

Regular City Council Meeting
January 9, 2023

STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF MONTAGUE
CITY OF BOWIE

On this the 9th day of January, 2023, the council convened in a regular meeting open to the public as advertised with five Councilors present. Councilor Shaw was absent

Presiding: Mayor Burris
Councilors: Bates, Gunter, Sproles, Love, and Post.
City Secretary Page
City Manager Cunningham
City Attorney Courtney Morris

Mayor Burris called the regular meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

Invocation

Invocation was given by Bill Calabretta

Items of Community Interest

Montague County Youth Fair went very well.
January 23rd -Chamber of Commerce Banquet
January 26th -TML meeting a Burkburnett
January 28th – Father/Daughter Dance
January 30th – Next Council Meeting

City Manager Report

The city has been operating efficiently and our employees are busy, but nothing unusual has happened. We made it through the cold weather before Christmas without much happening to our water lines, but our field crews spent time turning off water at residences who had frozen and broken pipes. All departments were especially quiet during the holidays.

Water/Wastewater have been working on leaks and a problem with the new Ussery Street Sewer Line where the contractor did not connect a manhole to the line. It was a fairly simple repair and our guys did a great job. We will deduct the cost of this repair from what we owe the contractor. Speaking of the contractor, he has not paid some of the suppliers on the job. I have given the suppliers the contact information of the Bonding Company which will pay the suppliers after they determine that the contractor is not able to pay the suppliers.

The street department has been working on a side street off Jakarta in the Aljo addition, a repair job on Campbell Street and are preparing to clean out the creek between Hwy 59 and North Mill Street to prevent flooding.

The parks department has been working on building a shade cover for Jaycee Park on the south side and have started the initial work on reinforcing the stands at the rodeo arena where some of the support pipe is rusting through the metal.

The electric department has been working on getting all of the electric meters to read electronically and they have done a good job. Jay told me this week that we are reading over 99% of the electric meters. They are now working on the water meters which have always given us problems reading them electronically.

I continue to work on grants trying to find money to repair anything that needs fixing. Kirk has been busy ordering items for our Emergency Operations trailer. He will now begin to install all of the equipment. All of this is being paid for by a grant from the Governor's Office of Homeland Security.

It still looks like last year's CDBG Grant will be funded for a water line on the south side on Hutchinson and Wichita Streets. Public Management, our grant writer, has been answering questions for the TDA about the grant.

Normally we would have had the November Financial statement by now, but Mathis, West, and Huffines who are doing the audit, has been going deeper into our financials this time as many of the folks who verify our information did not return the request for information so the audit is taking longer than normal. It should be finished by the end of the month.

Consent Agenda Items: Approval of Minutes –December 12, 2022 Special and Regular Meeting and Resolution 2023-01 Authorizing City Manager to write off uncollected library overdue fines over 15 months delinquent for November; and Resolution 2023-02- Authorizing City Manager to write off uncollected library overdue fines for December over 15 months delinquent.

Councilor Bates moved, with a second from Councilor Sproles, to approve the consent agenda items. Motion carried with Councilors Bates, Gunter, Love, Post, and Sproles voting Aye.

Consider recommendation from Planning and Zoning Commission on request from Shawn McMahon to replat 2.62 acres, part of Lot 4, Block 4, Lindsay Addition. Commonly known as 514 Strong Street. Creating Lot 1R thru Lot 4R, Block 4, Lindsay Addition.

Councilor Gunter moved, with a second from Councilor Love, to approve the Planning Commission's recommendation to replat. Motion carried with Councilors Bates, Gunter, Love, Post, and Sproles voting Aye.

Consider recommendation from Planning & Zoning Commission on request from Axel Ortiz to replat 0.94 acres in Block 9, Hill CSL Survey A-319. Commonly known as 707 Cooper St. Creating Lot 1 & Lot 2, Block 1, Ortiz Addition.

Councilor Love moved, with a second from Councilor Post, to approve the Planning Commission's recommendation to replat. Motion carried with Councilors Bates, Gunter, Love, Post, and Sproles voting Aye.

Approve contract with Public Management for Proposed Cost Structure and letter of Profit Statement and Negotiation.

Councilor Gunter moved, with a second from Councilor Love to approve the contract with Public Management. Motion carried with Councilors Bates, Gunter, Love, Post, and Sproles voting Aye.

Consider re-appointment to the Library Board:

- a. Kelsey Beach**
- b. Sally Morgan**
- c. Bennie Pickett**
- d. Crystie Riley**

Councilor Gunter moved, with a second from Councilor Sproles to re-appoint Kelsey Beach to the Library Board. Motion carried with Councilors Bates, Gunter, Love, Post, and Sproles voting Aye.

Councilor Gunter moved, with a second from Councilor Post to re-appoint Sally Morgan to the Library Board. Motion carried with Councilors Bates, Gunter, Love, Post, and Sproles voting Aye.

Councilor Gunter moved, with a second from Councilor Bates to re-appoint Bennie Pickett to the Library Board. Motion carried with Councilors Bates, Gunter, Love, Post, and Sproles voting Aye.

Councilor Gunter moved, with a second from Councilor Post to re-appoint Crystie Riley to the Library Board. Motion carried with Councilors Bates, Gunter, Love, Post, and Sproles voting Aye.

Approve quarterly Hotel/Motel report.

Councilor Gunter moved, with a second from Councilor Sproles to approve the Hotel/Motel report. Mayor Burris reported a beginning balance of \$243,465.69 for 2022-23, subtracting \$49,000 for LED signage, that leaves an estimated balance of \$194,465.69. Motion carried with Councilors Bates, Gunter, Love, Post, and Sproles voting Aye.

Resolution 2023-03- A resolution of the City of Bowie, Texas authorizing Professional service provider selection for a 2023 Texas Community Development Block Grant Program-Downtown Revitalization Project through the Texas Department of Agriculture.

Councilor Post moved, with a second from Councilor Gunter to select Public Management for our service provider. Motion carried with Councilors Bates, Gunter, Love, Post, and Sproles voting Aye.

Public Comments

None

Mayor Burris closed the regular meeting at 6:27 p.m. and called to go into Executive Session.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – Texas Government Code Section 551.071-Consultation with Attorney.

1. Laura McCarn vs. City of Bowie, Cause No. 2022-0313M-CV.

2. Consultation regarding termination of Randy Hanson.

Mayor Burris opened the Executive Session at 6:29 p.m.

Mayor Burris closed the Executive Session at 6:45 p.m.

Mayor Burris convened into Open Session at 6:45 p.m.

ACTION FOLLOWING EXECUTIVE SESSION – Texas Government Code Section 551.071-Consultation with Attorney.

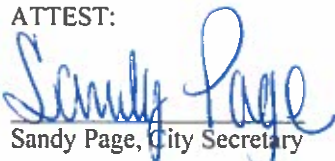
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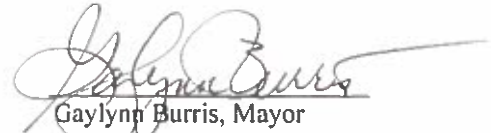
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Council took no action.

Mayor Burris adjourned the regular meeting at 6:46 p.m.

ATTEST:


Sandy Page, City Secretary


Gaylynn Burris, Mayor