

Workshop and Regular City Council Meeting
February 14, 2022

STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF MONTAGUE
CITY OF BOWIE

The workshop scheduled for 5:15 was cancelled due to lack of a quorum.

On this the 14th day of February, 2022, the council convened in a regular meeting open to the public as advertised with five Councilors present. Councilor Love was absent.

Presiding: Mayor Burris
Councilors: Bates, Gunter, Hefley, Post and Shaw
City Secretary Page
City Manager Cunningham

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

Invocation

Invocation was given by Pastor John Little.

Items of Community Interest

March 26th will be the 19th Annual Jim Bowie Car Show.
February 28th will be the next council meeting.

Proclamation – Texas Treasure Business Award to Bowie News.

Bowie News was presented a proclamation for being awarded the Texas Treasure Business Award. Owner/Publisher Michael Winter and Editor Barbara Green accepted the award. It honors businesses that have operated and contributed to their community for more than 50 years. The Bowie News is celebrating its 100th anniversary this year.

City Manager Report

Cunningham had a final conference call with FEMA and TDEM this past week. Supposedly, we have finished all of the details on the February Freeze event. Evidently, the funds are transferred from FEMA to TDEM and then to us. We might be audited by TDEM so we have to keep the records for 3 years from the date that TDEM sends the money to us. We should be getting \$32 thousand and change.

We have been working with Dick Bundy, the architect, and the Police Department on the design of the police station remodel. The architect was having trouble with the holding cells and the problem of the step-down floor in that area. The figured out that it will be less expensive to build 2 concrete tile holding cells instead of taking out and then replacing the bars that make up the cells now. The police personnel have looked at the design and they are now pleased with it. Hopefully in the near future we will have the plans and we can start the bid process.

We continue to have sewer problems all over town and as before, most of it is in areas that will be replaced. One good thing is that we are going to have to put in a 6" water line on Willis Street on the south side where it will serve 6 homes that are being built.

We had no major problems during the cold weather, week before last. A few homes suffered frozen water lines where we had to turn off water but nothing major.

Our Water Loss Report has been put together. Last year we had losses over 63 million gallons, which was enough that the Texas Water Development Board took notice of it when we were going through the loan process for the sewer line replacement program. We have dropped that amount down to 21 million gallons which is a drop of 42 million gallons or a 66% drop in losses. We can credit the guys at the water plant and the field crews for water line replacements that we have done over the last year and a half.

Consent Agenda Items: Approval of Minutes –January 10, 2022 Regular Meeting; February 7, 2022 Special Meeting; and Financial Statement ending December, 2021.

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

Accept annual Racial Profiling Report by Police Chief Guy Green.

Councilor Gunter moved, with a second from Councilor Bates, to approve the annual Racial Profiling Report. Motion carried with Councilors Bates, Gunter, Hefley, Post, and Shaw voting Aye.

Re-appoint to the Board of Adjustment and Appeals:

a. Jimmy Ashley

b. Gary Shields

c. Darren Gill

d. Janell Rodgers

Councilor Gunter moved, with a second from Councilor Hefley, to approve Jimmy Ashley to the Board of Adjustment and Appeals. Motion carried with Councilors Bates, Gunter, Hefley, Post, and Shaw voting Aye.

Councilor Shaw moved, with a second from Councilor Post, to approve Gary Shields to the Board of Adjustment and Appeals. Motion carried with Councilors Bates, Gunter, Hefley, Post, and Shaw voting Aye.

Councilor Bates moved, with a second from Councilor Hefley, to approve Darren Gill to the Board of Adjustment and Appeals. Motion carried with Councilors Bates, Gunter, Hefley, and Post voting Aye. Councilor Shaw abstained.

Councilor Post moved, with a second from Councilor Hefley, to approve Janell Rodgers to the Board of Adjustment and Appeals. Motion carried with Councilors Bates, Gunter, Hefley, Post, and Shaw voting Aye.

Appointment to the Community Development Board:

a. Donna Ballew

Councilor Hefley moved, with a second from Councilor Shaw, to approve Donna Ballew to the Community Development Board. Motion carried with Councilors Bates, Gunter, Hefley, Post, and Shaw voting Aye.

Resolution 2022-09- 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 Gunter moved, with a second from Councilor Bates, to approve Resolution 2022-09. Motion carried with Councilors Bates, Gunter, Hefley, Post, and Shaw voting Aye.

Consider recommendation from P&Z on request from Kenson Vance, DBA Dynamic Duo to replat Lots 2-5, Block 1, Ingram's Addition. Creating Lots 2R-1 thru 2R-5, Block 1, Ingram's Addition.

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

Presentation on city infrastructure/drainage by Public Works Director.

Stony Lowrance gave a slide show of the pressing drainage problems and gave an estimated cost.

Hwy 59 and Lindsey needs concrete bottom with concrete slopes on both sides.

Cooper Street needs to remove existing concrete and rock drain box and install new concrete box, headwalls, concrete footings, bottoms and slopes at entrance and exits where needed.

Small to Mill needs to construct concrete retaining wall around corner of creek bed towards Mill Street, remove current retaining wall at Mill Street. Construct retaining wall at entrance to Mill crossing, remove existing box and install new concrete box, headwalls, concrete footings, bottoms and slopes where needed. Nelson Street will remove 3 tin horns crossing Nelson, remove 200 ft of tin horns that run from Mill Street intersection drop box to crossing at Nelson. Install larger drop box at Mill Street intersection and replace tin horn. Install new concrete boxes at crossing at Nelson with headwalls, concrete footings, bottoms and slopes where needed.

Pillar and Rock Streets need to remove 3 tin horns that cross intersection, align ditch line across and install headwalls, concrete boxes with concrete footings, bottoms, and slopes where needed.

Green Street needs to remove and replace 200 ft. of clay drainpipe from Wichita down Green Street to crossover.

Wilbarger Street at crossing by Green needs to remove and replace two tin horns and install concrete headwalls, footings, and bottoms at entrance and exit.

We have many other areas of drainage that will need attention soon. Drain at Nelson and Whaley.

Drainage ditch from Nelson to Patterson needs concrete valley.

Drain at Riley, Hutchinson, Tarrant to Elba.

Presentation on city infrastructure/drainage by Public Works Director (continued).

Estimated cost to repair all issues would be based on engineering final design. Just guessing Lowrance said he would estimate between 3 to 4.5 million. City Manager Cunningham said he is looking at a Federal Emergency Management Agency program that offers a 75/25 grant, but he is hesitant because the city's share of a \$5 million grant would be \$1,250,000. Cunningham said he would continue exploring it and all other options.

Request to use infrastructure funds to lay water line on Willis Street.

Councilor Shaw moved, with a second from Councilor Gunter, to approve the request for use of infrastructure funds to lay water line on Willis Street. Motion carried with Councilors Bates, Gunter, Hefley, Post, and Shaw voting Aye.

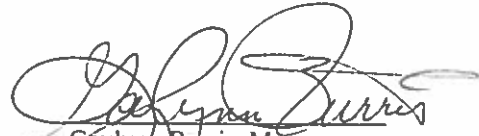
Public Comments

None

Mayor Burris adjourned the regular meeting at 6:48 p.m.

ATTEST:


Sandy Page, City Secretary


Gaylynn Burris, Mayor