

Regular City Council Meeting
October 17, 2022

STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF MONTAGUE
CITY OF BOWIE

On this the 17th day of September, 2022, the council convened in a regular meeting open to the public as advertised with all Councilors present.

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

City Manager Report

Several staff members along with Jason Love, and Mayor Burris attended the annual TML Conference week before last in San Antonio. We heard some very powerful speakers and attended several event seminars. I concentrated on grants and grant information. We visited with several city council members from other cities and exchanged ideas. I would urge other council members to attend at least every three years so that you can stay up with what is going on.

Jay Evans, Gaylynn and I met with Schneider Engineering on the 29th of last month and told them that we are going to apply for a grant for our electric system. The main item is a new transformer for our substation. Other items are looping the city so that we can feed the city both ways in case we lose a feed in a storm, and a few lines that need larger conductor to carry larger loads. Schneider will be doing the budget for the grant application which needs to be very detailed and accurate. Hopefully, we will be successful on this grant application.

I have been working with Relevant Tec, our IT service supplier, on a cybersecurity grant to make our computer systems hack proof. There are several pieces of computer equipment that we can buy that will greatly enhance our system protections. Hopefully, we will be successful on this grant application also. I met with members of TxDOT last Thursday to talk about the railroad bridge on Mill Street. A grant is available to us to pay for a new wider railroad bridge over Mill Street. TxDOT is going to put together a budget for the grant application which will be better than anything else that I can come up with. I think because we are working together with TxDOT, there is a greater likelihood that we will be successful. As you can see from my grant applications, I am teaming up with professionals in the areas where we are applying for grants. This should enhance our chances of getting the grants.

Consent Agenda Items: Approval of Minutes –September 26, 2022 Regular Meeting and Resolution 2022-31 Authorizing City Manager to write off uncollected utility accounts over 15 months delinquent; and Resolution 2022-32- Authorizing City Manager to write off uncollected library overdue fines over 15 months delinquent.

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

Approve 2022 Tax Roll.

Councilor Love moved, with a second from Councilor Hefley, to approve the 2022 Tax Roll. Motion carried with Councilors Bates, Gunter, Hefley, Love, Post, and Shaw voting Aye.

Resolution 2022-30-A resolution of the City of Bowie, Texas authorizing professional service provider selection for a 2022 Texas Community Development Block Grant Program-Community Development Fund (CDBG) through the Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA).

Councilor Hefley moved, with a second from Councilor Post, to approve Resolution 2022-30, which names Public Management, Inc. Motion carried with Councilors Bates, Gunter, Hefley, Love, Post, and Shaw voting Aye.

Approve professional engineering services for Dam Safety for (Old) Bowie Lake Dam as specified by Texas Commission on Environmental Quality:

a. Baird, Hampton & Brown Engineers

Councilor Love moved, with a second from Councilor Shaw, to approve Baird, Hampton & Brown for the Engineers. Motion carried with Councilors Bates, Gunter, Hefley, Love, Post, and Shaw voting Aye.

Consider reinstating Deputy City Secretary position:

a. Amber Cumbie.


Councilor Love moved, with a second from Councilor Bates, to reinstate the Deputy City Secretary position with Amber Cumbie. Motion carried with Councilors Bates, Gunter, Hefley, Love, Post, and Shaw voting Aye.

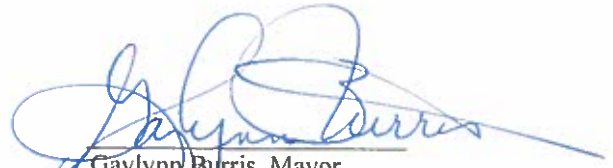
Public Comments

Mildred McCraw wanted to thank everyone for being a part of our community and the work they perform.

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

ATTEST:


Sandy Page, City Secretary


Gaylynn Burris, Mayor