

Regular City Council Meeting
August 26, 2019

STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF MONTAGUE
CITY OF BOWIE

On this the 26th day of August, 2019, the council convened in a regular meeting open to the public as advertised with all Councilors present.

Presiding: Mayor Burris
Councilors: Bell, Bishop, Buckmaster, Kent, Love, and Malone.
City Secretary Page
City Manager Cunningham
City Attorney Jennings

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

PUBLIC HEARING:

1. 2019 Tax Rate

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

Mayor Burris stated this public hearing is to inform the public on the proposed tax rate of \$0.5445 per \$100 in property value. This increase is about 3.71% over last year. The meeting in which the tax rate will be adopted will be the September 23rd City Council meeting at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

With no questions asked, Mayor Burris closed the public hearing at 6:02 p.m.

Proclamation

Mayor Burris presented Dillon Steen and Margin Latham with a proclamation for the group "Beautify Our Bowie". This group has been working on Meyer Park and we look forward to other projects as well.

Consent Agenda Items: Approval of Minutes –August 12, 2019 Regular Meeting and August 12, 2019 Special Meeting; Resolution 2019-21- Authorizing City Manager to write off uncollected utility accounts over 15 months delinquent; Resolution 2019-22- Authorizing City Manager to write off uncollected library overdue fines over 15 months delinquent and quarterly financial ending June, 2019.

Finance Director Carrie Moore presented the June financial. The Hotel/Motel tax budget is down and may have some issues with the reporting not coming in. Carrie will check on it. Councilor Buckmaster asked about the \$250,000 originally budgeted as Bond Payment and is now in Building Renovations. She said this should not have been changed without council approval. Moore said the auditor said it was ok to rename the account. After discussion, Buckmaster ask for the auditor's name.

Councilor Malone moved, with a second from Councilor Love, to approve the Consent Agenda items as presented. Motion carried with Councilors Bell, Kent, Love, and Malone voting Aye. Councilors Bishop and Buckmaster voted Nay.

Nortex-Mitigation Plan Project Update.

City Manager Cunningham reported that we did not met this month but should meet in September. We are still waiting on approval.

Ordinance 2019-08-An ordinance adopting an annual budget for the City of Bowie for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2019 and ending September 30, 2020. Adopting a referenced document as said budget and establishing appropriations for the various activities and functions of the city, establishing an effective date and repealing all ordinances and regulations in conflict herewith.

Councilor Love moved, with a second from Councilor Bell, to approve Ordinance 2019-08. Motion carried with Councilors Bell, Kent, Love, and Malone voting Aye. Councilors Bishop and Buckmaster voted Nay.

Ordinance 2019-09-An ordinance of the City Council of the City of Bowie, Texas approving a negotiated settlement between the Atmos Cities Steering Committee ("ASCS") and Atmos Energy Corp., Mid-Tex Division regarding the company's 2019 rate review mechanism filing; declaring existing rates to be unreasonable; adopting tariffs that reflect rate adjustments consistent with the negotiated settlement; finding the rates to be set by the attached settlement tariffs to be just and reasonable and in the public interest; approving an attached exhibit establishing a benchmark for pensions and retiree medical benefits; approving an attached exhibit regarding amortization of regulatory liability; requiring the company to reimburse ACSC'S reasonable ratemaking expenses; determining that this ordinance was passed in accordance with the requirements of the Texas Open Meeting Act; adopting a savings clause; declaring an effective date; and requiring delivery of this ordinance to the company and the ASCS'S Legal Counsel.

Councilor Bell moved, with a second from Councilor Malone, to approve Ordinance 2019-09. Motion carried with Councilors Bell, Bishop, Buckmaster, Kent, Love, and Malone voting Aye.

Recommendation from P&Z on amending Bowie Code of Ordinances Chapter 9 Subdivision, Article 9.100, Subdivision Ordinance Adopted, Section 3.03 (Submission of Plan).

Chairman Bill Calabretta said this relates to an owner conveying a portion of his land to an adjoining land owner in order to settle a boundary line discrepancy involving permanent structures which are encroached. He explained the committee wanted to find a way to expedite the process instead of going through the entire replat process. The P&Z's recommendation is to add the verbiage...*or an owner conveying a portion of his land to an adjoining land owner in order to settle a boundary line discrepancy involving permanent structures which are encroached shall be exempt from these requirements if approved by the City of Bowie Code Administrator or his/her designee*, to the ordinance.

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

Appointments to the Parks Board:

- a. Todd McMurray**
- b. Bill Enlow**
- c. Charles Parr**
- d. Janet Monkres**
- e. Terry Gunter**

(a.) Councilor Love moved, with a second from Councilor Malone, to re-appoint Todd McMurray to the Parks Board. Motion carried with Councilors Bell, Bishop, Buckmaster, Kent, Love, and Malone voting Aye.

(b.) Councilor Bell moved, with a second from Councilor Love, to re-appoint Bill Enlow to the Parks Board. Motion carried with Councilors Bell, Bishop, Buckmaster, Kent, Love, and Malone voting Aye.

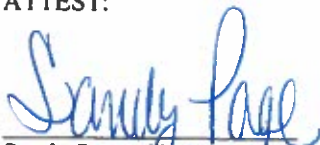
(c.) Mayor Burris announced that Charles Parr had decided to resign from this board.

(d.) Councilor Malone moved, with a second from Councilor Kent, to re-appoint Janet Monkres to the Parks Board. Motion carried with Councilors Bell, Bishop, Buckmaster, Kent, Love, and Malone voting Aye.

(e.) Mayor Burris announced that Terry Gunter had withdrawn his name for appointment to this board.

Mayor Burris adjourned the meeting at 6:25 p.m.

ATTEST:


Sandy Page, City Secretary


Gaylynn Burris, Mayor