

Regular City Council Meeting
September 9, 2019

STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF MONTAGUE
CITY OF BOWIE

On this the 9th day of September, 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

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Burris announced that our City of Bowie Portal is up and running. We will now be live streaming our council meetings. The link can be found on our website at www.cityofbowietx.com.

CITY MANAGER REPORT

Cunningham reported that we received a letter from the USDA on a grant we applied for. The Emergency Watershed Protection Program approved funding for the damage that runs from Hwy. 59 to Galia Street along the creek. The approved funding for the damage assessment is NRCS \$416,272.50 and City of Bowie sponsor is \$138,757.50. We can only use the money for certain things which include riprap along the channel, street paving, new drop boxes for storm water, but cannot be used to rebuild the bridges on Mill, Nelson, Lamb, Rock, or Miller which will be much more expensive. We should be getting more details before October. We are still trying to get grant money for the bridges through the Hazard Mitigation Program.

Old Bowie Lake Dam- TCEQ did an inspection on the dam on April 3, 2019. We received a report on the inspection and the dam was found to be in poor condition and in need of extensive maintenance and repairs. We have until October 10 to submit a plan of action that addresses an update on the anticipated completion date for the Emergency Action Plan, and a date for providing a Hydrologic and Hydraulic study, which are both required.

PUBLIC HEARING:

1. 2019 Tax Rate

Mayor Burris opened the public hearing at 6:10 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 is about a 3.71% increase in the tax rate 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 6:12 p.m.

Consent Agenda Items: Approval of Minutes –August 26, 2019 Regular Meeting.

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

Nortex-Mitigation Plan Project Update.

City Manager Cunningham reported that we reviewed our Hazard Mitigation Request for the consultants and they should be turned over to the state fairly soon.

Second reading of 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.

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

Resolution 2019-23-A resolution nominating for the Montague County Appraisal Board Candidate.

Councilor Kent moved, with a second from Councilor Malone, to approve Resolution 2019-23 nominating Randy West. Motion carried with Councilors Bell, Bishop, Buckmaster, Kent, Love, and Malone voting Aye. Council would like to advertise for nominations next time.

Ordinance 2019-10-An ordinance amending Chapter 9 "Subdivisions", Article 9.100 "Subdivision Ordinance Adopted", Section 3.03 [Submission of Plan] of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Bowie, Texas; providing a savings clause, a repealer clause; and providing an effective date.

Councilor Kent moved, with a second from Councilor Love, to approve Ordinance 2019-10. Motion carried with Councilors Bell, Bishop, Kent, Love, and Malone voting Aye. Councilor Buckmaster voted Nay.

Ordinance 2019-11-An ordinance levying an annual ad valorem tax rate for the City of Bowie, Texas for the tax year 2019.

Councilor Love moved, with a second from Councilor Malone, that the property tax rate be increased by the adoption of a tax rate of 0.5445, which is effectively a 3.71% increase in the tax rate. Motion carried with Councilors Bell, Kent, Love, and Malone voting Aye. Councilor Bishop and Buckmaster voted Nay.

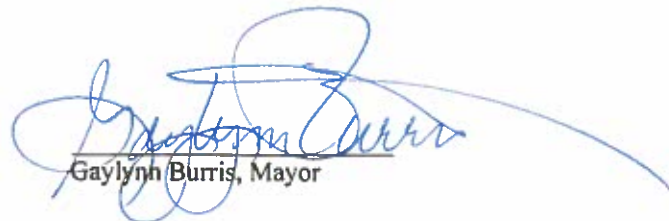
Ordinance 2019-12-An ordinance amending the adopted municipal budget for fiscal year 2018/2019 for specified funds, account and line item designations; declaring all other appropriations of the budget document unchanged; instructing the City Manager to make necessary revisions to the City's accounting records; declaring a severability clause; and providing for an effective date.

Councilor Bell moved, with a second from Councilor Malone, to approve Ordinance 2019-12. Motion carried with Councilors Bell, Buckmaster, Kent, Love, and Malone voting Aye. Councilor Bishop voted Nay.

Mayor Burris adjourned the meeting at 6:30 p.m.

ATTEST:


Sandy Page, City Secretary


Gaylynn Burris, Mayor