

STATE OF TEXAS  
COUNTY OF MONTAGUE  
CITY OF BOWIE

On this the 24th day of August, 2020, the council convened in a regular meeting open to the public as advertised with all Councilors present.

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

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

**INVOCATION**

Invocation was given by David Rainey.

**PUBLIC HEARING:**

**I. 2020 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 \$0.5447 per \$100 in property value. This increase is about 0.367% over last year. The meeting in which the tax rate will be adopted will be the September 14th 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.

**ITEMS OF COMMUNITY INTEREST-** City Office will be closed for Labor Day on September 7, 2020.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS-** None

**CITY MANAGER REPORT**

Community Room Remodel-We have run into a few problems namely a wet wall in the men's restroom caused by a faulty connection between a roof drain and a gutter down spout. The windows on the north side of the building will require new brick of which we might run short because there are larger openings than the openings we are going to put in for the new windows. Work is progressing faster than we thought.

Raw Water Lake Line- We had a break in the raw water pipeline coming from the lake. It was a result of an old break in the line that started leaking. A company call Hanson was called to weld the pipe. It is still dripping, but we plan on filling up everything, draining the line and then welding a boot over the whole area of the leak, which should fix the line permanently.

BMX Bike Park- The Bowie BMX Bike Park is now officially a non-profit corporation. The City Attorney will be drafting another lease that addresses the non-profit corporation. Construction is scheduled to start around September 1, 2020.

Community Center Bonds- The new low interest bonds for the community center financing were funded on the 17<sup>th</sup> and everything took place as planned.

CDB Grant- The work on the collapsed sewer line that runs under the railroad parallel to Mill Street should have started by now but the BNSF railroad has a problem with where we are going to bore under the railroad. The engineers, the railroad and city personnel will do a site visit to show the railroad why we need to bore where we will be boring. Their problem is that the bore is too close to the Mill Street bridge and a switch just west of where we will be boring. Basically, we cannot move either direction as we will be too close to both the bridge and the switch.

Grants- Traylor Associates, the grant writing company we hired, is now working on the SUN (State Urgent Need) fund grant. Gray Traylor with said we have a very good chance of getting this grant based on the tornado damage. We also had a discussion about drainage issues in the city and FEMA has a new grant program called "Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC). He is looking into applying for drainage improvement grants and also see what he can come up with concerning the Old Bowie Lake dam.

**Consent Agenda Items: Approval of Minutes –August 10, 2020 Regular Meeting; Resolution 2020-29- Authorizing City Manager to write off uncollected utility accounts over 15 months delinquent; and Resolution 2020-30- Authorizing City Manager to write off uncollected library overdue fines over 15 months delinquent.**

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

**Consider recommendation from P&Z on request from Eddie Biles to replat part of Lot 1, all of Lot 2 and 3, Tanglewood Subdivision, to change the Lot line between Lot 2 and Lot 3. Creating Part of Lot 1, Lot 2R and Lot 3R, revised Tanglewood Subdivision.**

Councilor Love moved, with a second from Councilor Malone, to table the replat until P&Z obtained a deed from part of Lot 1. Motion carried with Councilors Bell, Buckmaster, Hefley, Higgins, Love, and Malone voting Aye.

**Consider recommendation from P&Z on request from Jeremy and Nicki Richey to replat Lot 7R & 8R, Block 6, Revised North Park Subdivision. Creating Lot 7R-1, Block 6, Revised North Park Subdivision.**

Councilor Higgins moved, with a second from Councilor Love, to accept the P&Z recommendation on the replat. Motion carried with Councilors Bell, Buckmaster, Hefley, Higgins, Love, and Malone voting Aye.

**Ordinance 2020-10-An ordinance levying an annual ad valorem tax rate for the City of Bowie, Texas for the tax year 2020.**

Councilor Higgins moved, with a second from Councilor Malone, that the property tax rate be increased by the adoption of a tax rate of 0.5447, which is effectively a 0.367% increase in the tax rate. Motion carried with Councilors Bell, Buckmaster, Hefley, Higgins, Love, and Malone voting Aye.

**Resolution 2020-31-A resolution of the City Council of City of Bowie, Texas, approving a negotiated settlement between the Atmos Cities Steering Committee and Atmos Energy Corp., Mid-Tex Division regarding the company's 2020 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 ratemaking expenses; determining that this resolution was passed in accordance with the requirements of the Texas Open meetings Act; adopting a savings clause; declaring an effective date; and requiring delivery of this resolution to the company and the ACSC's legal counsel.**

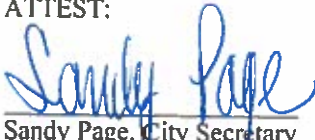
Councilor Bell moved, with a second from Councilor Hefley, to approve Resolution 2020-31. Motion carried with Councilors Bell, Buckmaster, Hefley, Higgins, Love, and Malone voting Aye.

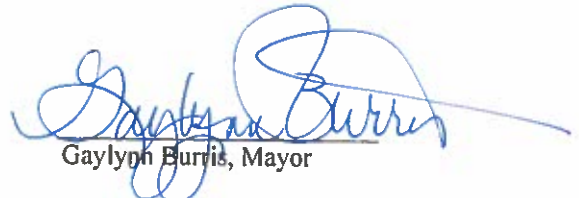
**Second reading of Ordinance 2020-09-An ordinance adopting an annual budget for the City of Bowie for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2020 and ending September 30, 2021. Adopting a referenced document as said budget and establishing appropriations for the various activities and functions for the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

Councilor Higgins moved, with a second from Councilor Malone, to approve the second reading of Ordinance 2020-09. Motion carried with Councilors Bell, Hefley, Higgins, Love, and Malone voting Aye. Councilor Buckmaster voted Nay.

Mayor Burris adjourned the regular meeting at 6:24 p.m.

ATTEST:

  
Sandy Page, City Secretary

  
Gaylyn Burris, Mayor