

Regular City Council Meeting
September 12, 2022

STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF MONTAGUE
CITY OF BOWIE

On this the 12th day of September, 2022, the council convened in a regular meeting open to the public as advertised with four Councilors present. Councilors Bates and Post were absent.

Presiding: Mayor Burris
Councilors: Gunter, Hefley, Love, and Shaw
City Secretary Page
City Manager Cunningham
City Attorney Che Rotramble

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

Bowie Rural Fire Department Fish Fry and Concert will be September 24th.

Chicken and Bread Days is October 1st.

Chamber will hold a golf tournament September 24th.

City Manager Report

The Nelson Street flood damage has made the culvers under the street hazardous at best and dangerous at worse. The culverts are rusted out and, in our view, could collapse under a heavy load. Also, the drop box at the intersection of Mill and Nelson is collapsing because the bottom of those metal culverts is rusting out. The culverts under Nelson Street need to be replaced with concrete culverts and the drop box culverts need to be replaced before we can let traffic continue to use the street. Hayter Engineering has given a plan design to two construction companies to get an estimate of the cost of the project. Right now, they are estimating in the vicinity of \$2 million. I am also asking Hayter to design the Mill Street bridge over the creek to be rebuilt as an alternate and another drop box at Houston Street to be replaced also as an alternate. I have asked Hayter to go ahead and design the project and as soon as we have a design, we will bid the project. As you are probably aware, we are required to have at least a 30% reserve of funds and we do not want to go below that amount. Obviously, before we do anything other than the engineering of the project, I will come to council for permission to use the funds.

I had a visit last week from two gentlemen with Arrington Outdoor Advertising. They have purchased the contract on the billboard on Hwy. 59 next to Wellington State Bank which sits on property that the city owns. They want an extended time contract so that they will not have to do a new contract every year. I gave them a new sample contract extended the term to 10 years with an increase in the rental rate plus an annual rate adjustment clause. I have not heard from them but when I do, I will bring the new contract to you for review and acceptance.

Even though the recent rains have been wonderful, they have put everyone including Clyde Johnson and his crew behind on mowing. They are mowing as fast as they can and we ask everyone to have patience on getting the city property mowed.

Since the restrictions on face-to-face meetings have been lifted, I plan on going to a two-day grant writing training on the 19th and 20th of this month. Hopefully I will bring back some knowledge on how to write winning grant applications.

Pamela Woods will be doing an explanation of Budget Amendments for this budget year later in the agenda. Please be aware that even though the amendments are increases in budgeted spending, I want you to realize that with the increased spending there is also increased revenue that is greater than the spending increases.

Consent Agenda Items: Approval of Minutes –August 22, 2022 Regular Meeting.

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

Second reading of Ordinance 2022-05 – An ordinance adopting an annual budget for the City of Bowie for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2022 and ending September 30, 2023. Adopting a referenced document as said budget and establishing appropriations for the various activities and functions of the city, establishing an effective date and repealing all ordinances and regulations in conflict herewith.

Councilor Love moved, with a second from Councilor Gunter, to approve Ordinance 2022-05. Motion carried with Councilors Gunter, Hefley, Love, and Shaw voting Aye.

Ordinance 2022-06- An ordinance levying an annual ad valorem tax rate for the City of Bowie, Texas for the tax year 2022.

Councilor Gunter moved, with a second from Councilor Love, to approve Ordinance 2022-06. Motion carried with Councilors Gunter, Hefley, Love, and Shaw voting Aye.

Ordinance 2022-07- An ordinance of the City Council of the City of Bowie, Texas declaring unopposed candidates in the November 8, 2022 General Election, elected to office; canceling the election; providing a severability clause; and providing an effective date.

Councilor Shaw moved, with a second from Councilor Love, to approve Ordinance 2022-07. Motion carried with Councilors Gunter, Hefley, Love, and Shaw voting Aye.

Consider Parks Board recommendation on the purchase of banquet chairs.

Parks Board is recommending to buy 150 banquet style chairs at \$8,559.00.

Councilor Love moved, with a second from Councilor Hefley, to approve the purchase of the banquet chairs. Motion carried with Councilors Gunter, Hefley, Love, and Shaw voting Aye.

Resolution 2022-27 – A resolution approving submission of the grant application for the Bowie Police Department Shield Grant.

Councilor Shaw moved, with a second from Councilor Gunter, to approve resolution 2022-27. Motion carried with Councilors Gunter, Hefley, Love, and Shaw voting Aye.

Ordinance 2022-08- An ordinance amending the adopted municipal budget for fiscal year 2021/2022 for specified funds, account and line-item designation; 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 Hefley moved, with a second from Councilor Shaw, to approve Ordinance 2022-08. Motion carried with Councilors Gunter, Hefley, Love, and Shaw voting Aye.

Public Comments

No public comments.

Mayor Burris called to go into Executive Session at 6:38 p.m.

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

1. Discuss employment, evaluation and duties of City Manager.

Mayor Burris closed Executive Session at 6:47 p.m.

Mayor Burris convened into Open Session at 6:48 p.m.


ACTION FOLLOWING EXECUTIVE SESSION: Texas Government Code Section 551.074-Personnel Matters.


1. Employment, evaluation and duties of City Manager.

Councilor Love moved, with a second from Councilor Hefley, to amend the City Manager's contract by removing the dollar amount on Section 5 and leave wording as "base salary payable". This removes the need to come to council every year when the salary changes. Motion carried with Councilors Gunter, Hefley, Love, and Shaw voting Aye.

Mayor Burris adjourned the regular meeting at 6:49 p.m.

ATTEST:


Sandy Page, City Secretary


Gaylynn Burris, Mayor