

Regular City Council Meeting  
December 12, 2022

STATE OF TEXAS  
COUNTY OF MONTAGUE  
CITY OF BOWIE

On this the 12th day of December, 2022, the council convened in a regular meeting open to the public as advertised with all Councilors present.

Presiding: Mayor Burris  
Councilors: Bates, Gunter, Sproles, 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**

Bowie had a great Christmas Parade with a lot of entries.

We will only have tonight's meeting in December.

The City will be closed for Christmas on December 23<sup>rd</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>.

#### **City Manager Report**

The grant application for the City of Bowie Rail Infrastructure and Safety Improvements Grant was sent in to Grants.gov on November 29<sup>th</sup>. We had an abundance of help with this grant application to build a new railroad bridge on Mill Street (FM1125). I would like to especially thank the Wichita Falls District Engineers of the Texas Department of Transportation for all the work they put in on the budget for the grant. Without the budget information from them, the grant application would have been useless. We also want to thank U.S. Senator John Cornyn, U.S. Congressman Ronny Jackson, Texas Congressman David Spiller and last but not least, Montague County Judge Kevin Benton. Without these letters of support, our pleas might have fallen on deaf ears. Now all we have to do is wait and see if our efforts will net the almost \$13,000,000 of funds that we need to build the bridge.

Jay Evans and I had a meeting with Schneider Engineering via Zoom in preparation for another grant application which will be to add another much-needed transformer to our substation and to upgrade our lines and loop our lines so that we will get bi-directional feed for our electric system. Again, the most important part of the grant application is the budget for the equipment and labor for installation. Schneider will be doing the budget part of the application so that the amount that we ask for will be accurate. There are so many technical details to the process, we must hire an engineer to not only tell us in advance what the cost will be, but also an engineer to help us with the construction.

#### **Consent Agenda Items: Approval of Minutes –November 14, 2022 Regular Meeting and Resolution 2022-35 Authorizing City Manager to write off uncollected utility accounts over 15 months delinquent for November; and Resolution 2022-36- Authorizing City Manager to write off uncollected utility accounts for December over 15 months delinquent.**

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

#### **Resolution 2022-37 – A resolution of the City of Bowie, Texas, authorizing professional service provider selection for a 2023/2024 Texas Community Development Block Grant Program – Community Development Fund Grant through the Texas Department of Agriculture.**

Councilor Sproles moved, with a second from Councilor Post, to approve Resolution 2022-37, naming Public Management for our provider. Motion carried with Councilors Bates, Gunter, Love, Post, Shaw, and Sproles voting Aye.

#### **Resolution 2022-38 – A resolution of the City of Bowie, Texas, authorizing professional service provider selection for a 2023 Texas Community Development Block Grant Program – Downtown Revitalization Program (DRP) project through the Texas Department of Agriculture.**

Councilor Shaw moved, with a second from Councilor Bates, to approve Resolution 2022-38, naming Public Management for our provider. Motion carried with Councilors Bates, Gunter, Love, Post, Shaw, and Sproles voting Aye.

**Public Comments**

Che Rotramble, City Attorney, expressed his thanks to council for his time serving. Rotramble was appointed as our city attorney in 2020 but is giving up his position to work as the Wise County District Attorney. It has been a pleasure working with Che and we wish him the best.

Mayor Burris called to go into Executive Session and the council chose to go into action following.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION – Texas Government Code Section 551.074- Personnel Matters to discuss the employment of:**

**I. City Attorney**

- a. Clay Riddle
- b. Joseph Gorfida

**ACTION FOLLOWING EXECUTIVE SESSION – Texas Government Code Section 551.074- Personnel Matters for the employment of:**

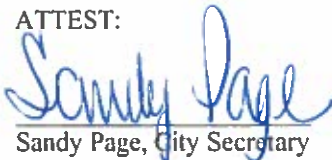
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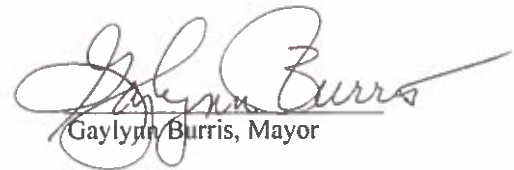
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Councilor Sproles moved, with a second from Councilor Post, to hire Joseph Gorfida as our new city attorney. Motion carried with Councilors Bates, Gunter, Love, Post, Shaw, and Sproles voting Aye.

Mayor Burris adjourned the regular meeting at 6:20 p.m.

ATTEST:

  
Sandy Page, City Secretary

  
Gaylynn Burris, Mayor