

Regular City Council Meeting
August 1, 2017

STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF MONTAGUE
CITY OF BOWIE

On this the 1st day of August, 2017, the council convened in a regular meeting open to the public as advertised with all Councilors present.

Presiding: Mayor Davis
Councilors: Bell, Boyd, Burris, Graham, Gunter, and Malone
City Manager Tow
City Secretary Page
City Attorney Jennings

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

City Manager Report

City Manager Tow introduced the new W/WW Director, Dean Grant.

Public Hearing:

1. 2017/2018 Municipal Budget

Mayor Davis opened the public hearing at 6:15 p.m.

Ambulance billing was the topic for the public hearing. It was questioned why ambulance billing figures are used in the revenue line items instead of more realistic numbers based on historical collection data. Two years ago the bad debt was moved to the fire department instead of the general fund. Councilors Burris and Gunter would like to see more accurate numbers on the budget.

Utility fund expenses are proposed at \$9,596,922 with revenues projected at \$11,986,500. General fund expenses are proposed at \$7,905,718 with revenues projected at \$6,183,554.

Mayor Davis closed the hearing at 6:34 p.m.

Consent Agenda Items: Approval of Minutes –July 25, 2017 Special Meeting.

Councilor Burris moved, with a second from Councilor Boyd, to approve the Consent Agenda Items as presented. Motion carried six with Councilors Bell, Boyd, Burris, Graham, Gunter, and Malone voting Aye.

Approve Joint Election Agreement with the County of Montague.

Councilor Malone moved, with a second from Councilor Graham, to approve the Joint Election Agreement with the County of Montague. Motion carried six with Councilors Bell, Boyd, Burris, Graham, Gunter, and Malone voting Aye.

Ordinance 2017-09-An ordinance providing for a General Election in the City of Bowie; Authorizing the Montague County Elections Administrator to officially conduct the November 7, 2017 General Election; Setting forth Council positions and terms; Establishing Regular and Early Voting places; and Establishing an effective date.

Councilor Graham moved, with a second from Councilor Bell, to approve Ordinance 2017-09. Motion carried six with Councilors Bell, Boyd, Burris, Graham, Gunter, and Malone voting Aye.

2017 Tax Rate:

a. Record vote of Proposal to Consider a Tax Increase:

b. Schedule public hearing for August 15, 2017 and September 5, 2017

Councilor Bell moved, with a second from Councilor Malone, to set the proposed tax rate at 0.5300. Motion carried with Councilors Bell, Graham, and Malone voting Aye. Councilors Boyd, Burris, and Gunter voted Nay. Mayor Davis then broke the tie by voting Aye.

Councilor Malone moved, with a second from Councilor Graham, to schedule the public hearings for August 15, 2017 and September 5, 2017. Motion carried six with Councilors Bell, Boyd, Burris, Graham, Gunter, and Malone voting Aye.

Consider renewal of Interlocal Agreement for 9-1-1 Public Safety Answering Point Services between Nortex Regional Planning Commission and City of Bowie.

Councilor Graham moved, with a second from Councilor Burris, to renew the Interlocal Agreement for 9-1-1 Public Safety Answering Point Services between Nortex and City of Bowie. Motion carried six with Councilors Bell, Boyd, Burris, Graham, Gunter, and Malone voting Aye.

Consider Audit Engagement Letter from Donald Allman CPA.

No action was taken on this item.

Consider Agreement for Consulting Services for City of Bowie and Group Health and Life Insurance Programs.

Councilor Burris moved, with a second from Councilor Graham, to accept the agreement for Consulting Services for City of Bowie and Group Health and Life Insurance Programs. Motion carried six with Councilors Bell, Boyd, Burris, Graham, Gunter, and Malone voting Aye.

Resolution 2017-23-A Resolution of the City of Bowie, Texas, establishing the City of Bowie, Texas Insurance Trust Fund, authorizing the Trust Agreement and appointing Trustees for the City of Bowie, Texas.

Councilor Burris moved, with a second from Councilor Gunter, to approve Resolution 2017-23. Motion carried six with Councilors Bell, Boyd, Burris, Graham, Gunter, and Malone voting Aye.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.074-Personnel Matters.

1. Discuss employment, evaluation, and duties of Municipal Court Judge.

Mayor Davis moved into executive session at 7:04 p.m.

Mayor Davis closed the executive session at 7:41 p.m.

2. Discuss employment, evaluation, and duties of City Secretary.

Mayor Davis moved into executive session at 7:42 p.m.

Mayor Davis closed the executive session at 8:33 p.m.

3. Discuss employment, evaluation, and duties of City Manager.

Mayor Davis moved into executive session at 8:35 p.m.

Mayor Davis closed the executive session at 10:33 p.m.

ACTION FOLLOWING EXECUTIVE SESSION: Pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.074-Personnel Matters.

1. Discuss employment, evaluation, and duties of Municipal Court Judge.

2. Discuss employment, evaluation, and duties of City Secretary.

3. Discuss employment, evaluation, and duties of City Manager.

Mayor Davis convened into regular session at 10:34 p.m.

No action taken on these items.

Mayor Davis adjourned the meeting at 10:35 p.m.

ATTEST:


Sandy Page, City Secretary


Scott Davis, Mayor