

Regular City Council Meeting
February 28, 2022

STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF MONTAGUE
CITY OF BOWIE

On this the 28th day of February, 2022, the council convened in a regular meeting open to the public as advertised with all Councilors present.

Presiding: Mayor Burris
Councilors: Bates, Gunter, Hefley, Love, Post and Shaw
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 Bill Calabretta.

Items of Community Interest

Chamber will have a ribbon cutting at Say Anything Designs on Friday.

City Manager Report

Cunningham is now sure of the fact that we can use the State and Local Recovery Funds for remodeling the police building. There are three reasons why. 1. The U.S. Treasury Department is assuming every local government in the country has lost \$10,000,000 in revenue and the Recovery Funds can replace the local lost funds. 2. By enlarging the offices we are combating the spread of the Coronavirus which is a valid use of the funds. 3. We can do just about anything that we want to do as long as it is considered a normal governmental service.

We applied to the US Department of Transportation for a grant to train our personnel for CDL Licenses. We would send each person to a school for a week and at the end of the school they take all the CDL test and supposedly pass and get their CDL. We applied for this same grant two years ago and did not get it so we tried a different method this time to see if it might work.

We are also in the process of applying for a TCEQ Solid Waste Grant. We are applying for a chipper for the Street and Parks Departments and we are also applying for an incinerator that will be used to destroy drugs and case files for the Police Department. We might buy the incinerator if we do not get the grant. It seems that other agencies do not have a method for destroying evidence, drugs and case files. We might be able to pay for the incinerator by charging other agencies for destroying their material.

We are beginning the budget process for next year by meeting with Enterprise in March to determine our vehicle budget for next year. We have had many problems this year because of the shortage of vehicles from the manufacturers. We did not replace several vehicles this year because we could not get new vehicles to replace the old ones. Our department heads are going over our list of vehicles and determining which ones need to be replaced.

The easement process for the southside sewer line project has been completed. We will bid the contract soon.

We have been going over the credit card fees and have determined that we need to start charging user fees for our customers that use credit cards to pay the city. Last year we had fees totaling \$92,950.07. The first 4 months of this year we have had fees totaling \$42,138.00. These fees are not benefiting the city; in fact, they are detrimental. Our customers who pay by cash or check are subsidizing the credit card payers. We could buy a new piece of equipment with what these fees are costing us.

Consent Agenda Items: Approval of Minutes –February 14, 2022 Regular Meeting; Resolution 2022-10- Authorizing City Manager to write off uncollected utility accounts over 15 months delinquent; and Resolution 2022-11- Authorizing City Manager to write off uncollected library overdue fines over 15 months delinquent.

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

Presentation from Honeywell regarding Energy Retrofit Project

Ryan Richardson once again spoke with council about energy savings. The company has already conducted a preliminary study surveying all city buildings, equipment and data on energy spending, which in turn has basic projections of \$750,000 in energy savings over the payout period. The next step would be

Presentation from Honeywell regarding Energy Retrofit Project (continued)

an investment grade audit. The audit takes about a month and provides the exact savings the city could expect. A letter of intent is required to proceed. After the audit is completed and it offers a positive cashflow, and if the city opts to not go forward there would be a fee of \$19,000. The city is projected to finance about half a million based on the preliminary review. The largest percentage of the project will be spent at the water treatment plant at just over \$246,421. The plant could see up to 20% in energy savings, but the audit would refine that. In the preliminary project financials Honeywell shows HVAC refurbish/replacement energy savings could provide \$2,900-\$3,900 year one energy savings. HVAC controls' energy savings could range from \$1,800 to \$2,500. Pool controls and chemical generation energy savings could be \$1,400 - \$1,800. Water treatment plant energy savings could top \$38,600 to \$53,100. Total overall first year savings could be \$44,700-\$61,300. Savings across a 20-year program could be \$894,000 - \$1,226,000. Richardson reiterated this program is so popular because it uses money already currently being spent to pay for the financing of it. If the energy savings are wrong Honeywell is responsible for the calculations which also are further outlined in the contract. Every year energy savings would be audited to see if they meet the expectations.

Consider intent to proceed with Honeywell.

Councilor Love moved, with a second from Councilor Post, to go forward with the audit. After discussion, Love rescinded his motion.

Councilor Love moved, with a second from Councilor Gunter, to table this item until the next meeting. Motion carried with Councilors Bates, Gunter, Hefley, Love, Post, and Shaw voting Aye.

Appointment to the Planning & Zoning Board for the un-expired term of Justin Hoffman:

a. Bradlee Summers

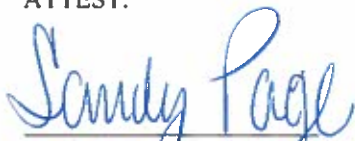
Councilor Bates moved, with a second from Councilor Love, to appoint Bradlee Summers to the P&Z Board. Motion carried with Councilors Bates, Gunter, Hefley, Love, Post, and Shaw voting Aye.


Public Comments

Councilor Gunter spoke on the weekend Bowie Bash Basketball Tournament. They had 80 teams in town and felt it was good for our restaurants and stores.

Mayor Burris adjourned the regular meeting at 7:14 p.m.

ATTEST:


Sandy Page, City Secretary


Gay Lynn Burris, Mayor