

Regular City Council Meeting
June 13, 2022

STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF MONTAGUE
CITY OF BOWIE

On this the 13th day of June, 2022, the council convened in a regular meeting open to the public as advertised with four Councilors present. Councilor Hefley and Love were absent.

Presiding: Mayor Burris
Councilors: Bates, Gunter, 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

Jim Bowie Days starts this Saturday with a golf tournament and fishing tournament Sunday. Rodeo will be Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights.

City Manager Report

A new firewall for our network has been installed. The PD's firewall will expire in the fall and we will install a new one then.

On June 1st we did a software upgrade so we could begin the convenience fees for credit card payments. Department heads are putting the budget for the next fiscal year together with the help of our Finance Director. I will go over each budget and see where they are and make the necessary corrections and then we will present the budget to the council probably in July.

The Ussery Street Sewer Line project is going well. The contractor has laid over 300 feet of line. Kevin Vanhoozier of Hayter Engineering said progress was good and the work of laying the line was excellent. We paid our first payment to the contractor on Thursday. If the weather remains rain free, the project should be finished in about a month or so.

The TWDB Sewer Line Project is progressing well. They have completed the Environmental Study and the Engineering Feasibility Report. Now the process of the surveying and design work begins and will last through February of next year. Between February and March, the design and contract documents and final revisions will take place. We will bid and award the contract between March and June of 2023.

Construction will begin about this time next year and should be done by March of 2025.

The new stock chutes have been installed at the rodeo arena. These were paid for by the City, Parks Board, and the Jim Bowie Days Association and are a great addition to the arena.

The Bowie BMX Bike Park hosted a national qualifying event this past weekend. There were supposed to be between 800 and 900 people in the park.

We received notice from TDEM that our generator grants are being reviewed by FEMA. These were grants that resulted from the Texas Winter Storm. We are asking for back up generators for City Hall, EOC, and the Community Center. Another grant is for the Wastewater Treatment Plant and the associated Lift Stations. And, another grant for the Water Treatment Plant. If we get these grants, we should not have problems if we lose power in another winter storm like we had in February a year ago.

Consent Agenda Items: Approval of Minutes –May 23, 2022 Regular Meeting; Resolution 2022-20- Authorizing City Manager to write off uncollected utility accounts over 15 months delinquent; and Resolution 2022-21- 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, Post, and Shaw voting Aye.

Approve Hotel/Motel quarterly report.

Mayor Burris gave a verbal report and council decided to table until they had printed report. This will be on the next agenda.

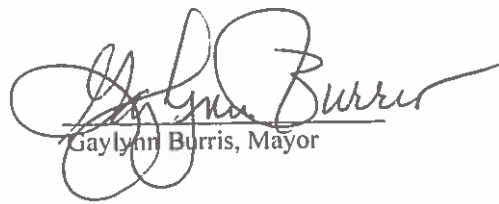
Public Comments

Jack Eveland, treasurer of the Silver Lakes Property Owners Association, spoke on the boat dock ordinance. He thinks the \$10,000 fee is reasonable, but questioned putting personal items on city property. As for the city repairing damaged structures, he asked why not just remove it? Why let the property owner reap the benefit? Eveland also ask if the ordinance could apply to the old side of the lake. Cunningham said they were told those already in place were "grand fathered" in and you can't go back with new restrictions for structures already in place. Mayor Burris said that would have to be a separate ordinance from the one we are proposing for the new side.

Mayor Burris adjourned the regular meeting at 6:30 p.m.

ATTEST:


Sandy Page, City Secretary


Gaylyn Burris, Mayor