

Regular City Council Meeting  
June 28, 2021

STATE OF TEXAS  
COUNTY OF MONTAGUE  
CITY OF BOWIE

On this the 28th day of June, 2021, the council convened in a regular meeting open to the public as advertised with all Councilors present.

Presiding: Mayor Burris  
Councilors: Bates, Bell, Gunter, Hefley, Higgins and Love  
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 Fire Chief Doug Page.

#### **ITEMS OF COMMUNITY INTEREST**

The Chamber of Commerce Chair Affair will be July 16.  
City Offices will be closed on Monday July 5<sup>th</sup> for the holiday.  
The Jim Bowie Days Rodeo was a huge success.  
Council's next meeting will be July 12.  
The week of the 19<sup>th</sup> will be a budget meeting.

#### **CITY MANAGER REPORT**

The FEMA application is still underway for the February freeze event. Last week we were notified that the fuel charges for the entire city will not be allowed, but necessary facilities such as grocery stores, assisted living facilities, medical clinics and others that were necessary for keeping people warm and fed, will be allowed.

May Sales Tax Report shows tax collections totaled \$226,400.52. This is an increase of \$59,622.03 over last year's May report. Fiscal year to date collections are \$1,429,751.12, which is up 17.56% compared to last year, while the twelve-month moving average is 13.99% higher than this time last year. This all goes to show you that our local economy is fully on the rebound and doing well.

The Street Department is starting the paving process which has been slowed by May rains. Now that the weather has dried up, we can start paving. Strong Street has been started, but the forecast is for a full week of possible rain so we might be slowed this week. As the summer dries and heats up we will be paving more streets, especially streets that have new lines.

Last Thursday, our TWDB loan officially closed and we have started the process of getting over 50,000 feet of sewer lines laid. In July we must submit the Environmental Information Document which was required by the TWDB. We budgeted for the Environmental Study, but we were hoping we would not have to do the study. The engineers have to submit an Engineering Feasibility Report in July. We should get approval of the Engineering Feasibility Report by the month of October and the Engineering Design should be approved by December of this year. Design Surveying and Design will take place from July 2021 to August 2022. Approval of the design with final revisions should be done by October 2022. Bidding, Award, and Contract Execution and Approval will be done by December 2022. Construction should begin in January of 2023. Construction must be finished by October of 2024 for the proceeds of the loan to be tax-free. We are going to try to get funds from the loan to do the paving ourselves as we can pave much more than a contractor can with the same money. I have found the TWDB to be a very reasonable group and very easy to work with.

**Consent Agenda Items: Approval of Minutes –June 14, 2021 Regular Meeting; Resolution 2021-20- Authorizing City Manager to write off uncollected utility accounts over 15 months delinquent; and Resolution 2021-21 - Authorizing City Manager to write off uncollected library overdue fines over 15 months delinquent.**

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

**Second reading of Ordinance 2021-06- An ordinance amending Appendix C Fee Schedule “Sewer Rates -2018” of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Bowie, Texas increasing sewer rates and adding 5-year schedule; providing a savings clause; a repealer clause; and an effective date.**

Councilor Bates moved, with a second from Councilor Bell, to approve Ordinance 2021-06. Motion carried with Councilors Bates, Bell, Gunter, Hefley, Higgins and Love voting Aye.

**Second reading of Ordinance 2021-07- An ordinance of the City of Bowie, Texas amending the City of Bowie Code of Ordinances by amending Chapter 13 “Parks & Recreation,”; Article 13.400 “Selma Park”; Section 13.402 “Regulations of Conduct”; by adding (9) c; providing a savings clause; a severability clause; and an effective date.**

Councilor Hefley moved, with a second from Councilor Bell, to approve Ordinance 2021-07. Motion carried with Councilors Bates, Bell, Gunter, Hefley, Higgins and Love voting Aye.

**Montague County Tax Appraisal District:**

**a. Approve proposed 2022 Budget.**

Councilor Bates moved, with a second from Councilor Higgins, to approve the Montague County Tax Appraisal District proposed 2022 Budget.

Motion carried with Councilors Bates, Bell, Gunter, Hefley, Higgins and Love voting Aye.

**Ordinance 2020-08- An ordinance of the City Council of the City of Bowie, Texas amending Chapter 10 “Traffic Control” by amending Section 10.407 “Variable Speed Limits Established” adding S. Mill Street from Mayor to Hwy. 287; changing time to 7:00 a.m.; repealing any conflicting clause; providing for a severability clause; and establishing an effective date.**

Councilor Gunter moved, with a second from Councilor Higgins, to approve Ordinance 2020-08.

Motion carried with Councilors Bates, Bell, Gunter, Hefley, Higgins and Love voting Aye.

**Consider amending the City of Bowie Community Center Rules and Regulations.**

**a. Section 16: Alcohol Policy.**

Councilor Gunter moved, with a second from Councilor Hefley, to table this item until further research can be done. Motion carried with Councilors Bates, Bell, Gunter, Hefley, Higgins and Love voting Aye.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

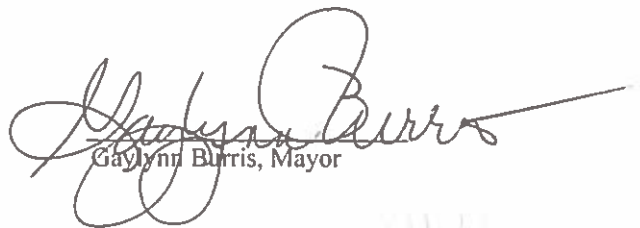
None

Mayor Burris adjourned the regular meeting at 6:43 p.m.

ATTEST:



Sandy Page, City Secretary



Gaylynn Burris, Mayor