

Regular City Council Meeting
May 13, 2019

STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF MONTAGUE
CITY OF BOWIE

On this the 13th day of May, 2019, the council convened in a regular meeting open to the public as advertised with five Councilors present. Councilor Kent was absent.

Presiding: Mayor Burris
Councilors: Bell, Bishop, Buckmaster, 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

John Elias spoke on the grass ordinance and said although the intention may be good, it is a solution in search of a problem. He suggests the city do an education campaign to inform the citizens on what is appropriate and legal in this area.

Announcements

The city now has our new camera system in place. We are 99% finished and should go live in 4-6 weeks.

Proclamation

Mayor Burris presented Bowie EMS with a proclamation for Emergency Medical Services Week which will be May 17-23.

Public Hearing:

Request from EDC to rezone a portion of the Bowie Business Park 123.09 acres, Blks. 14, 35 & 36 Hill County School Land Survey A-319, from Industrial Heavy I-2 to Commercial and Industrial Light I-1.

Mayor Burris opened the public hearing at 6:13 p.m.
There were no comments or questions from the public.
Mayor Burris closed the public hearing at 6:16 p.m.

Consent Agenda Items: Approval of Minutes –April 22, 2019 Regular Meeting; Resolution 2019-11- Authorizing City Manager to write off uncollected utility accounts over 15 months delinquent; Resolution 2019-12- Authorizing City Manager to write off uncollected library overdue fines over 15 months delinquent.

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

Quarterly Financial Statement ending March, 2019.

Councilor Buckmaster questioned how Finance Director Carrie Moore moved \$250,000 from a budget line item called bond payment to one now called renovations without council approval. After much discussion, Mayor Burris said a budget amendment would be prepared and brought back to council.

Councilor Malone moved, with a second from Councilor Bell, to approve the quarterly financial statement ending March 2019 as presented. Motion carried with Councilors Bell, Love, and Malone voting Aye. Councilors Bishop and Buckmaster voted Nay.

Nortex-Mitigation Plan Project Update.

Jack County will be the next meeting on May 21st.

Second reading of Ordinance 2019-04-An ordinance amending the Code of Ordinances by adding a new subsection to Section 7.201 of Article 7.200 to provide for regulating the disposal of grass clippings and debris on the City of Bowie streets, alleys and rights-of-way; repealing any conflicting clause; providing a severability clause and providing an effective date.

Councilor Bell moved, with a second from Councilor Love, to approve Ordinance 2019-04. Motion carried with Councilors Bell, Love, and Malone voting Aye. Councilor Bishop and Buckmaster voted Nay.

Presentation from Enterprise on Fleet Management.

Jennifer Bertram explained a program by which the city would use market value financing to replace its fleet vehicles in a timelier manner, along with reducing maintenance and fuel costs. She projects a savings of \$133,285 across 10 years.

Consider request from Councilor Buckmaster to change Utility Bill due dates.

Councilor Buckmaster moved, with a second from Councilor Bishop, to change the utility bill due dates from the 1st and 15th to the 5th and 20th. Motion carried with Bell, Bishop, Buckmaster, and Love voting Aye. Councilor Malone voted Nay.

Consider recommendation from P&Z on request from EDC to rezone a portion of the Bowie Business Park 123.09 acres, Blks 14, 35 & 36 Hill County School Land Survey A-319, from Industrial Heavy I-2 to Commercial and Industrial Light I-1.

Councilor Malone moved, with a second from Councilor Bell, to approve the recommendation from P&Z on the rezone. Motion carried with Councilors Bell, Bishop, Buckmaster, Love, and Malone voting Aye.

Ordinance 2019-05-An ordinance of the City of Bowie, Texas, adopting a Water Conservation & Drought Contingency Plan; establishing data, information, and policy for water conservation programs; criteria for the initiation and termination of drought response stages; establishing restrictions on certain water uses; establishing penalties for the violation of and provisions for enforcement of these restrictions; establishing procedures for granting variances; and providing severability and an effective date.

Councilor Bell moved, with a second from Councilor Buckmaster, to approve Ordinance 2019-05. Motion carried with Councilors Bell, Bishop, Buckmaster, Love, and Malone voting Aye.

Consider approving the City of Bowie Fire Department-Charity Care Policy.

Chief Doug Page said this is required to continue being part of the Ambulance Supplement Payment program, which pays the city a portion of any shortfall in Medicaid or Medicare reimbursement. Councilor Love moved, with a second from Councilor Buckmaster, to approve the Charity Care Policy. Motion carried with Councilors Bell, Bishop, Buckmaster, Love, and Malone voting Aye.

Appointment to the 4B Sales Tax Board:

1. Blake Enlow

Councilor Bell moved, with a second from Councilor Love, to approve the appointment of Blake Enlow to the 4B Sales Tax Board. Motion carried with Councilors Bell, Bishop, Buckmaster, Love, and Malone voting Aye.

Mayor Burris called to go into Executive Session at 7:57 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Texas Government Code Section 551.072-Deliberation about real property.

1. Consider the purchase, exchange, lease, or value of real property for 514 N. Mason Street.

Mayor Burris closed Executive Session at 8:17 p.m.

Mayor Burris convened into Open Session at 8:18 p.m.


ACTION FOLLOWING EXECUTIVE SESSION: Texas Government Code Section 551.072-Deliberation about real property.

1. Consider the purchase, exchange, lease, or value of real property for 514 N. Mason Street.

Councilor Malone moved, with a second from Councilor Bell, to direct staff to consider conveying property to the Bowie Economic Development Corporation. Motion carried with Councilors Bell, Bishop, Buckmaster, Love, and Malone voting Aye.

Mayor Burris adjourned the meeting at 8:19 p.m.

ATTEST:


Sandy Page, City Secretary


Gaylna Burris, Mayor