

Regular City Council Meeting
May 22, 2023

STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF MONTAGUE
CITY OF BOWIE

On this the 22nd day of May, 2023, the council convened in a regular meeting open to the public as advertised with all Councilors present.

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

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

City Offices will be closed on Monday the 29th in observance of Memorial Day.

Proclamation – EMS Week

Mayor Burris presented a proclamation to the Fire Department for EMS week.

City Manager Report

The latest news on the grant application to fund the Mill Street railroad bridge project is that the grant application has been received by the U.S. Department of Transportation.

We are now just a few weeks away from getting the final design on the Nelson Street Bridge project. We have given a copy of the preliminary plans to Atmos Energy so that they can make plans to deal with a gas line that is in our right of way. Hopefully, we will have the final plans in the next two weeks.

We had a meeting with TDEM about our backup generator grant application last week. We have been awarded grants for the water plant generator, a generator for the high lift pump that pumps water to the water tower and a generator for the raw water pump station at the lake that pumps water to the water plant. Hopefully, we will be notified later about the other generator grant applications that are specific for the wastewater plant, the East Lift Station and trailer mounted generators for the lift stations. If we get all the generators requested, we will be able to operate during times of electric outages whatever the cause.

We had inspectors from FEMA here last week looking at our community center as a Red Cross Shelter for time of emergencies. We have been approved and the nice thing is that FEMA will pay for most of the cost of a shelter during an emergency.

Faith Community Hospital had a job fair at the hospital building this past Friday. Hopefully, they will be opening the Emergency Room soon. We did an inspection of the building last week and it is almost ready for a certificate of occupancy. Just a few minor items need to be finished or repaired and they will be ready.

I attended the TML Small Cities Conference in Bastrop. It was a great learning opportunity with Mayors, Councilors and City Managers from all over the state attending. I would urge all of you to plan to attend the Small Cities conference next year because it is specific to small communities, and I think you will learn a lot from the presentations and from rubbing shoulders with folks from other cities. I always come away with the idea that we are not in as bad of shape as some after hearing other cities horror stories.

Consent Agenda Items: Approval of Minutes –May 8, 2023 Regular Meeting; Resolution 2023-20 Authorizing City Manager to write off uncollected utility account receivables over 15 months delinquent; and Resolution 2023-21- Authorizing City Manager to write off uncollected library overdue fines over 15 months delinquent.

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

Consider Community Development Board recommendation for appointment of board member:

a. Jakob Bullard

Councilor Bates moved, with a second from Councilor Post, to approve Jakob Bullard's appointment to the Community Development Board. Motion carried with Councilors Bates, Gunter, Love, Post, Shaw, and Sproles voting Aye.

Report from Library Director Beth Hiatt on the Summer Reading Program.

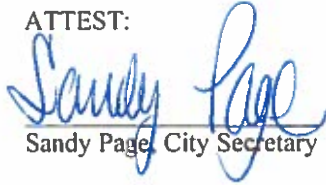
This year's theme is "All Together Now" and will begin June 6 and continue each Tuesday through July 25. It will be at 10 a.m. at the Community Center, except for June 13 when there is a field day at the soccer fields. A few highlights are Field Day with bounce houses and water balloons, Beekeeper, Movie Day, The Creature Teacher, Advanced Rehab Day, and making snacks and appreciation banners for our local Fire and Police Departments.

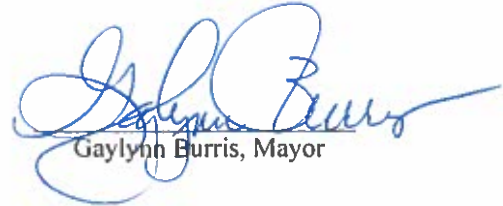
Public Comments

None

Mayor Burris adjourned the regular meeting at 6:13 p.m.

ATTEST:


Sandy Page, City Secretary


Gaylynn Burris, Mayor