

Regular City Council Meeting  
March 28, 2022

STATE OF TEXAS  
COUNTY OF MONTAGUE  
CITY OF BOWIE

On this the 28th day of March, 2022, the council convened in a regular meeting open to the public as advertised with four Councilors present. Councilors Post and Shaw were absent.

Presiding: Mayor Burris  
Councilors: Bates, Gunter, Hefley, 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.

**Items of Community Interest**

**City Manager Report**

The city dodged the bullet on the tornado that came through on Monday night. A building at our sewer plant was pretty much destroyed as well as some trees that blew down on the fence and gate. We also had damage at the Airport which was mainly the doors on some hangers that were blown off their fittings. One of our ambulances was in an accident and luckily no one was hurt badly but the ambulance was a total loss. All of these items are covered by insurance and we had our first adjuster in last Friday to access the damages. Out on Hwy 101 we had some lines down and our Electric Department spent the rest of the week making repairs along with personnel from the Street Department. We have tried to help the people in the county that had damage. We have had a donation center at the community center giving out food, water, and necessities including clothing.

Mike Smith, City manager from Jacksboro called to talk about our experiences with the tornado and we told him how we handled several items and then ask him if there was any way we could help and he ask for one of our guys to come help inspect residential electrical connections so that Oncor could re-connect homes with power. Jay Evans spent Thursday and Friday in Jacksboro helping with that process and he may have gone over there today. We also had the Red Cross disaster team helping county residences with disaster aid.

We will have a bid opening for the South Side Sewer Line project on Friday the 31<sup>st</sup> at 1:00 p.m. at City Hall.

We have been doing analysis on the budget and comparing this year to the previous 5 years. Just like last year, revenues are down slightly, but expenses are also down, so all in all we are doing very well. I expect as we come into spring and summer months both revenue and expenses will increase just like they have in the past.

**Consent Agenda Items: Approval of Minutes –March 14, 2022 Regular Meeting; Resolution 2022-13- Authorizing City Manager to write off uncollected utility accounts over 15 months delinquent; and Resolution 2022-14- Authorizing City Manager to write off uncollected library overdue fines over 15 months delinquent.**

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

**Discussion of Credit Card Fees:**

- a. Change processor to “Certified Payments” or;**
- b. Ordinance 2022-01-An ordinance of the City Council of the City of Bowie, Texas, authorizing the acceptance of payment of utility bill charges and fees by credit card; establishing a processing fee to be collected at the point of sale for the use of a credit card to pay utility bill charges and fees; providing for the collection of a service charge if, for any reason, a payment by credit card is not honored by the credit card company on which funds are drawn; providing a penalty clause, effective date; and providing for the publication of the caption hereof.**

Councilor Love moved, with a second from Councilor Bates, to approve Ordinance 2022-01, with the exception of re-evaluating in 60 days. Motion carried with Councilors Bates, Gunter, Hefley, and Love voting Aye.

**Accept 2020/2021 Audit from Mathis, West, and Huffines.**

Councilor Love moved, with a second from Councilor Gunter, to accept the 2020/2021 Audit. Motion carried with Councilors Bates, Gunter, Hefley, and Love voting Aye.

**Consider recommendation from P&Z on request from Jason and Miranda Ewing to replat Lots 62 & 63, Woodland Estates, commonly known as 812 Woodland Trail North. Creating Lot 62R, Woodland Estates.**

Councilor Gunter moved, with a second from Councilor Love, to accept the recommendation from the P&Z Board to replat. Motion carried with Councilors Bates, Gunter, Hefley, and Love voting Aye.

**Consider recommendation from P&Z on request from Scott Marburger to replat part of Lot 3, 4, 13, & 14, Block 3, Leming's Addition, commonly known as 407 Decatur Street. Creating Lot 3R & Lot 14R, Block 3, Leming's Addition.**

Councilor Hefley moved, with a second from Councilor Bates, to accept the recommendation from the P&Z Board to replat. Motion carried with Councilors Bates, Gunter, Hefley, and Love voting Aye.

**Consider recommendation from P&Z on request from Kenson Vance, Dynamic Duo, to replat Block 15, Hill County School Land Survey, and Lots 5 & 7 of Brown Addition, commonly known as 316 E. Wilbarger Street and 405 S. Mill Street. Creating Lot 1, Dynamic Addition, Lot 5R, Brown Addition and Lot 7R, Brown Addition.**

Councilor Love moved, with a second from Councilor Hefley, to accept the recommendation from the P&Z Board to replat. Motion carried with Councilors Bates, Gunter, Hefley, and Love voting Aye.

**Approve Selma Park Host contract.**

Councilor Gunter moved, with a second from Councilor Love, to approve the Selma Park Host contract with Jose' Espinoza. Motion carried with Councilors Bates, Gunter, Hefley, and Love voting Aye.

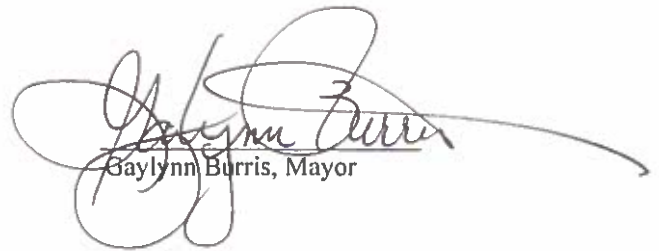
**Public Comments**

None

Mayor Burris adjourned the regular meeting at 6:52 p.m.

ATTEST:

  
Sandy Page, City Secretary

  
Gaylynn Burris, Mayor