

Regular City Council Meeting
August 27, 2018

STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF MONTAGUE
CITY OF BOWIE

On this the 27th 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

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.086-Certain Public Power Utilities: Competitive Matters

1. Update on BTU negotiations.

Mayor Burris moved into executive session at 6:03 p.m.

Mayor Burris closed the executive session at 6:39 p.m.

ACTION FOLLOWING EXECUTIVE SESSION: Pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.086-Certain Public Power Utilities: Competitive Matters

1. Update on BTU negotiations.

Mayor Burris convened into Open Session at 6:40 p.m.

Councilor Stallcup moved, with a second from Councilor Mills, to accept the BTU rate reduction. Motion carried six with Councilors Bell, Bishop, Gunter, Malone, Mills, and Stallcup voting Aye.

The reduction will bring the cost per kilowatt hour down from 15.17 cents to 11 cents. Mayor Burris said this will be about a 25 or 26% decrease in billing. The rate change will go into effect for customers in December. There will also be changes to the city utility billing cycle, where bills will go out two times a month on the 15th and 30th.

City Manager Report

Comcell is advancing with the fiber optic cable all over the city. They will be starting a marketing campaign soon.

Jay Evans is getting quotes from construction companies for the East Lift Station rebuild. We have come to the conclusion that we do not need engineering for this project since we are simply rebuilding what we have.

Dean has a list of water line projects we will do if the budget passes, allowing us to purchase the excavator and additional employees.

The street department has been working on Jefferson Street and will be re-building other streets in town. They have also been spreading base material in the parking lot behind city office and will eventually pave this area.

Work is progressing on the motor bank building. We are making the ramp for the drive up window wider for safety reasons. We are also getting quotes for moving walls and rearranging things.

The 125-year celebration of Second Monday went well. The Amity Club had the historical marker dedication during this celebration weekend.

There is another Hazard Mitigation meeting in Henrietta tomorrow at 10:00 a.m.

Departmental Reports

Library gave a report on becoming a Family Place Library. This program promotes a national model for transforming libraries into developmentally appropriate early learning environments for very young children, their parents, and caregivers. It aims to ensure that all children enter school ready and able to learn and positions libraries as key early childhood and family support organizations within the local community.

Public Hearing.

1. 2018 Tax Rate

Mayor Burris opened the public hearing at 7:00 p.m.

Mayor Burris stated this public hearing is to inform the public on the proposed tax rate of \$0.525000 per \$100 in property value. This is a decrease of 1% over last year. The meeting in which the tax rate will be adopted will be the September 24th City Council meeting at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

Mayor Burris closed the hearing at 7:02 p.m.

Proposed FY2018/2019 Municipal Budget Workshop

Councilor Malone moved, with a second from Councilor Bell, to approve the budget as presented. Motion carried five with Councilors Bell, Gunter, Malone, Mills, and Stallcup voting Aye. Councilor Bishop voted Nay.

Consent Agenda Items: Approval of Minutes –August 13, 2018 Regular Meeting; Resolution 2018-20- Authorizing City Manager to write off uncollected utility accounts over 15 months delinquent; Resolution 2018-21 - Authorizing City Manager to write off uncollected library overdue fines over 15 months delinquent and approve quarterly financial statement ending June 2018.

Councilor Gunter moved, with a second from Councilor Mills, 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.

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. There will be a meeting tomorrow at the Clay County Courthouse annex at 10:00 a.m.

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

Second reading of 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 Bell, to approve the second reading of Ordinance 2018-09. Motion carried six with Councilors Bell, Bishop, Gunter, Malone, Mills, and Stallcup voting Aye.

Mayor Burris adjourned the Regular Meeting at 7:22 p.m.

Mayor Burris moved into Executive Session at 7:26 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.072-Deliberation about real property.

1. Consider the purchase, exchange, lease, or value of real property for property on FM 1125/Hwy. 287.

Mayor Burris closed Executive Session at 7:33 p.m.

Mayor Burris convened into Open Session at 7:34 p.m.

CONSIDER ANY OFFICIAL ACTION REGARDING EXECUTIVE SESSION: Pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.072-Deliberation about real property.

1. Consider the purchase, exchange, lease, or value of real property for property on FM 1125/Hwy. 287.

Councilor Gunter moved, with a second from Councilor Stallcup, to accept the contract presented from the broker to sell the city property at 1125/Hwy 287. Motion carried six with Councilors Bell, Bishop, Gunter, Mills, Malone, and Stallcup voting Aye.

Mayor Burris adjourned the Regular Meeting at 7:36 p.m.

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

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

Mayor Burris moved into executive session at 7:37 p.m.
Mayor Burris closed the executive session at 8:00 p.m.

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

Mayor Burris moved into executive session at 8:05 p.m.
Mayor Burris closed the executive session at 8:38 p.m.

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

Mayor Burris moved into executive session at 8:39 p.m.
Mayor Burris closed the executive session at 8:54 p.m.

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

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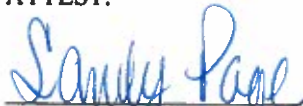
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Mayor Burris convened into regular session at 8:56 p.m.

Councilor Stallcup moved, with a second from Councilor Gunter, to accept the pay increases as discussed for the three positions. Motion carried six with Councilors Bell, Bishop, Gunter, Mills, Malone, and Stallcup voting Aye.

Mayor Burris adjourned the meeting at 8:57 p.m.

ATTEST:


Sandy Page, City Secretary


Gaylyn Burris, Mayor
