

Regular City Council Meeting  
October 9, 2023

STATE OF TEXAS  
COUNTY OF MONTAGUE  
CITY OF BOWIE

On this the 9th day of October, 2023, the council convened in a regular meeting open to the public as advertised with five Councilors present. Councilor Sproles was absent.

Presiding: Mayor Burris  
Councilors: Bates, 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 Fire Chief Doug Page.

**Proclamation**

Mayor Burris presented a proclamation for Fire Prevention Week to Bowie Fire Department.

**Items of Community Interest**

Cindy Roller did a great job on Chicken-N- Bread Days.

TML Region V meeting is in Bowie on October 19<sup>th</sup>.

Library Adult Craft-October 19<sup>th</sup>.

Computer Recycle – October 21<sup>st</sup>

Keith Maddox Golf Memorial benefiting Montague County 4H -October 21<sup>st</sup>

Faith Community Health System ER- Bowie ribbon cutting – October 23<sup>rd</sup>.

**City Manager Report**

We had a meeting with our Enterprise Fleet representative last week and we are coming up on year 5 when our fleet program was to begin really paying off with higher values on trade-in vehicles. But, with the advent of covid-19, we could not get the vehicles we needed, and now the UAW auto strike is throwing another kink into the mix. Luckily the vehicles that we are to get this year are mostly “scheduled for production” which means we will probably get them in a timely manner. One of the great things that Enterprise offers us is they let us know when vehicles are not being serviced with oil changes and other service needs in a timely manner and we can let the department heads know that vehicle XYZ needs to have the oil changed. Which means we are now taking better care of our vehicles. The program is allowing us to have safer, more efficient vehicles at a lower cost than before.

We are going to have a pre-construction meeting with MX Construction and Hayter Engineering tomorrow to discuss the Nelson Street Bridge project. You are having our first vote on the bond sale tonight, but the securing vote will be at the October 23<sup>rd</sup> council meeting. Atmos Energy has been doing work in the area moving gas lines before our construction starts. We should be ready to go after the meeting on the 23<sup>rd</sup>.

We have been answering questions for the TWDB about the sewer line project. They wanted to know information on who will be doing the construction inspections, so we sent them Joe Lyon’s and Stony Lowrance’s experience and licensing. The TWDB is making sure that we are crossing all the T’s and dotting all the I’s before we begin actual construction. It appears they are dragging their feet, but I think it is because we are anxious to begin.

We are beginning a new service for our community called Hyper-Reach. Citizens can sign up for notices from the city about everything that we are doing or warning them about. We had our first test on Wednesday evening when we had severe thunderstorm warnings from the Nation Weather Service. It not only warns about weather, but also other things such as when we have a major water leak, street repair, or anything that the public needs to know. It can either call you or text you. We can even warn a particular street or area about a problem. Residents can call or text 940-531-9400 to sign up for the service.

Please remember that we are hosting the regional TML meeting on Thursday, October 19<sup>th</sup> at the community center. We will have dinner and a program. All members of the council and city employees are invited to attend. Please call Sandy if you plan to attend.

**Consent Agenda Items: Approval of Minutes –September 25, 2023 Regular Meeting.**

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

**Second reading of Ordinance 2023-05-An ordinance amending the adopted municipal budget for fiscal year 2022/2023 for specified funds, account and line-item designations; 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 Shaw moved, with a second from Councilor Gunter, to approve the second reading of Ordinance 2023-05. Motion carried with Councilors Bates, Gunter, Love, Post, and Shaw voting Aye.

**Approve Hotel/Motel report.**

Councilor Bates moved, with a second from Councilor Post, to approve the Hotel/Motel report. Motion carried with Councilors Bates, Gunter, Love, Post, and Shaw voting Aye.

**Ordinance 2023-06-An ordinance amending the adopted municipal budget for fiscal year 2022/2023 for specified funds, account and line-item designations; 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 Post moved, with a second from Councilor Shaw, to approve Ordinance 2023-06. Motion carried with Councilors Bates, Gunter, Love, Post, and Shaw voting Aye.

**Ordinance 2023-07- An ordinance authorizing and ordering the issuance of City of Bowie, Texas Certificates of Obligation, Series 2023; prescribing the terms and form thereof; providing for the payment of the principal thereof and interest thereon; awarding the sale thereof; and making other provisions regarding such certificates, including use of the proceeds thereof; and matters incident thereto.**

Councilor Post moved, with a second from Councilor Bates, to approve Ordinance 2023-07. Motion carried with Councilors Bates, Gunter, Love, Post, and Shaw voting Aye.

**Approve Hayter Engineering to advertise for bids for the TxCDBG CDV21-0231 water line grant project on Wichita Street, which is funded in part by the TDA.**

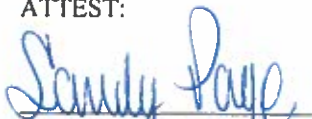
Councilor Gunter moved, with a second from Councilor Post, to approve Hayter Engineering to advertise for bids. Motion carried with Councilors Bates, Gunter, Love, Post, and Shaw, voting Aye.


**Public Comments**

Mildred McCraw thanked the City Council and City of Bowie employees for all they do for the city. October 28<sup>th</sup> is the Sr. Citizens all you can eat breakfast. The Sip-N-Stroll was a huge success as was Chicken and Bread Days. New to the event was the Bass Tournament and it went well also. Cindy Roller did a great job.

Mayor Burris adjourned the regular meeting at 6:40 p.m.

ATTEST:

  
Sandy Page, City Secretary

  
Gaylynn Burris, Mayor