

Regular City Council Meeting
January 25, 2021

STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF MONTAGUE
CITY OF BOWIE

On this the 25th day of January, 2021, the council convened in a regular meeting open to the public as advertised with all Councilors present.

Presiding: Mayor Burris
Councilors: Bates, Bell, Gunter, Hefley, Higgins, 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 Fire Chief Page.

ITEMS OF COMMUNITY INTEREST

February 8th will be our next meeting.
2nd Monday will be February 5th, 6th, and 7th.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Glenda Durham is excited about the progress at Mill and Lamb Street and would also like the city to please consider preserving the playground equipment at Kiwanis Park.

CITY MANAGER REPORT

We have been in contact with the Texas State Department of Health (TSDH) and the Texas Division of Emergency Management (TDEM) about getting a Coronavirus Vaccine clinic here in Bowie. We must get approval from TDH and we have made contact with them and TDEM about the process and in order to get an allotment of the vaccine. We have ordered a freezer to store the vaccine which will be the Madera vaccine because the requirements to keep it cold are less than the Pfizer vaccine. The freezer also has to have a data recorder for security reasons. When we get the freezer in, we can then do the full application with TDH. It is a slow process to get the approval but we will keep moving along. Since we put out the information about this, we have had calls from retired and inactive health care professionals about volunteering for this effort. As more information becomes available, we will put the information out. Our fire department and EMS people will be playing a large part in this endeavor.

We are in the process of applying for a CBDG Downtown Revitalization grant. Information has been sent to NORTEX who will be writing the grant application for us. Hopefully, we will have an advantage because of the tornado damage from last spring. I got a new email on Friday with new information about the DRG grant. The grant amount has been increased to \$500,000 and is due on June 1st. It seems that we must pass a resolution at our next meeting designating the area where the grant will be used as a "slum or blighted area".

Of course, we will again be applying for another CBDG grant for new water and sewer line construction. This process has also started.

We have been in contact with a gentleman from out of town that wants to build a hangar at the airport. I have asked the city attorney to come up with a lease that will satisfy both us and the builder. It will be a lease with an annual payment to the city and at the end of a specified length of time, the hangar will become the property of the city. As we continue our discussions with this gentleman and come to a tentative agreement, I will bring the lease to the council for approval.

Bowles Construction has started construction of the sewer line replacement that goes under the BNSF railroad. They started on the back side of the line which is on Wilbarger Street. They have now turned the corner on to South Mill Street and will be coming up Mill Street to eventually bore under the railroad. We have a scheduled date of February 2nd for boring the railroad. BNSF requires us and the construction company to hire their specified inspection company to be on site during the boring process. Hopefully we will be finished with this CDBG grant project by the end of February.

The sewer line that you approved at the last meeting progress has begun. The surveyors from Hayter Engineering were here this week surveying the route of the line between Ussery and South Mill Street. From day one, which started last week, to completion of the project is scheduled to be 329 days.

CITY MANAGER REPORT (continued)

We have started on the Lamb Street drainage area improvements. We took some of the culverts out from under Lamb Street and they were packed with debris so that storm water could barely get through. Some of the area downstream has been cleaned out of broken concrete so that the area is less dangerous to children playing in the area. They have also started cleaning up the creek area in the park.

On Thursday and Friday of last week we had to repair a leak in the raw water line coming from the lake. It had been leaking for some time and the area was saturated creating a mud fest. The line leak was repaired on Saturday by welders from out of town. We had to shut down the raw water pumps at the lake while the line was repaired. Kudos to our water guys who worked late on Thursday until dark and then went back on Friday and Saturday. It was a mess that we will have to let dry out before we can clean the area up.

Consent Agenda Items: Approval of Minutes –January 11, 2021 Regular Meeting; Resolution 2021-01- Authorizing City Manager to write off uncollected utility accounts over 15 months delinquent and Resolution 2021-02- Authorizing City Manager to write off uncollected library overdue fines over 15 months delinquent.

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

Consider approving second half of Infrastructure Fund money (\$50,000) to remove culvert and repair Lamb Street to Nelson Street and:

a. Clearing of culvert and drainage in Kiwanis Park area

b. Start retention pond construction.

Councilor Higgins moved, with a second from Councilor Bates, to approve \$58,900 of Infrastructure Fund money. Motion carried with Councilors Bates, Bell, Gunter, Hefley, Higgins, and Love voting Aye.

Appoint Library Board members:

a. Kelsey Beach

b. Bennie Pickett.

Councilor Higgins moved, with a second from Councilor Gunter to approve Kelsey Beach to the Library Board. Motion carried with Councilors Bates, Bell, Gunter, Hefley, Higgins, and Love voting Aye.

Councilor Bell moved, with a second from Councilor Bates to approve Bennie Pickett to the Library Board. Motion carried with Councilors Bates, Bell, Gunter, Hefley, Higgins, and Love voting Aye.

Re-appointment to the Planning & Zoning Board:

a. Bill Calabretta

b. Justin Hoffman

Councilor Love moved, with a second from Councilor Gunter to approve Bill Calabretta to the Planning & Zoning Board. Motion carried with Councilors Bates, Bell, Gunter, Hefley, Higgins, and Love voting Aye.

Councilor Love moved, with a second from Councilor Hefley to approve Justin Hoffman to the Planning & Zoning Board. Motion carried with Councilors Bates, Bell, Gunter, Hefley, Higgins, and Love voting Aye.

Re-appointment to the Board of Adjustment & Appeals:

a. Alan Leek

b. Jack Boydston

c. Don Smith

Councilor Higgins moved, with a second from Councilor Bates, to approve Alan Leek to the Board of Adjustment & Appeals. Motion carried with Councilors Bates, Bell, Gunter, Hefley, Higgins, and Love voting Aye.

Councilor Gunter moved, with a second from Councilor Hefley, to approve Don Smith to the Board of Adjustment & Appeals. Motion carried with Councilors Bates, Bell, Gunter, Hefley, Higgins, and Love voting Aye.

It was discovered that Jack Boydston has moved so he is not eligible to re-appoint.

Consider recommendation from P&Z on request from Kenson Vance DBA Dynamic Duo to replat 1.279 acres of Block 10, HCSL survey, Abstract 319. Creating Lots 1,2,3, and 4, Block 1, Dynamic Duo Addition.

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

Approve lease agreement between City of Bowie and Bowie Senior Citizens.

Councilor Higgins moved, with a second from Councilor Bell, to approve the lease with the Bowie Senior Citizens. Motion carried with Councilors Bates, Bell, Gunter, Hefley, Higgins, and Love voting Aye.


Resolution 2021-03- A resolution authorizing continued participation with the Atmos Cities Steering Committee; and authorizing the payment of five cents per capita to the Atmos Cities Steering committee to fund regulatory and related activities related to Atmos Energy Corporation.

Councilor Higgins moved, with a second from Councilor Love, to approve Resolution 2021-03. Motion carried with Councilors Bates, Bell, Gunter, Hefley, Higgins, and Love voting Aye.

Mayor Burris adjourned the regular meeting at 6:38 p.m.

ATTEST:


Sandy Page, City Secretary


Gaylynn Burris, Mayor