

Regular City Council Meeting
October 23, 2023

STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF MONTAGUE
CITY OF BOWIE

On this the 23rd day of October, 2023, the council convened in a regular meeting open to the public as advertised with all Councilors present.

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

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

Invocation

Invocation was given by Fire Chief Doug Page.

Items of Community Interest

Trick or Treat will be this Saturday.

Keith Maddox Golf Memorial benefiting Montague County 4H had a great turnout.

Shred A Thon will be from 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. at Wellington Bank on the 28th.

Public Hearing:

Request from Bowie EDC to rezone approximately 9.55 acres located at Hwy. 287 and Hwy. 59 South from Commercial to Light Industrial for a proposed development that requires a Light Industrial Zoning for truck traffic.

Mayor Burris opened the Public Hearing at 6:02 p.m.

There were no questions or comments.

Mayor Burris closed the Public Hearing at 6:03 p.m.

City Manager Report

Pam and I had a Due Diligence call with the CO bonding attorney this past week. They sent us a list of questions before the call, and we were able to answer their questions and send them back before the call. The call went very well without any comment from the bonding agent. If you would like to see a copy of the questions and our answers, please let Pam know and she will make you a copy. This is the last step we will need to take other than your vote on issuing the Certificates of Obligation later in the meeting.

I attended the TxDOT project scoring meeting and continued to urge them to classify the Mill Street (FM 1125) railroad bridge as a high-priority project. Other projects around Bowie that are on the list include a north loop around Bowie that will ease the downtown truck traffic and the widening of Wise Street between Washington Street and Lamb Street to a normal 12-foot lane width on the outside or northernmost lane.

I also attended a Solid Waste Grant meeting, and we worked on the scoring criteria for the next round of the TCEQ Solid Waste Grant Program. If you remember, we were able to buy a dump trailer with the grant money which did not require a grant match. The next application for another grant will be after the first of the year. If any of you have ideas for a solid waste grant project, please let me know. A City of Bowie Clean Up Day might be our next project where we get grant money for roll-off dumpsters for citizens to use on a clean-up day.

I will be out of the office on Wednesday and Thursday this week attending a Public Funds Investment school in Wichita Falls at the Nortex building. This is a required training for anyone in government who is responsible for the management of public funds.

Other than these items our crews are working on their normal day-to-day operations.

We did have an electric outage on Saturday. A regulator on #2 transformer had an issue, but was fixed quickly.

Consent Agenda Items: Approval of Minutes –October 9, 2023 Regular Meeting; Resolution 2023-38 Authorizing City Manager to write off uncollected utility account receivables over 15 months delinquent; and Resolution 2023-39- Authorizing City Manager to write off uncollected library overdue fines over 15 months delinquent.

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

Second reading of Ordinance 2023-06-An ordinance amending the adopted municipal budget for fiscal year 2022/2023 for specified funds, account and line-item designations; declaring all other appropriations of the budget document unchanged; instructing the city manager to make necessary revisions to the city's accounting records; declaring a severability clause; and providing for an effective date.

Councilor Bates moved, with a second from Councilor Post, to approve the second reading of Ordinance 2023-06. Motion carried with Councilors Bates, Gunter, Love, Post, Shaw and Sproles voting Aye.

Second reading of Ordinance 2023-07- An ordinance authorizing and ordering the issuance of City of Bowie, Texas Certificates of Obligation, Series 2023; prescribing the terms and form thereof; providing for the payment of the principal thereof and interest thereon; awarding the sale thereof; and making other provisions regarding such certificates, including use of the proceeds thereof; and matters incident thereto.

Councilor Gunter moved, with a second from Councilor Post, to approve the second reading of Ordinance 2023-07. Motion carried with Councilors Bates, Gunter, Love, Post, Shaw and Sproles voting Aye.

Consider expenditure recommendation from Bowie 4B Sales Tax Corporation for Park Enhancement Project #20230920PB.

Janis Crawley gave the presentation explaining this is for a Pickleball Court Facility. The plan consists of enhancing an existing structure located on the southeast corner of the Second Monday parking lot. Additional projects also include a 25'x 25' pavilion in front of the concession stand at the baseball park, and enlarging the parking at the Bowie Knife location.

Councilor Sproles moved, with a second from Councilor Bates, to approve the expenditure of around \$150,000 for the Park enhancements. Motion carried with Councilors Bates, Gunter, Love, Post, Shaw and Sproles voting Aye.

Ordinance 2023-08- An ordinance of the City Council of the City of Bowie, Texas, amending Chapter 10 "Traffic Control" by amending Section 10.407 "Variable Speed Limits Established"; changing time to 6:45 a.m.- 4:40 p.m.; repealing any conflicting clause; providing for a severability clause; and establishing an effective date.

Councilor Shaw moved, with a second from Councilor Sproles, to approve Ordinance 2023-08. Motion carried with Councilors Bates, Gunter, Love, Post, Shaw and Sproles voting Aye.

Resolution 2023-37 -Resolution casting the City of Bowie, Texas allocation of votes for the Montague County Appraisal Board candidates.

Councilor Post moved, with a second from Councilor Shaw, to cast the city's votes for Bret Meekins and Randy West. Motion carried with Councilors Bates, Gunter, Love, Post, Shaw and Sproles voting Aye.

Approve 2023 Tax Roll.

Councilor Gunter moved, with a second from Councilor Post, to approve the 2023 Tax Roll. Motion carried with Councilors Bates, Gunter, Love, Post, Shaw and Sproles voting Aye.

Consider Planning & Zoning recommendation to rezone approximately 9.55 acres located at Hwy. 287 and Hwy. 59S. from Commercial to Light Industrial for a proposed development that requires a Light Industrial Zoning for truck traffic.

Councilor Gunter moved, with a second from Councilor Shaw, to approve the rezone. Motion carried with Councilors Bates, Gunter, Post, Shaw and Sproles voting Aye. Councilor Love abstained.

Consider proposals for auditing services:

a. Edgin, Parkman, Fleming & Fleming, PC

b. Mathis, West, & Huffines Group

Councilor Love moved, with a second from Councilor Sproles, to accept Edgin, Parkman, Fleming & Fleming for auditing services. Motion carried with Councilors Bates, Love and Sproles voting Aye.

Councilors Gunter, Shaw and Post voting Nay. Mayor Burris broke the tie by voting Nay.

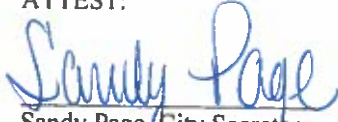
Councilor Gunter moved, with a second from Councilor Shaw to accept Mathis, West, & Huffines for auditing services. Motion carried with Councilors Bates, Gunter, Shaw and Post voting Aye. Councilors Love and Sproles voted Nay.

Public Comments

Brandon Walker asked if we know what is going out on the 9.55 acres that was rezoned. The mayor responded that she could not answer that question. A few people answered with "Allsup's".

Mayor Burris adjourned the regular meeting at 6:40 p.m.

ATTEST:


Sandy Page, City Secretary


Gaylynn Burris, Mayor