

Regular City Council Meeting  
November 8, 2021

STATE OF TEXAS  
COUNTY OF MONTAGUE  
CITY OF BOWIE

On this the 8th day of November, 2021, the council convened in a regular meeting open to the public as advertised with all Councilors present.

Presiding: Mayor Burris  
Councilors: Bates, Bell, (Post), Gunter, Hefley, Higgins (Shaw), 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.

**Proclamation – Chapman Building**

Mayor Burris presented Brad and Deann Sherman with a proclamation for winning the “Texas Downtown Association’s People Choice Award” for the restoring of the Chapman Building at 114 W. Wise.

**NOVEMBER 2, 2021 GENERAL/SPECIAL ELECTION:**

**a. Canvass of Election**

Councilor Gunter moved, with a second from Councilor Hefley, to approve the November 2, 2021 Canvass of Election. Motion carried with Councilors Bates, Bell, Hefley, Gunter, Higgins, and Love voting Aye.

**b. Oath of Office**

City Secretary Sandy Page gave the Oath of Office to Mayor Gaylynn Burris.  
Mayor Burris gave the Oath of Office to Councilors Brent Shaw, Jason Love, and Stephanie Post.

**c. Elect Mayor Pro Tem**

Councilor Shaw moved, with a second from Councilor Gunter, to appoint Jason Love as Mayor Pro Tem. Motion carried with Councilors Bates, Gunter, Hefley, Love, Post, and Shaw voting Aye.

**Items of Community Interest**

City Offices will be closed on November 11 in observance of Veterans Day.

**City Manager Report**

Pamela Woods has been hired as the new Finance Director.  
Hodge Street from Lamb to Mill and Gray from Mill to Nugent have been paved.  
Last meeting, we talked about the ERCOT Securitization requirement where we could opt in or out. If we opt in, we would be charged for the losses that other utilities had during the winter storm. The cost would have been to repay the loans plus interest of the utilities that borrowed money to pay their share of the uplift charges. If we opt out, we will not be charged for the uplift charges. Schneider Engineering and BTU both recommend that we opt out which we did. The reasoning is that we had enough money in reserve to cover our \$1.2 million in uplift charges and paid them. Since we are able to take care of ourselves, we won’t have any other cost to worry about. BTU also decided to opt out.  
We have someone from Gainesville that will be building a hangar at our airport in the near future.

**Consent Agenda Items: Approval of Minutes –October 25, 2021 Regular Meeting.**

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

**Resolution 2021-34- A resolution canvassing the returns and declaring the results of the City of Bowie Special Charter Amendment Election held Tuesday, November 2, 2021; and other matters in connection therewith.**

Councilor Hefley moved, with a second from Councilor Shaw, to approve Resolution 2021-34. Motion carried with Councilors Bates, Gunter, Hefley, Love, Post, and Shaw voting Aye.

**Resolution 2021-35- A resolution casting the City of Bowie, Texas allocation of votes for the Montague County Appraisal Board candidate.**

Councilor Gunter moved, with a second from Councilor Hefley, to approve Resolution 2021-35 using 131 votes for Bret Meekins and 131 votes for Randy West. Motion carried with Councilors Bates, Gunter, Hefley, Love, Post, and Shaw voting Aye.

**Consider remodel of Police Station.**

Councilor Bates moved, with a second from Councilor Post, to approve the remodel of the Police Station. Motion carried with Councilors Bates, Hefley, Love, and Post voting Aye. Councilors Gunter and Shaw voted Nay.

Mayor Burris called to go into Executive Session at 6:45 p.m.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION-Texas Government Code Section 551.071-Consultation with Attorney.**

**1. Mill Street sewer easement.**

Mayor Burris closed Executive Session at 7:26 p.m.

Mayor Burris convened into Open Session at 7:27 p.m.

**ACTION FOLLOWING EXECUTIVE SESSION-Texas Government Code Section 551.071-Consultation with Attorney.**

**1. Mill Street sewer easement.**

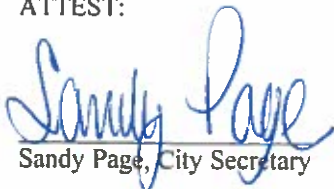
Councilor Love moved, with a second from Councilor Shaw, to present to Mr. Ashley the initial offer. Motion carried with Councilors Gunter, Hefley, Love, Post, and Shaw voting Aye. Councilor Bates voted Nay.

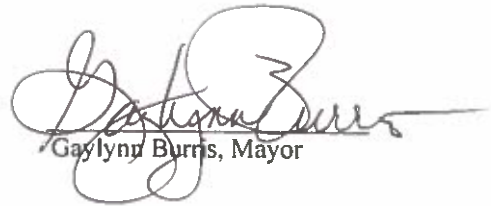
**Public Comments**

Mildred McCraw thanked Council, City Manager, Mayor and all who got out and voted. She also appreciates the time and leadership of the administration of Bowie.

Mayor Burris adjourned the regular meeting at 7:29 p.m.

ATTEST:

  
Sandy Page, City Secretary

  
Gaylynn Burris, Mayor

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Mayor Bowie, City of  
Vote For 1

	TOTAL	Absentee	Early Voting	Election Day
Gaylynn Burris	427	5	242	180
Tawni Jones	268	6	147	115
<b>Total Votes Cast</b>	<b>695</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>389</b>	<b>295</b>
Overvotes	0	0	0	0
Undervotes	14	0	7	7
Contest Totals	709	11	396	302

Precinct 1 - North Ward Bowie, City of  
Vote For 1

	TOTAL	Absentee	Early Voting	Election Day
Trent Shaw	637	7	355	275
<b>Total Votes Cast</b>	<b>637</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>355</b>	<b>275</b>
Overvotes	0	0	0	0
Undervotes	72	4	41	27
Contest Totals	709	11	396	302

Precinct 2 - South Ward Bowie, City of  
Vote For 1

	TOTAL	Absentee	Early Voting	Election Day
Jason Love	376	5	204	167
Dean Moore	290	5	174	111
<b>Total Votes Cast</b>	<b>666</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>378</b>	<b>278</b>
Overvotes	0	0	0	0
Undervotes	43	1	18	24
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Precinct 3 - East Ward Bowie, City of  
 Vote For 1

	TOTAL	Absentee	Early Voting	Election Day
Stephanie Post	484	4	268	212
Glenda Durham	188	5	113	70
<b>Total Votes Cast</b>	<b>672</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>381</b>	<b>282</b>
Overvotes	0	0	0	0
Undervotes	37	2	15	20
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CITY OF BOWIE PROPOSITION A  
 Vote For 1

	TOTAL	Absentee	Early Voting	Election Day
For	292	2	177	113
Against	397	8	211	178
<b>Total Votes Cast</b>	<b>689</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>388</b>	<b>291</b>
Overvotes	0	0	0	0
Undervotes	20	1	8	11
Contest Totals	709	11	396	302

CITY OF BOWIE PROPOSITION B  
 Vote For 1

	TOTAL	Absentee	Early Voting	Election Day
For	509	7	272	230
Against	182	3	116	63
<b>Total Votes Cast</b>	<b>691</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>388</b>	<b>293</b>
Overvotes	0	0	0	0
Undervotes	18	1	8	9
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**CITY OF BOWIE PROPOSITION C**

Vote For 1

	TOTAL	Absentee	Early Voting	Election Day
For	550	6	304	240
Against	131	3	81	47
<b>Total Votes Cast</b>	<b>681</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>385</b>	<b>287</b>
Overvotes	0	0	0	0
Undervotes	28	2	11	15
Contest Totals	709	11	396	302

**CITY OF BOWIE PROPOSITION D**

Vote For 1

	TOTAL	Absentee	Early Voting	Election Day
For	494	7	276	211
Against	192	2	111	79
<b>Total Votes Cast</b>	<b>686</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>387</b>	<b>290</b>
Overvotes	0	0	0	0
Undervotes	23	2	9	12
Contest Totals	709	11	396	302

**CITY OF BOWIE PROPOSITION E**

Vote For 1

	TOTAL	Absentee	Early Voting	Election Day
For	596	7	333	256
Against	84	2	52	30
<b>Total Votes Cast</b>	<b>680</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>385</b>	<b>286</b>
Overvotes	0	0	0	0
Undervotes	29	2	11	16
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**CITY OF BOWIE PROPOSITION F**  
 Vote For 1

	TOTAL	Absentee	Early Voting	Election Day
For	566	7	312	247
Against	121	2	75	44
<b>Total Votes Cast</b>	<b>687</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>387</b>	<b>291</b>
Overvotes	0	0	0	0
Undervotes	22	2	9	11
Contest Totals	709	11	396	302

**CITY OF BOWIE PROPOSITION G**  
 Vote For 1

	TOTAL	Absentee	Early Voting	Election Day
For	568	7	309	252
Against	114	2	74	38
<b>Total Votes Cast</b>	<b>682</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>383</b>	<b>290</b>
Overvotes	0	0	0	0
Undervotes	27	2	13	12
Contest Totals	709	11	396	302

**CITY OF BOWIE PROPOSITION H**  
 Vote For 1

	TOTAL	Absentee	Early Voting	Election Day
For	477	6	268	203
Against	198	3	113	82
<b>Total Votes Cast</b>	<b>675</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>381</b>	<b>285</b>
Overvotes	0	0	0	0
Undervotes	34	2	15	17
Contest Totals	709	11	396	302

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**CITY OF BOWIE PROPOSITION I**

Vote For 1

	TOTAL	Absentee	Early Voting	Election Day
For	433	5	245	183
Against	226	4	130	92
<b>Total Votes Cast</b>	<b>659</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>375</b>	<b>275</b>
Overvotes	0	0	0	0
Undervotes	50	2	21	27
Contest Totals	709	11	396	302

**CITY OF BOWIE PROPOSITION J**

Vote For 1

	TOTAL	Absentee	Early Voting	Election Day
For	554	6	317	231
Against	125	3	66	56
<b>Total Votes Cast</b>	<b>679</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>383</b>	<b>287</b>
Overvotes	0	0	0	0
Undervotes	30	2	13	15
Contest Totals	709	11	396	302

**CITY OF BOWIE PROPOSITION K**

Vote For 1

	TOTAL	Absentee	Early Voting	Election Day
For	551	7	306	238
Against	126	2	74	50
<b>Total Votes Cast</b>	<b>677</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>380</b>	<b>288</b>
Overvotes	0	0	0	0
Undervotes	32	2	16	14
Contest Totals	709	11	396	302

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CITY OF BOWIE PROPOSITION L

Vote For 1

	TOTAL	Absentee	Early Voting	Election Day
For	495	5	266	224
Against	172	4	111	57
<b>Total Votes Cast</b>	<b>667</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>377</b>	<b>281</b>
Overvotes	0	0	0	0
Undervotes	42	2	19	21
Contest Totals	709	11	396	302

CITY OF BOWIE PROPOSITION M

Vote For 1

	TOTAL	Absentee	Early Voting	Election Day
For	430	5	243	182
Against	224	3	129	92
<b>Total Votes Cast</b>	<b>654</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>372</b>	<b>274</b>
Overvotes	0	0	0	0
Undervotes	55	3	24	28
Contest Totals	709	11	396	302

CITY OF BOWIE PROPOSITION N

Vote For 1

	TOTAL	Absentee	Early Voting	Election Day
For	430	4	241	185
Against	224	4	133	87
<b>Total Votes Cast</b>	<b>654</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>374</b>	<b>272</b>
Overvotes	0	0	0	0
Undervotes	55	3	22	30
Contest Totals	709	11	396	302



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**CITY OF BOWIE PROPOSITION O**

Vote For 1

	TOTAL	Absentee	Early Voting	Election Day
For	424	5	241	178
Against	229	4	133	92
<b>Total Votes Cast</b>	<b>653</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>374</b>	<b>270</b>
Overvotes	0	0	0	0
Undervotes	56	2	22	32
Contest Totals	709	11	396	302

**CITY OF BOWIE PROPOSITION P**

Vote For 1

	TOTAL	Absentee	Early Voting	Election Day
For	254	1	162	91
Against	422	8	223	191
<b>Total Votes Cast</b>	<b>676</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>385</b>	<b>282</b>
Overvotes	0	0	0	0
Undervotes	33	2	11	20
Contest Totals	709	11	396	302

**RESOLUTION 2021-34**

**A RESOLUTION CANVASSING THE RETURNS AND DECLARING THE RESULTS OF THE CITY OF BOWIE SPECIAL CHARTER AMENDMENT ELECTION HELD TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2021; AND OTHER MATTERS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH.**

**WHEREAS**, there was held in the City of Bowie, Texas, on the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of November, 2021 a Special Charter Amendment Election with fifteen (15) propositions being submitted to the resident qualified electors of the City; and

**WHEREAS**, the returns of said election have been duly delivered to the City Secretary and Mayor and canvassed by the City Council of the City of Bowie, Texas; and

**WHEREAS**, there were cast at such election 695 valid and legal votes:

**CITY OF BOWIE PROPOSITION A**

Shall Article I, Section 1.03 – Extension of Boundaries, be amended to update to applicable state law governing the extension of boundaries?

**YES Votes Cast: 292 (42.38%)**

**NO Votes Cast: 397 (57.62%)**

**CITY OF BOWIE PROPOSITION B**

Shall Article II, Section 2.01 – Number; Selection; Terms, be amended to clarify terms and extend time served.

**YES Votes Cast: 509 (73.66%)**

**NO Votes Cast: 182 (26.34%)**

**CITY OF BOWIE PROPOSITION C**

Shall Article II, Section 2.03 – Precincts, be amended by adding wording that precincts are to be reviewed at least one (1) time after each census?

**YES Votes Cast: 550 (80.76%)**

**NO Votes Cast: 131 (19.24%)**

**CITY OF BOWIE PROPOSITION D**

Shall Article II, Section 2.09 – Quorum, be amended to clarify members of a quorum?

**YES Votes Cast: 494 (72.01%)**

**NO Votes Cast: 192 (27.99%)**

### **CITY OF BOWIE PROPOSITION E**

Shall Article III, Section 3.04 – Planning Commission, be amended by requiring each City Planning Commission member to be subject to the Chapter 1 Article 1.1900 Rules of Ethical Conduct in the Code of Ordinance book?

**YES Votes Cast: 596 (87.65%)**

**NO Votes Cast: 84 (12.35%)**

### **CITY OF BOWIE PROPOSITION F**

Shall Article III, Administrative Organization add Section 3.05 – Police Department? Creating a new section to better define the department.

**YES Votes Cast: 566 (82.39%)**

**NO Votes Cast: 121 (17.61%)**

### **CITY OF BOWIE PROPOSITION G**

Shall Article III, Administrative Organization add Section 3.06 – Fire Department? Creating a new section to better define the department.

**YES Votes Cast: 568 (83.28%)**

**NO Votes Cast: 114 (16.72%)**

### **CITY OF BOWIE PROPOSITION H**

Shall Article IV, Section 4.03 – Clerk of the Municipal Court be amended to define the appointment of clerk?

**YES Votes Cast: 477 (70.67%)**

**NO Votes Cast: 198 (29.33%)**

### **CITY OF BOWIE PROPOSITION I**

Shall Article VI, Section 6.02 – Initiative be amended to show procedure and requirements for petition?

**YES Votes Cast: 433 (65.71%)**

**NO Votes Cast: 226 (34.29%)**

### **CITY OF BOWIE PROPOSITION J**

Shall Article VI, Section 6.08 – Results of a Recall Election be amended to add verbiage on filling the vacancy?

**YES Votes Cast: 554 (81.59%)**

**NO Votes Cast: 125 (18.41%)**

### **CITY OF BOWIE PROPOSITION K**

Shall Article VII, Section 7.13 – Purchase Procedure be amended by adding bids will be awarded to the lowest responsible bidder or to the bidder who provides goods or services at the best value for the municipality per State Law.

**YES Votes Cast: 551 (81.39%)**

**NO Votes Cast: 126 (18.61%)**

**CITY OF BOWIE PROPOSITION L**

Shall Article IX, Section 9.01– Department of Taxation be amended to strike such section in its entirety and update to be consistent with State law?

**YES Votes Cast: 495 (74.21%)**

**NO Votes Cast: 172 (25.79%)**

**CITY OF BOWIE PROPOSITION M**

Shall Article XI, Section 11.08 – Interim Government be amended to strike such section in its entirety on the basis that such section pertains to the original charter and is unnecessary and inapplicable?

**YES Votes Cast: 430 (65.75%)**

**NO Votes Cast: 224 (34.25%)**

**CITY OF BOWIE PROPOSITION N**

Shall Article XII, Section 12.01 – Submission of the Charter to Electors be amended to strike such section in its entirety on the basis that such section pertains to the original charter and is unnecessary and inapplicable?

**YES Votes Cast: 430 (65.75%)**

**NO Votes Cast: 224 (34.25%)**

**CITY OF BOWIE PROPOSITION O**

Shall Article XII, Section 12.02 – Filing Official Charter be amended to strike such section in its entirety on the basis that such section pertains to the original charter and is unnecessary and inapplicable?

**YES Votes Cast: 424 (64.93%)**

**NO Votes Cast: 229 (35.07%)**

**WHEREAS**, Propositions B,C,D,E,F,G,H,I,J,K,L,M, N and O received a majority of votes by the voters at the November 2, 2021 Special Election, and thus were approved to amend the City of Bowie Charter; and

**WHEREAS**, Proposition A failed to receive a majority of votes by the voters at the November 2, 2021 Special Election, and thus was not approved to amend the City of Bowie Charter.

**WHEREAS**, Texas Local Government Code Section 9.005 (b) requires the governing body of the municipality to enter an order in the records of the municipality declaring that the charter amendment is adopted before it takes effect.

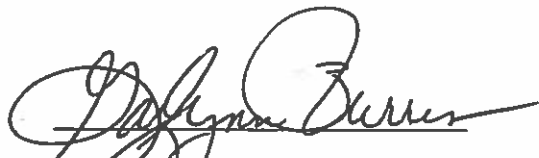
**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND ORDERED BY THE CITY OF BOWIE, TEXAS:**


**SECTION 1:** That the election described in the preamble to this resolution and order was duly called and notice thereof given in accordance with law; that said election was held in the manner required by law; that only duly qualified resident electors of the City of Bowie voted at said election; and that due returns of said election have been made by the proper officers.

**SECTION 2:** That Propositions B,C,D,E,F,G,H,I,J,K,L,M, N and O, the aforementioned Charter Amendments, were approved by the voters voting at the November 2, 2021 Special Election and that the Mayor of the City of Bowie will certify to the Texas Secretary of State, as soon as practicable, pursuant to Local Government Code, an authenticated copy of the charter approved charter amendments.

**SECTION 3:** That Propositions B,C,D,E,F,G,H,I,J,K,L,M, N and O, the aforementioned Charter Amendments, are adopted by the City of Bowie.

PASSED AND APPROVED this the 8<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2021.

  
Gaylynn Burris, Mayor

ATTEST:   
Sandy Page, City Secretary