

Regular City Council Meeting  
July 10, 2023

STATE OF TEXAS  
COUNTY OF MONTAGUE  
CITY OF BOWIE

On this the 10th day of July, 2023, the council convened in a regular meeting open to the public as advertised with four Councilors present. Councilors Bates and Sproles were absent.

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

Mayor Burris called the regular meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

**Invocation**

Invocation was given by Councilor Stephanie Post.

**Items of Community Interest**

A proclamation was presented to Bowie Industries for the Texas Treasure Business Award.

**Public Hearing:**

**2022 Annual Drinking Water Quality Consumer Confidence Report.**

Mayor Burris opened the public hearing at 6:06 p.m.

There were no citizens comments or questions. The City retains its superior water rating. All contaminant levels are within safe parameters.

Mayor Burris closed the public hearing at 6:07 p.m.

Mayor Burris moved into Executive Session at 6:09 p.m.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION: Pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.087-Deliberation Regarding Economic Development Negotiations.**

**1. Consider BEDC Project #20230320MS.**

**2. Consider 4B Sales Tax Corporation Project #20212223FC.**

Mayor Burris closed Executive Session at 6:17 p.m.

Mayor Burris convened into Open Session at 6:19 p.m.

**ACTION FOLLOWING EXECUTIVE SESSION: Pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.087-Deliberation Regarding Economic Development Negotiations.**

**1. BEDC Project #20230320MS.**

Councilor Love moved, with a second from Councilor Post, to approve BEDC Project #20230320MS. Motion carried with Councilors Gunter, Love, Post, and Shaw voting Aye.

**2. 4B Sales Tax Corporation Project #20212223FC.**

Councilor Shaw moved, with a second from Councilor Gunter, to approve 4B Project #20212223FC. Motion carried with Councilors Gunter, Love, Post, and Shaw voting Aye.

**City Manager Report**

The engineering firm that is working on the Old Bowie Lake Dam, Baird, Hampton & Brown, has completed the topographic survey of the dam. They inspected the dam and reported what they saw. They are 25-30% done with the modeling and hope to wrap up the modeling next week. They are aiming to send us a draft report.

Texas Department of Agriculture has started the Environmental Review for the CDBG Water Line project on Hutchinson and Wichita Streets. If we get no comments from TDA and/or the public, then TDA will issue the Authority to use Grant funds to begin the project.

We have been fielding complaints from citizens about Waste Connections, so I sent a letter about the complaints. We had a meeting with them and they promised to do better. We are still in discussions about billings. Hopefully services in the future will improve.

I have talked with Kevin Lerner of Government Capital about the loan for the Nelson Street Bridge Project. TWDB covenant requires that we maintain at least 125% coverage on borrowed funds. He stated that we will be well within the required percentage for the loan. We are looking in the range of mid to upper 4% interest rate. Depending on the term of the loan, the payment will be in the range of \$128,750/year for 30 years, \$155,750/year for 20 years, and \$252,750/year for 10 years.

**City Manager Report (continued)**

We were not chosen to receive the RAISE grant that I applied for last fall. Of the 6 grants awarded in Texas, none were in rural areas.

Bid opening for the TWDB Sewer Line Project will be August 1, 2023 at 1 p.m.

Bid opening for the Nelson Street Bridge Project will be August 2, 2023 at 2 p.m.

As of today, 35 companies have downloaded the plans for the Nelson Street Project.

**Consent Agenda Items: Approval of Minutes –June 12, 2023 Regular Meeting; Resolution 2023-22 Authorizing City Manager to write off uncollected utility account receivables over 15 months delinquent; and Resolution 2023-23- Authorizing City Manager to write off uncollected library overdue fines over 15 months delinquent.**

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

**Second reading of 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 Post moved, with a second from Councilor Love, to approve the second reading of Ordinance 2023-01. Motion carried with Councilors Gunter, Love, Post, and Shaw voting Aye.

**Ordinance 2023-02 – An ordinance providing for a General Election in the City of Bowie; authorizing the Montague County Elections Administrator to officially conduct the November 7, 2023 General Election; setting forth council positions and terms; establishing regular and early voting places; and establishing an effective date.**

Councilor Love moved, with a second from Councilor Gunter, to approve Ordinance 2023-02. Motion carried with Councilors Gunter, Love, Post, and Shaw voting Aye.

**Nortex Regional Planning Commission Proxy/Alternate Designation.**

Councilor Love moved, with a second from Councilor Post, to have Bert Cunningham and Gaylynn Burris be the proxy and alternate to Nortex. Motion carried with Councilors Gunter, Love, Post, and Shaw voting Aye.

**Presentation of Draft 2023/2024 City of Bowie Municipal Budget.**

Finance Director Pam Woods presented the proposed budget. This is a balanced budget with no property tax increase. Overall expenses are proposed at \$21,805,000, which is about \$600,000 above last year.

Utility fund expenses are proposed at \$11,647,315 and revenues proposed at \$12,056,550. General fund expenses are proposed at \$10,157,990 with revenues of \$10,164,588.

**Set workshop for proposed 2023/2024 budget.**

Councilor Gunter moved, with a second from Councilor Post, to set the workshop date for Monday night, July 17<sup>th</sup>, at 5:30 p.m. Motion carried with Councilors Gunter, Love, Post, and Shaw voting Aye.

**Set Public Hearing on proposed budget for August 14, 2023.**

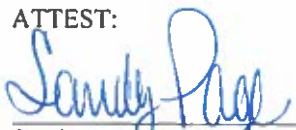
Councilor Love moved, with a second from Councilor Post, to set the Public Hearing for August 14, 2023. Motion carried with Councilors Gunter, Love, Post, and Shaw voting Aye.

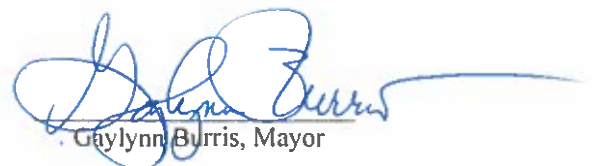
**Public Comments**

None

Mayor Burris adjourned the regular meeting at 6:54 p.m.

ATTEST:

  
Sandy Page, City Secretary

  
Gaylynn Burris, Mayor