Motion carried with Councilors Bell, Buckmaster, Higgins, and Love voting Aye.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.087-Deliberation Regarding Economic Development Negotiations.

1. Consider approval of Resolution 2020-24 and Performance Agreement by and between the Bowie 4B Sales Tax Corporation and Milanos Eagle, LLC., for economic development purposes, Project #20200528OP.

Mayor Burris moved into executive session at 6:16 p.m.
Mayor Burris closed the executive session at 6:18 p.m.

ACTION FOLLOWING EXECUTIVE SESSION: Pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.087-Deliberation Regarding Economic Development Negotiations.

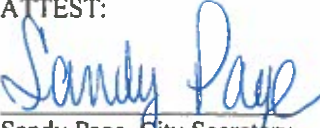
Mayor Burris convened into regular session at 6:18 p.m.

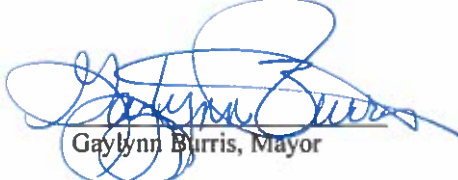
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Councilor Higgins moved, with a second from Councilor Love, to approve Resolution 2020-24 and the Performance Agreement. Motion carried with Councilors Bell, Buckmaster, Higgins, and Love voting Aye

Mayor Burris adjourned the regular meeting at 6:19 p.m.

ATTEST:


Sandy Page, City Secretary


Gaylynn Burris, Mayor

Special City Council Meeting
August 4, 2020

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On this the 4th day of August, 2020, the council convened in a special meeting open to the public as advertised with all Councilors present.

Presiding: Mayor Burris
Councilors: Bell, Buckmaster, Henry, Higgins, Love, and Malone.
City Secretary Page
City Manager Cunningham

Mayor Burris called the special meeting to order at 5:01 p.m.

INVOCATION

Invocation was given by Fire Chief Doug Page.

PUBLIC COMMENTS- None

Councilor Malone reported the Golf Course in Bowie has been named the #1 9- hole golf course in the state.

2020/2021 BUDGET

City Manager Cunningham said revenues and expenses are both down and sales tax is down by about 7 or 7 1/2 percent, but so are expenses. He brings to council a balanced budget but would like to add a couple items. (1) 3% raise for employees (2) With Joe Lyon retiring we will need to hire a plumbing inspector, and (3) When the new admin building is complete, a person to answer calls and help with Code and City Secretary if needed.


Councilor Malone moved, with a second from Councilor Love, to approve the 2020/2021 Budget as presented with the addition of a 3% employee raise and add \$10,000 to Code Enforcement budget for Plumbing Inspections. He would like to wait on the new person until the building is complete. Motion carried with Councilors Bell, Hefley, Higgins, Love and Malone voting Aye. Councilor Buckmaster voted Nay.

Cunningham also reported that we have received 2 grants. One from the Library to get new computers and \$161,000 for the Fire Department to purchase a heart monitor and stretchers. Good job to both of these departments on receiving these grants.

Mayor Burris adjourned the regular meeting at 5:25 p.m.

ATTEST:


Sandy Page, City Secretary


Gaylynn Burris, Mayor