

Regular City Council Meeting
August 13, 2018

STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF MONTAGUE
CITY OF BOWIE

On this the 13th day of August, 2018, the council convened in a regular meeting open to the public as advertised with all Councilors present.

Presiding: Mayor Burris
Councilors: Bell, Bishop, Gunter, Mills, Malone, and Stallcup
City Secretary Page
City Manager Cunningham

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

Public Comments

None

City Manager Report

Cunningham reported he has met with Kevin Lerner of Government Capital Corporation about financing some of our long term needs. It is a no cost agreement unless we decide to borrow money for long term needs then they charge 1.5 percent for their services.

The City's health insurance has had a 2% reduction.

He and the mayor attended the Texas Public Power Association meeting in Austin last month. They met with BTU, Schneider Engineering, and a few other electric system operators.

D&S Engineering has finished the Geo Tech drilling of our potential solar sites. As soon as we receive the report Schneider Engineering will disseminate the information to the solar developers in order for them to give us a better cost of the proposed Power Purchase Agreement related to the solar array.

Half Engineering will be helping us with a grant application to solve drainage problems on Nelson and Lamb Street.

We have been working on the motor bank building. We are getting estimates from a local builder to adapt the building to our needs. We are also getting cost on reworking the ramp that will serve our drive up window. It has been suggested we use part of the parking lot in front of the building as a green space.

The last inspection from TCEQ discovered that the pump station at Silver lakes was not approved before it was built. It was discovered that it was Blue Green Corporation and their engineer's responsibility to get approval from TCEQ. Blue Green's Engineering firm has consented to do the work necessary to get the pump station approved by TCEQ at no cost to the city. The property that the pump station sits on will also be transferred to the City at no cost.

The Community Development Director's job has been offered to a local person. She will start work as soon as we finish pre-employment testing.

Public Hearing.

1. 2018/2019 Municipal Budget

Mayor Burris opened the public hearing at 6:05 p.m.

City Manager Cunningham presented the revised proposal with the latest figures and his recommendations. Cunningham is recommending the city borrow almost \$2 million to undertake several major capital repairs and improvements, along with purchasing needed equipment to get many repairs done more efficiently. Also budgeted is a 15% increase in sewer revenue and 3% in water. The budget proposal has a lower utility fund transfer into general fund of \$1,150,000.

About a dozen citizens attended the meeting with about half making comments. They were in opposition to increasing any costs to the citizens of Bowie, whether it is water, sewer, or utility rates.

Cunningham said a workshop is planned for the next meeting to allow the council time to absorb the proposal, adding he does not disagree they need discussion.

Mayor Burris closed the public hearing at 7:13 p.m.

Consent Agenda Items: Approval of Minutes –July 12, 2018 Special Meeting; July 17, 2018 Special Meeting; July 30, 2018 Special Meeting; Resolution 2018-18- Authorizing City Manager to write off uncollected utility accounts over 15 months delinquent; Resolution 2018-19 - Authorizing City Manager to write off uncollected library overdue fines over 15 months delinquent.

Councilor Bishop moved, with a second from Councilor Malone, to approve the Consent Agenda items as presented. Motion carried six with Councilors Bell, Bishop, Gunter, Malone, Mills, and Stallcup voting Aye.

Nortex-Mitigation Plan Project Update.

We have listed several items that we can use to get grants to repair items. It is very important for us to continue to meet and discuss the plan as it is our pathway to grants in the future and we get in-kind dollars for meeting and discussing the Mitigation Plan.

Second reading of Ordinance 2018-07-An ordinance providing for a General Election in the City of Bowie; Authorizing the Montague County Elections Administrator to officially conduct the November 6, 2018 General Election; Setting forth Council positions and terms; Establishing Regular and Early Voting places; and Establishing an effective date.

Councilor Malone moved, with a second from Councilor Mills, to approve the second reading of Ordinance 2018-07. Motion carried six with Councilors Bell, Bishop, Gunter, Malone, Mills, and Stallcup voting Aye.

2018 Tax Rate:

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

b. Schedule public hearing for August 27, 2018 and September 10, 2018.

Councilor Stallcup moved, with a second from Councilor Malone, to set the proposed tax rate at 0.5250. Motion carried five with Councilors Bell, Gunter, Malone, Mills, and Stallcup voting Aye. Councilor Bishop voted Nay.

Councilor Malone moved, with a second from Councilor Gunter, to schedule the public hearings for August 27, 2018 and September 10, 2018. Motion carried six with Councilors Bell, Bishop, Gunter, Malone, Mills, and Stallcup voting Aye.

Ordinance 2018-08-An ordinance of the City of Bowie, Texas, amending the City of Bowie Code of Ordinances by amending Chapter 11 "Utilities & Solid Waste," Article 11.2100 "Solid Waste Collection" Section 11.2115 "Monthly Rates and Collection Fees" by increasing the fees; adding the Fee Schedule for Solid Waste Collection to Appendix "C" of the Bowie Code of Ordinances; providing a savings clause, a repealer clause; and an effective date.

Councilor Bell moved, with a second from Councilor Stallcup, to approve Ordinance 2018-08. Motion carried five with Councilors Bell, Gunter, Malone, Mills, and Stallcup voting Aye. Councilor Bishop voted Nay.

Ordinance 2018-09-An ordinance of the City Council of the City of Bowie, Texas amending Chapter 10 "Traffic Control," Article 10.500 "Truck Routes," by adding a new section 10.510 "Restricting Oversized Loads" in the City of Bowie.

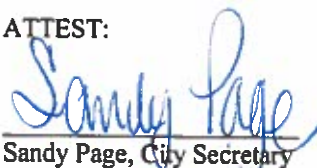
Councilor Gunter moved, with a second from Councilor Stallcup, to approve Ordinance 2018-09. Motion carried six with Councilors Bell, Bishop, Gunter, Malone, Mills, and Stallcup voting Aye.

Consider Financial Advisory Agreement between Government Capital Securities and City of Bowie.

Councilor Gunter moved, with a second from Councilor Malone, to approve the Financial Advisory Agreement between Government Capital Securities and City of Bowie. Motion carried six with Councilors Bell, Bishop, Gunter, Malone, Mills, and Stallcup voting Aye.

Mayor Burris adjourned the meeting at 7:29 p.m.

ATTEST:


Sandy Page, City Secretary


Gaylynn Burris, Mayor