

STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF MONTAGUE
CITY OF BOWIE

On this the 28th 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

Dr. Arn Anderson ask Council to slow the expansion of non-profit pet care programs into the city at the expense of our local vet clinics.

Dr. Mike Ward, Dr. Pam Barlow, Jim Gilbow, and Dillion Steen also commented on the non-profit program.

Rick Parmer spoke on the dog problems the city is experiencing and suggested the fines go from \$50.00 to \$500.00.

Christy Grant spoke on privacy issues concerning a councilor that took pictures of her husband's city truck in their driveway.

Wayne Erikson, Ken Rhoades, Jack Webster, Bill Miller, Trey Malone, Dewayne Hamilton, Rick Parmer, Diana Higgins and Jerry Cantwell all spoke on the pros and cons of the golf course.

Announcements

None

Departmental Reports

None

Consent Agenda Items: Approval of Minutes –January 14, 2019 Regular Meeting; Resolution 2019-01- Authorizing City Manager to write off uncollected utility accounts over 15 months delinquent; Resolution 2019-02- Authorizing City Manager to write off uncollected library overdue fines over 15 months delinquent.

Councilor Malone 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.

Taking the information learned from the last meeting on January 22, the city developed a list of projects that would be grant worthy.

1. City wide drainage from Hwy. 59 to Patterson Street.
2. New transformer for the electric substation.
3. Shore up the back side of Old Bowie Lake dam.
4. Cell phone application to broadcast National Weather Service Center storm warnings.
5. Safe rooms for Bowie ISD.
6. Rewire electric lines.
7. Community Safe Room for City of Bowie citizens.
8. Irrigation sprinkler system at the W/WW plant in case of wildfire.
9. Mowing buffer zones around Bowie to protect the city from wildfires.
10. Upgrade Police and Fire radios to digital.

Consider recommendation from Planning and Zoning on request from EDC to replat Lot C1, being a 2.21-acre tract in the Bowie Business Park. Creating Lot 1, Block 1, Bowie Business Park.

Councilor Kent moved, with a second from Councilor Bishop, to approve the recommendation from the Planning and Zoning. Motion carried with Councilors Bell, Bishop, Buckmaster, Kent, Love, and Malone voting Aye.

Consider recommendation from Planning and Zoning on request from Tom Smith to replat a 1.00-acres, part of Lots 2 & 4 and all of Lots 3 & 5, Block. 10, Lindsay Addition. Creating Lot 2R, 3R, 4R, 5R, & 6R, Block 10, Lindsay Addition.

Councilor Kent moved, with a second from Councilor Bishop, to table this item. Motion carried with Councilors Bell, Bishop, Buckmaster, Kent, Love, and Malone voting Aye.

Request from Dr. Arn Anderson on addressing the acceleration of non-profits over Small Business as related to veterinary medicine and public health.

Dr. Anderson ask the city to slow the expansion of non-profit pet care programs into the city at the expense of our local vet clinics. Anderson said they are feeling the effect of non-profit vet groups who initially came in to serve a low-income demographic, but have since expanded to include vaccines, pet care with no income limits. If they come in, they will kill rural practices. Anderson has asked the city to develop an ordinance to prevent this situation. City Attorney Jennings said this was a new topic for her and she would look into it. She was not sure it would require an ordinance, maybe just a resolution.

Councilor Malone moved, with a second from Councilor Bishop, to instruct the City Attorney to further explore writing an ordinance or our other options. Motion carried six with Councilors Bell, Bishop, Buckmaster, Kent, Love, and Malone voting Aye.

Hotel/Motel year-end report.

There was an increase of funds over last year from \$85,000 to \$111,463.50 with expenses at \$49,215.84. The total HOT funds ending was \$169,051.31. These funds are used to promote the city through advertising, billboards, maps and other related activities and are based upon state laws.

Councilor Malone moved, with a second from Councilor Bell, to accept the Hotel/Motel year-end report. Motion carried six with Councilors Bell, Bishop, Buckmaster, Kent, Love, and Malone voting Aye.

Award bid for exterior painting of new finance building at 303 N. Mason Street.

Councilor Bell moved, with a second from Councilor Love, to accept the bid of \$4,800.00 from T.P. Construction. Motion carried with Councilors Bell, Bishop, Buckmaster, Kent, Love, and Malone voting Aye.

Consider quotes from construction of awning at City Hall.

Councilor Love moved, with a second from Councilor Bell, to accept the quote of \$13,080.00 from WB Jones Construction for the awning at City Hall. Motion carried six with Councilors Bell, Bishop, Buckmaster, Kent, Love, and Malone voting Aye.

Consider amending Personnel Policy to add Veterans Day as an official holiday.

Councilor Buckmaster moved, with a second from Councilor Bishop, to table and consider dropping one other holiday. Motion carried with Councilors Bell, Love, and Malone voting Nay. Councilors Bishop, Buckmaster, and Kent voted Aye. Mayor Burriss broke the tie by voting Nay.

Councilor Love moved, with a second from Councilor Malone, to recognize and add Veterans Day as an official holiday. Motion carried with Councilors Bell, Love, and Malone voting Aye. Councilors Bishop, Buckmaster, and Kent voted Nay. Mayor Burriss broke the tie by voting Aye.

Councilor Buckmaster moved, with a second from Councilor Bishop, to add to the next agenda consideration of revising of holiday's for employees by removing one of them. Motion carried with Councilors Bell, Love, and Malone voting Nay. Councilors Bishop, Buckmaster, and Kent voted Aye. Mayor Burriss broke the tie by voting Nay.

Publicizing City Council meetings.

This item will be discussed later. The City Manager will be watching a webinar about broadcasting on our website on February 6 and he will get back with council about what he learns. Cunningham likes this option as it allows the city to retain complete control of its recordings.

Mayor Burriss closed the regular meeting at 7:49 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.072-Deliberations about real property.

1. Consider the purchase, exchange, lease, or value of real property for Twisted Oaks Golf Course.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.074-Personnel Matters.

1. Consider Internal Control Violations.

Mayor Burris moved into executive session at 7:54 p.m.

The internal control violations were not discussed as it was posted improperly.

Mayor Burris closed executive session at 8:55 p.m.

ACTION FOLLOWING EXECUTIVE SESSION: Pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.072-Deliberations about real property.

1. The purchase, exchange, lease, or value of real property for Twisted Oaks Golf Course.

Mayor Burris convened into Open Session at 8:56 p.m.

Councilor Kent moved, with a second from Councilor Malone, to table this item for further funding investigation. Motion carried with Councilors Bell, Bishop, Buckmaster, Kent, Love, and Malone voting Aye.

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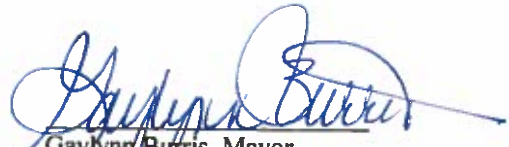
Attorney Jennings said this is not an actionable item, it would be more of a workshop item.

Councilor Buckmaster moved, with a second from Councilor Malone, to move the discussion of internal control violations to a workshop. Motion carried with Councilors Bell, Bishop, Buckmaster, Kent, Love, and Malone voting Aye.

Mayor Burris adjourned the meeting at 9:06 p.m.

ATTEST:


Sandy Page, City Secretary


Gaylynn Burris, Mayor