

STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF MONTAGUE
CITY OF BOWIE

On this the 14th day of January, 2019, the council convened in a regular meeting open to the public as advertised with all Councilors present.

Presiding: Mayor Burris
Councilors: Bell, Bishop, Buckmaster, Kent, Love, and Malone
City Secretary Page
City Manager Cunningham
City Attorney Jennings

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

Public Comments

Thomas Eanes encouraged everyone to be more positive about our town and thanked city leaders for all they have done.

Dillion Steen spoke on the loose dog problem we have been having and said the Police Department has been doing a good job.

Mildred McCraw thanked the law enforcement for all they do.

Monty Dawson thanked the Mayor and council for all they do and hopes everyone can be more positive.

Announcements

Bulky Trash pickup is Friday, January 18th. Please remember to call ahead.

February 1 from 8:00-5:00 is Clean Up Day. You can take up to 1,000 pounds free with a city bill.

January 21st is the Chamber of Commerce banquet.

Consent Agenda Items: Approval of Minutes –December 10, 2018 Regular Meeting.

Councilor Bell moved, with a second from Councilor Bishop, to approve the Consent Agenda items as presented. Motion carried with Councilors Bell, Bishop, Buckmaster, Kent, Love, and Malone voting Aye.

Nortex-Mitigation Plan Project Update.

It is very important for us to continue to meet and discuss the plan as it is our pathway to grants in the future and we get in-kind dollars for meeting and discussing the Mitigation Plan. The city manager will have a local meeting on the 21st and there will be a meeting at Henrietta on the 22nd. To be eligible for grants we have to have a mitigation plan in place.

Second reading of Ordinance 2018-16-An ordinance authorizing and ordering the issuance of City of Bowie, Texas Limited Tax Notes, Series 2019; specifying the terms and features of such notes; levying a continuing direct annual ad valorem tax for the payment of said notes; and resolving other matters incident and related to the issuance, sale, payment, and delivery of a paying agent/registrar agreement; and providing an effective date.

Councilor Malone moved, with a second from Councilor Love, to approve the second reading of Ordinance 2018-16. Motion carried with Councilors Bell, Love, and Malone voting Aye. Councilors Bishop, Buckmaster, and Kent voted Nay. Mayor Burris broke the tie by voting Aye.

Appointment of 2 to the Planning and Zoning Board:

a. Deniece Lindsey, (b) Bill Miller, (c) Bill Calabretta, and (d) Justin Hoffman.

Bill Miller withdrew his name before the meeting.

Councilor Bishop moved, with a second from Councilor Malone, to re-appoint Deniece Lindsey to the Planning and Zoning Board. Motion carried six with Councilors Bell, Bishop, Buckmaster, Kent, Love, and Malone voting Aye.

Councilor Love moved, with a second from Councilor Kent, to appoint Bill Calabretta to the Planning and Zoning Board. Motion carried six with Councilors Bell, Bishop, Buckmaster, Kent, Love, and Malone voting Aye.

Appointment of 3 to the Board of Adjustment and Appeals:

(a) Allen Leek (b) Jack Boydston (c) Don Smith

(a.) Allen Leek

Councilor Bishop moved, with a second from Councilor Love, to re-appoint Allen Leek to the Board of Adjustment and Appeals. Motion carried six with Councilors Bell, Bishop, Buckmaster, Kent, Love, and Malone voting Aye.

(b.) Jack Boydston

Councilor Bishop moved, with a second from Councilor Love, to re-appoint Jack Boydston to the Board of Adjustment and Appeals. Motion carried six with Councilors Bell, Bishop, Buckmaster, Kent, Love, and Malone voting Aye.

(c.) Don Smith

Councilor Bishop moved, with a second from Councilor Love, to appoint Don Smith to the Board of Adjustment and Appeals as Alternate. Motion carried six with Councilors Bell, Bishop, Buckmaster, Kent, Love, and Malone voting Aye.

Request by motion for Subsequent Agenda Items.

Councilor Malone moved, with a second from Councilor Love, to have the mayor schedule a workshop for council members and for council members to submit to the City Secretary items of interest they would like to discuss. Motion carried with Councilors Bell, Bishop, Buckmaster, Kent, Love, and Malone voting Aye.

Councilor Buckmaster moved, with a second from Councilor Bishop, to have placed on the agenda a discussion of the internal control violations noted by two council members involving the purchase of two cashier checks and a review of the procedures surrounding cash transactions and the internal controls associated with them. Amending or creating controls specific to purchasing cashiers checks when no other option exists. Motion carried with Councilors Bell, Bishop, Buckmaster, and Kent voting Aye. Councilors Love and Malone voted Nay.

Councilor Buckmaster moved, with a second from Councilor Bishop, to place on the agenda a discussion of publicizing the meetings on our website or some other public forum so that the citizens may view meetings at their convenience. Motion carried six with Councilors Bell, Bishop, Buckmaster, Kent, Love, and Malone voting Aye.

Councilor Buckmaster moved, with a second from Councilor Bishop, to discuss at the workshop the procedures and laws involving the renovation of public works and possible violations of those laws during the renovation of the old Legend Bank motor bank building. Discussion of methods and procedures to be followed in the future regarding renovations so that violations are not encountered moving forward. Motion carried with Councilors Bell, Bishop, Buckmaster, Kent, and Love voting Aye. Councilor Malone voted Nay.


Councilor Buckmaster moved, with a second from Councilor Bishop, to have the electric rate changes in comparison to the ordinances be added to the workshop. Motion carried six with Councilors Bell, Bishop, Buckmaster, Kent, Love, and Malone voting Aye.

Councilor Buckmaster moved, with a second from Councilor Bishop, to have a discussion regarding petitions, policy and procedures surrounding how they are accepted, and what information is provided to citizens upon submitting petitions added to the workshop. Motion carried with councilors Bishop, Buckmaster, and Kent voting Aye. Councilors Bell, Love, and Malone voted Nay. Mayor Burris broke the tie by voting Aye.

Mayor Burris adjourned the meeting at 6:47 p.m.

ATTEST:


Sandy Page, City Secretary


Gaylynn Burris, Mayor