

Regular City Council Meeting
June 3, 2008

STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF MONTAGUE
CITY OF BOWIE

On this the 3rd day of June, 2008, the council convened in a regular meeting open to the public as advertised with the Mayor and all Councilors present.

Presiding: Mayor Cox
Councilors: Hamilton, Heugatter, Lawson, Pewitt, Polk, and
Shelton
City Manager Cantwell
City Attorney Jennings
City Secretary Wallace

Mayor Cox called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Consent Agenda Items: Approval of Minutes – May 20, 2008 Regular Meeting; Resolution 2008-13- Authorizing City Manager to write off uncollected utility accounts over 15 months delinquent; Resolution 2008-14 – Authorizing City Manager to write off uncollected library overdue fines over 15 months delinquent.

Councilor Shelton moved, with a second from Councilor Lawson, to approve the Consent Agenda Items. Motion carried six with Councilors Hamilton, Heugatter, Lawson, Pewitt, Polk, and Shelton voting Aye.

Second reading Ordinance 2008-08 – Amending the Code of Ordinances by adding a new Article 1.1900 to Chapter 1 to provide for Rules of Ethical Conduct for City Officials.

Councilor Lawson moved, with a second from Councilor Shelton, to approve the second reading of Ordinance 2008-08. Motion carried six with Councilors Hamilton, Heugatter, Lawson, Pewitt, Polk, and Shelton voting Aye.

Consider proposed addition of drug testing program policy to the City of Bowie Personnel Policy.

Councilor Hamilton moved, with a second from Councilor Polk, to include all employees on random drug testing. Motion carried six with Councilors Hamilton, Heugatter, Lawson, Pewitt, Polk, and Shelton voting Aye.

Councilor Lawson moved, with a second from Councilor Pewitt, to change wording in 2.30 to “immediately” instead of “5:00 p.m.” Motion carried six with Councilors Hamilton, Heugatter, Lawson, Pewitt, Polk, and Shelton voting Aye.

2009 Municipal Contribution Rate for the Texas Municipal Retirement System (TMRS).

Councilor Shelton moved, with a second from Councilor Polk, to go ahead and do the full rate increase of 11.14%, to protect the employees interest. Motion carried six with Councilors Hamilton, Heugatter, Lawson, Pewitt, Polk, and Shelton voting Aye.

Present proposed Budget Schedule, Historical Financial Performance, Future Projections, and Assumptions & Guidelines for Budget Preparation.

City Manager Cantwell gave an overview of the budget schedule, financial performance, future projections and assumptions & guidelines. Cantwell commended the Salary Committee and said they did an excellent job on coming up with salary ranges and adjustments.

Review Section Seventeen of City of Bowie Personnel Policy, Compensatory Time Off in Lieu of Pay Provisions and Section Fifteen as applicable to Compensatory Time.

Attorney Jennings feels we are following the letter of the law of the act in terms of tracking comp time but we are not bound by our policy to pay it to exempt employees. She advised us to work within the perimeters of our policy to get back on track with taking comp time within 60 days.

Executive Session-Texas Government Code 551.072-Deliberation About Real Property.

1. Consider purchase, exchange, lease or value of real property for City acquisition.

Mayor Cox moved into executive session at 8:18 p.m.

Action Following Executive Session – Texas Government Code 551.072 – Deliberation About Real Property.

1. Consider purchase, exchange, lease or value of real property for City acquisition.

Mayor Cox convened into Open Session at 8:41 p.m.

Councilor Shelton moved, with a second from Councilor Hamilton, to request the City Manager to look into options available. Motion carried six with Councilors Hamilton, Heugatter, Lawson, Pewitt, Polk, and Shelton voting Aye.

With no further business to discuss, Mayor Cox adjourned the meeting.

Larry Cox, Mayor

ATTEST:

Mitzi Wallace, City Secretary