

Regular City Council Meeting
August 10, 2020

STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF MONTAGUE
CITY OF BOWIE

On this the 10th day of August, 2020, the council convened in a regular meeting open to the public as advertised with four Councilors present. Councilor Love and Buckmaster were absent.

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

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

INVOCATION

Invocation was given by Fire Chief Doug Page.

Public Hearing:

1. 2020/2021 Municipal Budget

Mayor Burris opened the Public Hearing at 6:01 p.m.

There were no presentation, comments or questions.

Mayor Burris closed the Public Hearing at 6:01 p.m.

ITEMS OF COMMUNITY INTEREST- The soccer association presented Bowie PD with a check and t-shirt for Back the Blue.

PUBLIC COMMENTS- None

CITY MANAGER REPORT

BMX Bike Park construction will begin in September. It is on 20 acres of un-used city property out by the ballpark. Sean Reno is spearheading the operation and he is seeking dirt for the track.

Construction has begun on the Community Room for City Offices. Initially they are laying down a covering to protect the floors, then they will start demolition of the fir downs and ceiling, then they will layout the walls and begin setting the studs for the walls. This remodel should take about 6 months.

Business Park illegal dumping- We have had problems with illegal dumping at the Business Park. Patrol Officers have been instructed to patrol the area to stop the dumping. We are now also monitoring the area with cameras so citations for illegal dumping can be issued.

SUN and MIT applications for grants. The SUN grant is the State Urgent Need fund and we will qualify for this grant because of the tornado. The Texas General Land Office Mitigation grant is the second grant application. Resolutions are required to hire grant writers to help us figure out what we want with the grant money and what will give us a better chance of getting the grant money. I would hope that we can purchase generators with the SUN grant and we can apply for money to fix the creek with the Mitigation Grant.

Library received a grant for \$24,598.00 to replace all of the computers and computer equipment in the library.

Fire Department received a grant for \$169,812.15. The fire department will be buying new stretchers for the ambulances, a heart monitor to replace one that is no longer serviceable and other needed equipment.

The Economic Development Corporation is applying for an Economic Development grant to be used for economic development purposes.

Consent Agenda Items: Approval of Minutes ~July 27, 2020 Regular Meeting; August 4, 2020 Special Meeting and Approve quarterly financial statement ending June, 2020.

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

Proposed FY 2020/2021 Municipal Budget for:

a. Bowie Economic Development Corporation

b. Bowie 4B Sales Tax Corporation

Councilor Higgins moved, with a second from Councilor Hefley, to approve the Bowie Economic Development Corporation budget. Motion carried with Councilors Bell, Hefley, Higgins, and Malone voting Aye.

Councilor Malone moved, with a second from Councilor Bell, to approve the Bowie 4B Sales Tax Corporation budget. Motion carried with Councilors Bell, Hefley, Higgins, and Malone voting Aye.

Resolution 2020-28-A resolution in support of an application from the Bowie Economic Development Corporation to the Economic Development Administration (EDA), United States Department of Commerce's (DOC) Economic Adjustment Assistance Program for construction of an industrial spec building, utility infrastructure and road construction at Bowie Business Park.

Councilor Bell moved, with a second from Councilor Malone, to approve Resolution 2020-28. Motion carried with Councilors Bell, Hefley, Higgins, and Malone voting Aye.

2020 Tax Rate:

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

Councilor Malone moved, with a second from Councilor Bell, to approve the new tax rate of .5447. Motion carried with Councilors Bell, Hefley, Higgins, and Malone voting Aye.

b. Schedule public hearing for August 24, 2020.

Councilor Malone moved, with a second from Councilor Higgins, to set the tax public hearing for August 24, 2020. Motion carried with Councilors Bell, Hefley, Higgins, and Malone voting Aye.

Resolution 2020-25- A resolution of the City Council of the City of Bowie, Texas, selecting a grant writer/administrator in conjunction with the submittal of an application for funding through the Texas Department of Agriculture State Urgent Need Fund (Sun Fund).

Councilor Malone moved, with a second from Councilor Higgins, to approve Resolution 2020-25. Motion carried with Councilors Bell, Hefley, Higgins, and Malone voting Aye.

Resolution 2020-26- A resolution of the City Council of the City of Bowie, Texas, selecting a grant writer/administrator in conjunction with the submittal of an application for funding through the Texas General Land Office, Community Development Block Grant-Mitigation (CDBG-MIT).

Councilor Bell moved, with a second from Councilor Malone, to approve Resolution 2020-26. Motion carried with Councilors Bell, Hefley, Higgins, and Malone voting Aye.

Resolution 2020-27-A resolution contingent on receiving a 2021-2022 Texas Community Development Program (TxCDBG) Block Grant of \$350,000 to help fund a Water, Wastewater, Streets/Roads, or Drainage Improvement Project to be determined (TBD) at a later date from the Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA).

Councilor Higgins moved, with a second from Councilor Hefley, to approve Resolution 2020-27. Motion carried with Councilors Bell, Hefley, Higgins, and Malone voting Aye.

Ordinance 2020-09-An ordinance adopting an annual budget for the City of Bowie for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2020 and ending September 30, 2021. Adopting a referenced document as said budget and establishing appropriations for the various activities and functions for the City, establishing an effective date and repealing all ordinances and regulations in conflict herewith.

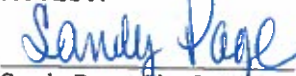
Councilor Higgins moved, with a second from Councilor Bell, to approve Ordinance 2020-09. Motion carried with Councilors Bell, Hefley, Higgins, and Malone voting Aye.


Approve Joint Election Agreement with Montague County.

Councilor Malone moved, with a second from Councilor Hefley, to approve the joint election agreement with Montague County. Motion carried with Councilors Bell, Hefley, Higgins, and Malone voting Aye.

Mayor Burris adjourned the regular meeting at 6:27 p.m.

ATTEST:


Sandy Page, City Secretary


Gaylynn Burris, Mayor