

Regular City Council Meeting
April 25, 2022

STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF MONTAGUE
CITY OF BOWIE

On this the 25th day of April, 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 Pastor John Little.

Items of Community Interest

April 30th Sr. Citizens will have a All You Can Eat Breakfast to benefit Meals on Wheels.
May 6th Free Dump Day
May 6th Sip N Stroll

Proclamation

Mayor Burris presented a proclamation to Cindy Roller for National Travel & Tourism in Texas.

City Manager Report

We scored the highest score in our quest for a Solid Waste Grant. We ask for an incinerator to dispose of evidence and drugs for our police department. The application was for \$5,500. We are waiting on approval from TCEQ so we can get the equipment ordered.

The street and water departments have been working in the NorthPark subdivision where there were some undersized water lines that were replaced where homes were being served by 1" water lines that should have been 6" lines. They also looped all of the lines in the area which will give them better water and more volume and pressure. This will enable the new homes being built in the area better service. When the lines were replaced, they paved Teglan Street and part of Jefferson Street.

The South Side Ussery Street Sewer Line project is set to begin. We gave the contractor the Notice to Proceed as quickly as we could so that he could get the line and manholes ordered before the prices go up. I will give more information as the job progresses.

We finally got approval from the TWDB on the sewer line replacement program that we have cleared the environmental review with no glaring problems. When we get the official notice, the engineers should start making progress on the line replacement program.

We have already received a check for the tornado damage from the City's insurance. We received \$47,453 for the building at the sewer plant, \$13,076 for the hanger doors at the airport, and \$1,630 for the Waste Water Lift Station for a total of \$62,160. The ambulance insurance took a little longer, but we will be getting a check for \$31,096 for it. Chief Page has been looking at used ambulances to cover us in the short term until we can get a new one. Hopefully, we can find a good used one that will tide us over.

May 4-5 Bert will be going to Corpus Christi to do scoring for CDB Grants.

The reports for our covid money are due on the 30th.

We have received information that we scored #5,6, and 10 on the Cross Plains Rural Transportation Council FY 2022 Prioritized Projects. Congestion at US 81/SH 59 is #5, FM 1125 replacing existing railroad underpass comes in at #6 and North Mill St. to Washington St. to widen the roadway falls in at #10. The top 6 are listed as High Priority with 10 being Medium Priority.

Consent Agenda Items: Approval of Minutes –April 11, 2022 Regular Meeting; Resolution 2022-16- Authorizing City Manager to write off uncollected utility accounts over 15 months delinquent; and Resolution 2022-17- Authorizing City Manager to write off uncollected library overdue fines over 15 months delinquent and Financial Statement ending March 2022.

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

Consider appointment to the Community Development Board:

a. Debbie Halbrook

Councilor Shaw moved, with a second from Councilor Bates, to approve Debbie Halbrook to the Community Development Board. Motion carried with Councilors Bates, Gunter, Hefley, Love, Post, and Shaw voting Aye.

Consider recommendation from P&Z on request from Osiel Puentes to replat 20.35 acres in Block 10, HCSL Survey A-319, TE&L Co. Survey No. 2857 A-785. Part of Lot 1 thru Lot 3, Block 2 and all of Block 3, E.W. Russey's Addition. Commonly known as 502 Jones Street. Creating Lot 1 and Lot 2, Block 1, Puentes Addition.

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

Discuss a 24.35-acre tract of city owned land in the Daniel Farris Survey A-262, Montague County, Texas. (Silver Lakes area)

Mayor Burris told council she would like them to go out and look at this property before any action was taken. This will be brought back to council after they have had time to see the property.

Public Comments

Mildred McCraw would like to thank everyone that helped respond to the tornado damage areas.

Jim Bowie Days is coming up and she would like businesses to promote it by buying bunting.

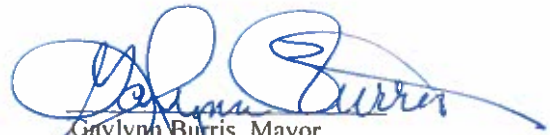
April 30th is the pancake feed at the Sr. Citizens Center.

Bert reported that the Disaster Recovery Board is operational for the tornado victims and give him a call if you would like to donate money to the board.

Mayor Burris adjourned the regular meeting at 6:39 p.m.

ATTEST:


Sandy Page, City Secretary


Gaylyn Burris, Mayor