

Regular City Council Meeting  
September 13, 2021

STATE OF TEXAS  
COUNTY OF MONTAGUE  
CITY OF BOWIE

On this the 13th day of September, 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 Pastor John Little.

**PUBLIC HEARING:**

**I. 2021 Tax Rate**

Mayor Burris opened the public hearing at 6:02 p.m.

Mayor Burris stated this public hearing is to inform the public on the proposed tax rate of \$0.5447 per \$100 in property value. This is the same rate as last year. The meeting in which the tax rate will be adopted will be the September 27th City Council meeting at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

With no questions asked, Mayor Burris closed the public hearing at 6:03 p.m.

**Items of Community Interest**

The Chamber of Commerce will be accepting donations for Louisiana after the hurricane. The trailer will be parked beside City Office and they will accept donations for a week.

The mayor has information on the Richwood Hills Lake Estates Park if anyone is interested come to City Hall.

**City Manager Report**

City Manager Cunningham has been working on reapplying for FEMA funds and hopefully they are satisfied.

City Hall will install new flag poles and parking lot striping on the 20<sup>th</sup>. We will then move on to the sprinkler system and sod.

We received the State Local Fiscal Recovery Funds in an amount of \$600,000. We should receive the same amount again next year. This year we would like to remodel the Police Station. The funds have to be spent by December 31, 2026.

**Consent Agenda Items: Approval of Minutes –August 23, 2021 Regular Meeting.**

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

**Second reading of Ordinance 2021-10- An ordinance adopting an annual budget for the City of Bowie for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2021 and ending September 30, 2022. Adopting a referenced document as said budget and establishing appropriations for the various activities and functions for the City, establishing an effective date and repealing all ordinances and regulations in conflict herewith.**

Councilor Hefley moved, with a second from Councilor Love, to approve Ordinance 2021-10. Motion carried with Councilors Bates, Bell, Gunter, Hefley, Higgins, and Love voting Aye.

**Ordinance 2021-11- An ordinance amending the adopted municipal budget for fiscal year 2020/2021 for specified funds, account and line-item designation; declaring all other appropriations of the budget document unchanged; instructing the city manager to make necessary revisions to the City's accounting records; declaring a severability clause; and providing an effective date.**

Councilor Love moved, with a second from Councilor Gunter, to approve Ordinance 2021-11. Motion carried with Councilors Bates, Bell, Gunter, Hefley, Higgins and Love voting Aye.

**Ordinance 2021-12 – An ordinance levying an annual ad valorem tax rate for the City of Bowie, Texas for the tax year 2021.**

Councilor Love moved, with a second from Councilor Gunter, to approve Ordinance 2021-12. Motion carried with Councilors Bates, Bell, Gunter, Hefley, Higgins and Love voting Aye.

**Re-appointment to the 4A Board:**

**a. Dean Myers**

**b. Carla Swofford**

**c. Tim Biles**

Councilor Love moved, with a second from Councilor Bell, to re-appoint Dean Myers to the 4A Board. Motion carried with Councilors Bates, Bell, Gunter, Hefley, Higgins and Love voting Aye.

Councilor Gunter moved, with a second from Councilor Hefley, to re-appoint Carla Swofford to the 4A Board. Motion carried with Councilors Bates, Bell, Gunter, Hefley, Higgins and Love voting Aye.

Councilor Hefley moved, with a second from Councilor Love, to re-appoint Tim Biles to the 4A Board. Motion carried with Councilors Bates, Bell, Gunter, Hefley, Higgins and Love voting Aye.

**Re-appointment to the 4B Board:**

**a. Ward Wallace**

**b. Todd Brown**

**c. Alan Miller**

**d. Blake Enlow**

Councilor Higgins moved, with a second from Councilor Bates, to re-appoint Ward Wallace to the 4B Board. Motion carried with Councilors Bates, Bell, Gunter, Hefley, Higgins and Love voting Aye.

Councilor Bates moved, with a second from Councilor Gunter, to re-appoint Todd Brown to the 4B Board. Motion carried with Councilors Bates, Bell, Gunter, Hefley, Higgins and Love voting Aye.

Councilor Love moved, with a second from Councilor Hefley, to re-appoint Alan Miller to the 4B Board. Motion carried with Councilors Bates, Bell, Gunter, Hefley, Higgins and Love voting Aye.

Councilor Gunter moved, with a second from Councilor Higgins, to re-appoint Blake Enlow to the 4B Board. Motion carried with Councilors Bates, Bell, Gunter, Hefley, Higgins and Love voting Aye.

**Approve Joint Election Agreement with Montague County.**

Councilor Gunter moved, with a second from Councilor Hefley, to approve the joint election agreement with Montague County. Motion carried with Councilors Bates, Bell, Gunter, Hefley, Higgins, and Love voting Aye.

**Resolution 2021-27-A resolution regarding a contract for the purpose of financing “Bucket Truck, Backhoe, & Mowers” by and between City of Bowie and Government Capital Corporation.**

Councilor Higgins moved, with a second from Councilor Bates, to approve Resolution 2021-27. Motion carried with Councilors Bates, Bell, Gunter, Hefley, Higgins, and Love voting Aye.

**Ordinance 2021-13-An ordinance by the City of Bowie, Texas; amending Chapter 1, “General Provisions”, by deleting Article 1.600 “Emergency Operations Plan” in its entirety; reserving the Article number for future use; providing a savings clause, a repealer clause; and providing an effective date.**

Councilor Hefley moved, with a second from Councilor Bell, to approve Ordinance 2021-13. Motion carried with Councilors Bates, Bell, Gunter, Hefley, and Love voting Aye. Councilor Higgins abstained.

**Ordinance 2021-14-An ordinance by the City of Bowie, Texas; amending Chapter 1, "General Provisions", by repealing Article 1.1700 "Emergency Management Plan" in its entirety and adopting a new Article 1.1700 entitled "Office of Emergency Management"; providing a savings clause, a repealer clause; and providing an effective date.**

Councilor Bates moved, with a second from Councilor Love, to approve Ordinance 2021-14. Motion carried with Councilors Bates, Bell, Gunter, Hefley, and Love voting Aye. Councilor Higgins abstained.

**Consider approving a General Warranty Deed on a 0.14-acre tract of land in Section 22 Limestone County School Land Survey A-421, being part of a tract described as Tract B, Block 2, Section 2, Lake Bowie Subdivision.**

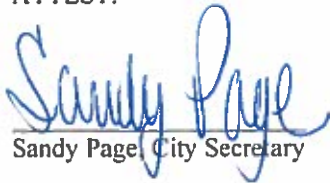
Councilor Love moved, with a second from Councilor Hefley, to approve the General Warranty Deed. Grantee being Sebree Family Trust. Motion carried with Councilors Bates, Bell, Gunter, Hefley, Higgins, and Love voting Aye.

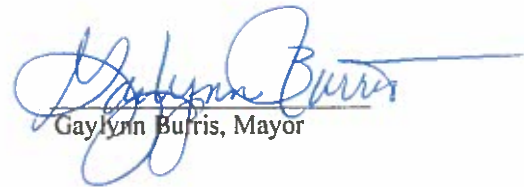
**Public Comments**

No public comments.

Mayor Burris adjourned the regular meeting at 6:27 p.m.

ATTEST:

  
Sandy Page, City Secretary

  
Gaylynn Burris, Mayor