

Regular City Council Meeting  
November 23, 2020

STATE OF TEXAS  
COUNTY OF MONTAGUE  
CITY OF BOWIE

On this the 23rd day of November, 2020, the council convened in a regular meeting open to the public as advertised with all Councilors present.

Presiding: Mayor Burris  
Councilors: Bates, Bell, Hefley, Higgins, Love and Malone.  
City Manager Cunningham  
City Attorney Rotramble

Mayor Burris called the regular meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

**INVOCATION**

Invocation was given by Bert Cunningham.

**ITEMS OF COMMUNITY INTEREST**

November 28<sup>th</sup> Poker Run  
December 4 Sip N Stroll  
December 5 Christmas Parade and Pancakes with Santa

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Glenda Durham talked on repairs for the area around Mill and Lamb which received major damage during heavy flooding. Burris told the council she had met with Durham recently and the city manager will provide a report at the next meeting.

**CITY MANAGER REPORT**

We have moved into the new city offices at 307 N. Mason.

The FEMA BRIC grant for the creek has been put on hold for the time being. We simply did not have enough time to get the maps and information that they need by December 1<sup>st</sup>, so we put the application on hold until after the first of the year. The grant will be a \$750,000 grant with us having to come up with \$150,000 each year that we get the grant. Considering the fact that we are getting close to finalizing the TWDB loan with its payments, the city manager thought we had better wait until we are in more solid footing with our finances.

The CWSRF application will be approved by the board on January 14, 2021. Closing of the loan is currently taking between 30 and 60 days from the date of board approval. Therefore, we are looking at an estimate of mid-February to mid-March for the loan closing.

We are continuing to lay water lines to improve service to several areas of town. We replaced a 4" line in the last two weeks on Strong and Wilbarger Streets. There was so much rust and build up inside the line that there was only about an inch of water getting through the line. We will continue to lay new water line as weather permits this winter.

There are new tiny houses on Clay Street. They are definitely small, but may be perfect for a single person who does not need much room. The rent on these properties is fairly low and include all bills paid. We are seeing more and more development of new homes all over town which is great to see.

The city went out for proposals for IT services and received 3. We interviewed this past week and will be making a decision this week on whether to stay with our current provider or go with a new one.

**Consent Agenda Items: Approval of Minutes –November 9, 2020 Regular Meeting; Resolution 2020-39- Authorizing City Manager to write off uncollected utility accounts over 15 months delinquent; Resolution 2020-40- Authorizing City Manager to write off uncollected library overdue fines over 15 months delinquent and Quarterly Financial Statement ending September, 2020.**

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

**Second request for personnel position at City Hall.**

Councilor Love moved, with a second from Councilor Higgins, to approve the request for a receptionist at City Hall. Motion carried with Councilors Bates, Bell, Gunter, Hefley, Higgins, and Love voting Aye.

**Appoint chairperson to the Hotel/Motel Board.**

Councilor Love moved, with a second from Councilor Bates, to appoint Gaylynn Burris as chairperson to the Hotel/Motel Board after the resignation of Diana Higgins. Motion carried with Councilors Bates, Bell, Gunter, Hefley, Higgins, and Love voting Aye.

**Resolution 2020-38-A resolution contingent on receiving a 2021 Downtown Revitalization Program (DRP) from the TxCDBG to help fund a DRP Project to be determined at a later date from the Texas Department of Agriculture.**

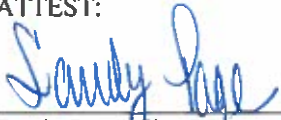
Councilor Higgins moved, with a second from Councilor Hefley, to approve Resolution 2020-38. Motion carried with Councilors Bates, Bell, Gunter, Hefley, Higgins, and Love voting Aye.

**Interlocal Governmental Cooperation contract for Application and Administration Services for Community Development Program.**

Councilor Higgins moved, with a second from Councilor Bell, to agree to the Interlocal Governmental Cooperation contract. Motion carried with Councilors Bates, Bell, Gunter, Hefley, Higgins, and Love voting Aye.

Mayor Burris adjourned the regular meeting at 6:33 p.m.

ATTEST:



Sandy Page, City Secretary



Gaylyn Burris, Mayor