

Regular City Council Meeting
September 26, 2022

STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF MONTAGUE
CITY OF BOWIE

On this the 26th day of September, 2022, 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, Hefley, 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 Pastor John Little

Items of Community Interest

Sip N Stroll is Friday night September 30th.

Chicken and Bread Days is October 1st.

Pro Rodeo is this weekend.

Our next council meeting will be October 17th.

City Manager Report

I attended a Grant Writing Training last week put on by GrantWriting USA. It was a very good class and mostly I learned why I have been doing wrong when I was writing grant applications. The class was very specific about each segment of the grant applications. We have some grants coming up in the near future and hopefully I can use this training to make our applications stronger.

I have been speaking with folds from TCEQ in the last couple of weeks about a grant for a Dam Safety Emergency Action Plan for the Bowie Lake dam. Before I consented to accept the grant, which is FEMA money, I made sure that we did not have to repair the dam even after we do the Emergency Action Plan. However, the plan will put us at the top of the list to get a grant to repair the Bowie Lake dam. I'm sure that I will have more information about this project later.

The Mayor, Jay Evans, and I had a meeting with Elliott Electrical Supply who is the local dealer for Eaton Corporation, which makes electric vehicle charging equipment. We are exploring to see if it would be economically feasible to put in EV chargers in Bowie for the traveling public and local citizens. We all agreed after the meetings that if we can't make additional revenue with the project, then we do not need to do it. However, we will continue to learn more about EVs and how we might make additional revenue by either having our own charging stations or selling power to a third party for charging stations.

Schneider Engineering will be visiting with us next Thursday to discuss a Department of Energy Grant that will come up around the first of the year. As I have told you before we need an additional transformer in our substation and Jay has an idea of an additional line from around Hwy. 59 at Hwy. 287 to the Water Plant area which would loop the town and we would then have bi-directional feed of power which would help the city immensely. We need Schneider Engineering to help us build a budget for the grant application and get a cost estimate. The grant is a 5-year grant that will be available every year over the next 5 years, so if we don't get it the first year, we have four more years to have a chance to get it.

The Ussery to Mill Street Sewer Line Project is flowing and the clean up of the area is almost complete. We are holding the retainage from the contract until we are sure that all of the sub-contractors have been paid and we are completely satisfied with the surface area. This new line has really helped the flow in that area and we are not having any service calls in the area.

Consent Agenda Items: Approval of Minutes –September 12, 2022 Regular Meeting and Resolution 2022-28- Authorizing City Manager to write off uncollected utility accounts over 15 months delinquent; and Resolution 2022-29- Authorizing City Manager to write off uncollected library overdue fines over 15 months delinquent.

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

Second reading of Ordinance 2022-06- An ordinance levying an annual ad valorem tax rate for the City of Bowie, Texas for the tax year 2022.

Councilor Love moved, with a second from Councilor Shaw, that the property tax rate be increased by the adoption of a tax rate of 0.5430, which is effectively a 13% increase in the tax rate. Motion carried with Councilors Bates, Hefley, Love, Post, and Shaw voting Aye.

Second reading of Ordinance 2022-07- An ordinance of the City Council of the City of Bowie, Texas declaring unopposed candidates in the November 8, 2022 General Election, elected to office; canceling the election; providing a severability clause; and providing an effective date.

Councilor Shaw moved, with a second from Councilor Bates, to approve the second reading of Ordinance 2022-07. Motion carried with Councilors Bates, Hefley, Love, Post, and Shaw voting Aye.

Second reading of Ordinance 2022-08- An ordinance amending the adopted municipal budget for fiscal year 2021/2022 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 for an effective date.

Councilor Hefley moved, with a second from Councilor Post, to approve the second reading of Ordinance 2022-08. Motion carried with Councilors Bates, Hefley, Love, Post, and Shaw voting Aye.

Approve Hayter Engineering Agreement for Professional Services on the Nelson Street Culvert Replacement.

Councilor Love moved, with a second from Councilor Shaw, to accept the Hayter Engineering Agreement for Professional Services as presented. Cost is \$183,902.00. Motion carried with Councilors Bates, Hefley, Love, Post, and Shaw voting Aye.

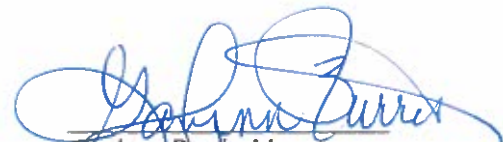
Public Comments

No public comments.

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

ATTEST:


Sandy Page, City Secretary


Gaylynn Burris, Mayor