

Regular City Council Meeting
September 24, 2018

STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF MONTAGUE
CITY OF BOWIE

On this the 24th day of September, 2018, the council convened in a regular meeting open to the public as advertised with five Councilors present. Councilor Mills was absent.

Presiding: Mayor Burris
Councilors: Bell, Bishop, Gunter, 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

A TML insurance adjuster examined all our buildings and we may get a new roof on City Hall/Police Department fairly soon.

City Manager and Councilor Wayne Bell attended the USDA Conference on watershed repair. The meeting was about grants for repairing storm damage and repairing soil conservation dams. We are filing a grant request for repairing Nelson/Lamb Street from the local FSA/USDA office. If there is money available, it will probably be a long term, extremely low interest loan.

Street Department got the upstream headwall concrete poured on Mill Street last Friday before the rain. The culverts are in place and covered with sand and fill dirt. As soon as it dries up we will continue to repair the crossing until finished.

The Finance Department building is still in the process of being remodeled. The tunnel has been covered and walls are being moved.

Comcell has the new fiber optic cable in the city office as well as some of the city buildings. We should be up and running by next Wednesday.

The 8" water line on Tarrant Street had a big leak on Thursday evening. This will probably be one of the first lines we replace when we get the new pipe and equipment.

A buggy is being purchased for the water and sewer plants in order to save time and money for trips between the two operations. This was budgeted at \$10,000 under equipment for both departments.

We have contracted with a company to remove the trees on Old Bowie Lake dam. This is the first step in shoring up the dam in order to make sure it is safe.

City Manager will be attending the Association of Rural Communities of Texas meeting in San Antonio on October 1-3rd.

The Texas Municipal League annual convention will be October 10-12th in Fort Worth.

Departmental Reports

Library gave a report. Next Thursday "Early Childhood Development Program" will have a parent workshop from 10-11 a.m. This program will take place every Thursday in October.

Homeschool classes now have over 40 children coming to the Library programs.

Consent Agenda Items: Approval of Minutes –September 10, 2018 Regular Meeting; September 14, 2018 Special Meeting; September 18, 2018 Special Meeting; Resolution 2018-25- Authorizing City Manager to write off uncollected utility accounts over 15 months delinquent; Resolution 2018-26 - Authorizing City Manager to write off uncollected library overdue fines over 15 months delinquent.

Councilor Bell moved, with a second from Councilor Malone, to approve the Consent Agenda items as presented. Motion carried five with Councilors Bell, Bishop, Gunter, Malone, 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.

Second reading of Ordinance 2018-14-An ordinance levying an annual ad valorem tax rate for the City of Bowie, Texas for the tax year 2018.

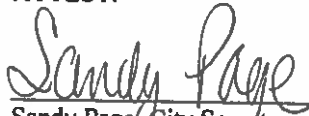
Councilor Bell moved, with a second from Councilor Malone, that the property tax rate be increased by the adoption of a tax rate of 0.525, which is effectively a 7.56 percent increase in the tax rate. Motion carried with Councilors Bell, Gunter, Malone, and Stallcup voting Aye. Councilor Bishop voted Nay.

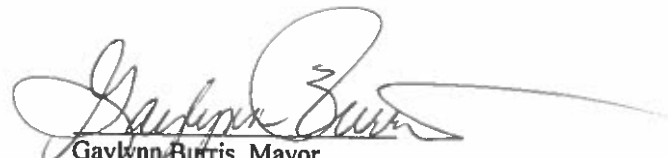
Ordinance 2018-15-An ordinance amending the adopted municipal budget for fiscal year 2017/2018 for specified funds, account and line item designations; declaring all other appropriations of the budget document unchanged; instructing the City Manager to make necessary revisions to the City's accounting records; declaring a severability clause; and providing for an effective date.

Councilor Gunter moved, with a second from Councilor Bell, to approve the second reading of Ordinance 2018-15. Motion carried three with Councilors Bell, Gunter, and Stallcup voting Aye. Councilors Bishop and Malone voted Nay.

Mayor Burris adjourned the meeting at 6:19 p.m.

ATTEST:


Sandy Page, City Secretary


Gaylynn Burris, Mayor