

STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF MONTAGUE
CITY OF BOWIE

On this the 26th day of October, 2020, the council convened in a regular meeting open to the public as advertised with five Councilors present. Councilor Buckmaster was absent.

Presiding: Mayor Burris
Councilors: Bell, 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 Fire Chief Page.

ITEMS OF COMMUNITY INTEREST

Mayor Burris announced she would not take any steps to stop Halloween activities. It will be on Saturday night the 31st and she encourages citizens to take steps they feel will protect their family. Burris has also been contacted about taking additional steps to limit the spread of Covid-19. Again she turned it to the citizens to be responsible adults and wear a mask if you feel comfortable or don't wear one if you don't want to. Go out to businesses if you want to or don't. There is not much more that can be done if the citizens want to protect themselves.

PUBLIC COMMENTS- None

CITY MANAGER REPORT

Community Room Remodel- Doors hung and flooring in the restrooms are a few things that need to be done. As soon as those two items get done, we will install plumbing fixtures and begin moving in. We have contracted with a painting company to paint the exterior of the building and repair and paint the back part of the building which is made of concrete tile. The very last item will be a new awning for the front of the building, and a "green" space at the front of the building.

We have experienced some cases of the Coronavirus this last week as well as cases where our employees have been exposed by spouses and other people. Our requirement is that if you get the virus you must stay home for 14 days and if you are exposed and know it, you must stay at home 10 days. As of this morning, there are almost 40 active cases in Montague County.

We are applying for our remaining funds from the Coronavirus Relief Fund. We stand to get a total of \$282,535.00 of which we have already received \$56,507.00 The state is allowing us to apply for funding based on our EMS, Fire, and Police Department salaries.

October 29th we will be opening bids for the CDB Grant which is the new sewer line that runs parallel to Mill Street. We had to apply for a permit to bore the railroad and BNSF makes it really hard to get a permit to do the boring. As of today, we still have not gotten the permit but it is expected in the next week.

We have put out our request for proposals for a computer system managed service provider for our computer systems. The cost of our present provider had gotten somewhat expensive and we are trying to get the cost down for the same or a higher level of service. Proposals are due November 6th to be awarded on November 23 and go live on December 15th. As we go into the next year, we will be doing an analysis on whether we need to have our own "service provider". For what we are paying now, we might be able to hire two people to manage our computer systems.

Consent Agenda Items: Approval of Minutes –September 28, 2020 Regular Meeting; Resolution 2020-34- Authorizing City Manager to write off uncollected utility accounts over 15 months delinquent; and Resolution 2020-35- Authorizing City Manager to write off uncollected library overdue fines over 15 months delinquent.

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

Re-appointment to the 4A Board:

a. Charles Tyson

Councilor Malone moved, with a second from Councilor Hefley, to approve the re-appointment of Charles Tyson to the 4A Board. Motion carried with Councilors Bell, Hefley, Higgins, Love, and Malone voting Aye.

Appointment to the 4A Board

a. Zach Gunter.

Councilor Malone moved, with a second from Councilor Bell, to approve the appointment of Zach Gunter to the 4A Board. Motion carried with Councilors Bell, Hefley, Higgins, Love, and Malone voting Aye.

Re-appointment to the 4B Board:

a. Barbara Winingham

Councilor Malone moved, with a second from Councilor Higgins, to approve the re-appointment of Barbara Winingham to the 4B Board. Motion carried with Councilors Bell, Hefley, Higgins, Love, and Malone voting Aye.

b. James Scruggs

Councilor Hefley moved, with a second from Councilor Malone, to approve the re-appointment of James Scruggs to the 4B Board. Motion carried with Councilors Bell, Hefley, Higgins, Love, and Malone voting Aye.

c. Tim Hall

Councilor Hefley moved, with a second from Councilor Malone, to approve the re-appointment of Tim Hall to the 4B Board. Motion carried with Councilors Bell, Hefley, Higgins, Love, and Malone voting Aye.

Approve 2020 Tax Roll.

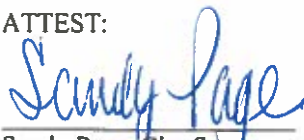
Councilor Malone moved, with a second from Councilor Higgins, to approve the 2020 Tax Roll. Motion carried with Councilors Bell, Hefley, Higgins, Love, and Malone voting Aye.

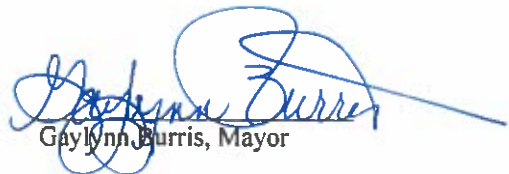
Resolution 2020-36-A resolution approving the recommendation of the Selection Review Committee to award by resolution engineering services for the City's 2020 Texas Department of Agriculture-State Urgent Need (SUN) Fund application assistance and project implementation, if awarded.

Councilor Higgins moved, with a second from Councilor Hefley, to approve Resolution 2020-36. Motion carried with Councilors Bell, Hefley, Higgins, Love, and Malone voting Aye.

Mayor Burris adjourned the regular meeting at 6:15 p.m.

ATTEST:


Sandy Page, City Secretary


Gaylynn Burris, Mayor