

PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING
AUGUST 9TH · 2012 MINUTES

STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF MONTAGUE
CITY OF BOWIE

On this 9th day of August, the Planning and Zoning Commission convened in a special meeting open to the public as advertised with these members present.

Members: Jean Angove, Ruth Cordell, Coy White, Jason Swaim and
Chairperson, Margin Latham presiding.

Staff: City Manager-James Cantwell
City Secretary-Mitzi Wallace
City Manager Secretary-Sandy Page
Fire Chief-Doug Page
Economic Development Coordinator-Janis Crawley
Water Distribution Superintendent-Joe Lyon
Code Enforcement Officer-David Rainey
Code Enforcement Assistant-Debra Fain

Guests: Mayor-Pat Polk

Chairperson Margin Latham called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no Public Comments.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

July 26, 2012 minutes were approved as submitted.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Review and discuss Annexation Plan.

Chairperson Latham began the discussion concerning Annexation plan by making it clear that this is important for the growth of the City of Bowie and ask for input from the audience about Annexation. The Commission heard from Code Enforcement Officer/Building Official David Rainey about some of the procedures and requirements for beginning Annexation. He also discussed the possible areas being Highway 59 North and US Hwy 287 corridor for Annexation and why these areas would be beneficial to the City of Bowie. The Commission also heard from Water Superintendent Joe Lyon on what utilities and services are already available on Hwy 59 North and US Highway 287. The Commission also heard from Fire Chief Doug Page. He expressed his support that the City of Bowie had to start expanding their tax base and felt that Hwy 59 North was the way to start this process. The Commission heard from Mayor Pat Polk and she agreed with these suggestions and that the City of Bowie must move forward with the Annexation plan. The Commission also heard from Economic Development Coordinator Janis Crawley. She expressed strongly that Annexation is important and previous studies from a Retail Coach suggested the areas along US Hwy 287 corridor. The Commission also heard from City Manager James Cantwell. He agreed that the City of Bowie should move forward. He advised that utilities and services would be expensive for Annexation, but some areas that already have some services and utilities would be less expensive and it would be a good idea to start in these areas first. Jason Swaim and Ruth Cordell agreed that we should utilize these areas with existing services and utilities. After hearing all the ideas and suggestions, Coy White made a motion for Planning and Zoning Commission to proceed to continue with the Annexation process, Ruth Cordell seconded the motion with all voting aye. The motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS: None

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ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the August 9th meeting adjourned at 6:38 p.m.

MARGIN LATHAM, CHAIRPERSON
ATTEST:

DEBRA FAIN, SECRETARY