

Regular City Council Meeting
March 27, 2023

STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF MONTAGUE
CITY OF BOWIE

On this the 27th day of March, 2023, the council convened in a regular meeting open to the public as advertised with five Councilors present. Councilor Love was absent.

Presiding: Mayor Burris
Councilors: Bates, Gunter, Post, Shaw, and Sproles
City Secretary Page
City Manager Cunningham

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

Invocation

Invocation was given by Fire Chief Page.

Items of Community Interest

We had 500 kids sign up for summer baseball.
Dancing To The Stars earned \$5,500 for scholarships.

City Manager Report

We met with TxDOT about the intersection of Hwy. 59 and North Mill Street. After an accident where a young man was killed, TxDOT wants to know our take on the idea of closing off part of the intersection where Mill Street angles into Hwy. 59. Over the years there have been several accidents at that intersection, and they think that closing off the very end of Mill and having it intersect with Hwy. 59 just south of where there is already an outlet off Mill and make it a more controlled intersection. The mayor, Stony, Doug and I met with them and talked about the change and our input was to close it. Another problem with the intersection is that traffic coming off 59 does so at speeds that are dangerous. If they must slow down to turn on to Mill Street, it will probably have the effect of slowing down the traffic. We had Liz Flynn, with Congressman Ronny Jackson's office, at City Hall last Wednesday to talk to citizens about anything having to do with the Federal Government. She was quite busy during the day and after her office hours I took her on a field trip to show her the bridges that Congressman Jackson wrote a letter of support for our grant application. She now knows the problems that we have with the bridges. The required Public Utility Commission requirement that we update our Emergency Operations Plan every year was turned in this week. Our plan didn't change much, and we are now covered at the PUC. Mike Tibbets with Hayter Engineering was here on the 15th to discuss the plans for the Nelson and Lamb Street bridges. We made a few changes to the plans and liked the design. Mike informed us that the plans are over 50% complete. As soon as we have the complete plans, we will start the bidding process. We have also been working with Hayter on the plans for the Sewer Line Replacement Project. The plans for Phase 1 of that project are almost ready to be reviewed by the TWDB which should take about a month to complete and then we will be ready to start the bidding on this project. About a year and a half ago I made an application for some Opioid Settlement money that was available from the Texas Attorney General's office. I have continued to make applications as the AG's office has made a settlement with several concerns. This week we received our first check in the amount of \$27,000 and change. This money is available for training, and any program or activity that we undertake to combat Opioid Addiction. I am now in the process of seeing what activities and training we can do that is legal for us to do.

Consent Agenda Items: Approval of Minutes –February 27, 2023 Regular Meeting; Resolution 2023-13 Authorizing City Manager to write off uncollected utility account receivables over 15 months delinquent; and Resolution 2023-14- Authorizing City Manager to write off uncollected library overdue fines over 15 months delinquent.

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

Approve Selma Park Host contract.

Councilor Post moved, with a second from Councilor Sproles, to approve the contract with Jeffery Jones for the Park Host position. Motion carried with Councilors Bates, Gunter, Post, Shaw, and Sproles voting Aye.

Request from Public Works Director for \$25,000 out of the infrastructure fund for a waterline to the new Family Dollar Store.

Councilor Shaw moved, with a second from Councilor Gunter, to approve the \$25,000. Motion carried with Councilors Bates, Gunter, Post, Shaw, and Sproles voting Aye.

Consider Parks Board recommendation of a new board member:

a. Michael Eichler

Councilor Bates moved, with a second from Councilor Post, to approve Michael Eichler to the Parks Board. Motion carried with Councilors Bates, Gunter, Post, Shaw, and Sproles voting Aye.

Accept bid for City of Bowie lease property at 470 FM 174.


Councilor Sproles moved, with a second from Councilor Post to approve the one bid received from Cody Carleton. This will be a minimum of a three-year term with a two-year option, with the first year being \$250.00 and all the following years \$500.00. The Motion carried with Councilors Bates, Gunter, Post, Shaw, and Sproles voting Aye.

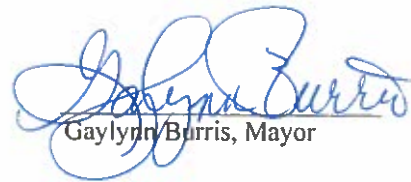
Public Comments

None

Mayor Burris adjourned the regular meeting at 6:21 p.m.

ATTEST:


Sandy Page, City Secretary


Gaylynn Burris, Mayor