

Regular City Council Meeting  
June 12, 2023

STATE OF TEXAS  
COUNTY OF MONTAGUE  
CITY OF BOWIE

On this the 12th day of June, 2023, the council convened in a regular meeting open to the public as advertised with five Councilors present. Councilor Gunter was absent.

Presiding: Mayor Burris  
Councilors: Bates, 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 David Rainey.

**Items of Community Interest**

Jim Bowie Days will be June 17<sup>th</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup>.

**City Manager Report**

Our water crews are laying water lines on Clay, Young, Fannie & Virgil Streets. Jay Evans and his electric crew are doing a lot of work on the substation. All other departments are doing their normal work.

We have a new grant program that we are applying for. It is a specific grant for cities with populations of 10,000 or less for improving their electric system. The award ceiling is \$5,000,000 and an award floor of \$500,000. It fits exactly into our needs of reconductoring lines mostly on the south side and more importantly a transformer for the substation. This grant does not require a match. I will be working on the application during the summer. The closing date for this grant is October 12<sup>th</sup>. It is titled "Energy Improvement In Rural or Remote Areas".

As you know we will review the estimates on the Nelson Street Bridge Project later in the agenda.

**Consent Agenda Items: Approval of Minutes –May 22, 2023 Regular Meeting.**

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

**Montague County Tax Appraisal District:**

**a. Approve proposed 2024 Budget.**

Councilor Shaw moved, with a second from Councilor Love, to approve the Montague County Tax Appraisal District proposed budget. Motion carried with Councilors Bates, Love, Post, Shaw, and Sproles voting aye.

**Ordinance 2023-01 – An ordinance amending Chapter 4, "Business & Commerce", of the City of Bowie Code of Ordinances, amending Article 4.200 "Mobile Food Vendors"; Section 4.202 "Mobile Food Units"; adding to "(4) Operational Issues", the letter (k) Mobile food preparation vehicles shall also comply with the latest City of Bowie adopted version of the IFC Code on Mobile Food Preparation Vehicles; repealing any conflicting codes, ordinances or orders; providing for a severability clause; adopting a savings clause; determining that this ordinance was passed in accordance with the requirements of the Open Meetings Act; and establishing an effective date.**

Councilor Sproles moved, with a second from Councilor Love, to approve Ordinance 2023-01. Motion carried with Councilors Bates, Love, Post, Shaw, and Sproles voting Aye.

**Consider Parks Board recommendation for appointment of board member:**

**a. Jennifer Clark**

Councilor Post moved, with a second from Councilor Sproles, to approve Jennifer Clark's appointment to the Parks Board. Motion carried with Councilors Bates, Love, Post, Shaw, and Sproles voting Aye.

**Design presentation on Nelson Street Bridge Project from Mike Tibbets with Hayter Engineering.**

Mike Tibbets opened his presentation by reviewing the reasons for flooding. The three 36-inch corrugated metal pipes under Nelson Street are far undersized for the area they serve and are severely rusted. The culvert on the north side of Nelson is also partially collapsed. The inlet box at the northeast corner of Mill and Nelson is undersized and he suspects the 24-inch pipe is very deteriorated and partially collapsed. Finally, Houston and Nelson have been built with the centerline of the street higher than the top of the curb. This means the street has very little capacity to transport water before overflowing the tops of the curbs. Tibbets said there is limited space to work with because sanitary sewer lines must remain in service during construction of the drainage improvements. The proposed design will include new larger reinforced concrete box culvers, 50-year protection at Houston and Mill, two high density polyethylene storm sewer pipes at Mill and Nelson, install a sump with a grated inlet at Mill and Nelson, 9-inch reinforced concrete pavement and new potable water and sanitary sewer lines. The preliminary opinion is that this project could cost about \$3.02 million. There will be the option of removing from the bid Lamb Street bridge, the sewer line on the west side of Lamb and the associated paving which could save about 30%. Tibbets warned that Nelson Street after being fixed, may shoot problems downstream. The flooding at Rock and Pillar will likely only get worse since the Nelson Street bridge won't be damming the flow after the proposed improvements have been implemented. The project has been given nine months for construction and they will try to coordinate parts of it with the schools. City Manager Cunningham said the city has \$1.3 million in cash and he has already talked with Government Capital about borrowing funds and there are no issues. Mayor Burris wanted to make sure everyone understood they will have to borrow money to get this major thoroughfare repaired.

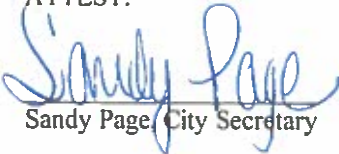
Councilor Love moved, with a second from Councilor Post, to have Hayter Engineering start the bid process on the entire project as presented tonight. Motion carried with Councilors Bates, Love, Post, and Sproles voting Aye. Councilor Shaw voted Nay.

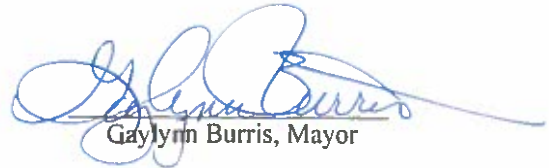
**Public Comments**

None

Mayor Burris adjourned the regular meeting at 6:58 p.m.

ATTEST:

  
Sandy Page, City Secretary

  
Gaylynn Burris, Mayor