

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2010

CALL MEETING TO ORDER:

The Regular Meeting of the Bowie City Council was held on Monday, November 1, 2010, in the Council Chambers at City Hall. Mayor Robinson called the meeting to order at 8:00 p.m.

QUORUM:

In attendance were Mayor Robinson, Councilmembers Brady, Marcos, Polangin, Truth, Turner and Valentino-Smith; City Manager Deutsch, Asst. City Manager Fitzwater, City Attorney Robert Levan, City Clerk Fleming, Members of the Staff, the Press and the Public.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG:

The Council led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION:

Mr. Mike Morrison, 12705 Kernwood Lane, spoke about code enforcement issues with regard to rental properties.

PRESENTATIONS:

A. Teacher of the Month Recognition – Dr. Dawn Brodus-Yougha, Chairman of the Education Committee, announced the Teachers of the Month for September and October. She said the committee wanted to recognize the BBT Bank for providing a \$100 U.S. Savings Bond and Mainstreet Catering for providing a lunch for the teacher and principal. Dr. Brodus-Yougha announced that Judy Goldberg-Strassler is the Teacher of the Month for September; she is a guidance counselor at Yorktown Elementary School. Councilmember Brady presented the savings bond and a Certificate of Recognition to Ms. Goldberg-Strassler and congratulated her on behalf of the entire Council.

Dr. Brodus-Yougha then announced that Maria Smith, a Kindergarten teacher at Whitehall Elementary School, is the Teacher of the Month for October. Mayor Pro Tem Marcos presented the savings bond and a Certificate of Recognition and congratulated Ms. Smith on behalf of the entire Council.

B. Recognizing Native American Heritage Month – Mr. Babatunde Alegbeleye, member of the Diversity Committee, spoke about the first Americans who have woven rich and diverse traits into the tapestry of our Nation's heritage. He said that as we celebrate this month the many accomplishments, contributions and sacrifices are recognized and we pay tribute to their participation in all aspects of our American society.

SWEARING-IN CEREMONY:

A. Chief Katherine Perez introduced new City of Bowie Police Officers Daniel Bowman and Gregory Curry. Mayor Robinson swore the new officers into office in accordance with City Charter Section 92A.

B. Chief Perez announced that she will be resigning effective November 26, to pursue an opportunity provided by the Federal Reserve Board Police in Washington, D.C. She said she will not be moving out of the City and then thanked the Council, City Manager and her staff for their faith in her leadership.

C. Mayor Robinson said on behalf of the Council and staff that Chief Perez has provided an incredible 4-year term; the City had a vision and with the Chief's leadership and hard work a new police department was born. He wished Chief Perez all the best as she moves on to a new phase in her life.

COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Mayor Robinson that Election Day is November 2 and encouraged all registered voters to go to the polls to vote if they had not already done so during the early voting process.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:

City Manager David Deutsch reported on the following items: 1) Leaf collection is underway; the schedule is printed in the latest City newsletter, the Bowie Spotlight, as well as on the City's website; the program will continue through early December. 2) Staff is continuing to work with the State to obtain permits for speed cameras on Routes 450 and 197 and SHA is close to issuing permits to install cameras by the end of the year. 3) Staff is also continuing to work to obtain approval for installation of cameras on County roads; Council sent a letter to the County Executive with a proposal for installation on the County roads within the City limits; have not been able to obtain a response, but with the change in administration staff is hoping to receive a response. 4) The State of the School System address is scheduled for November 16th at 6:30 p.m. at the Center for the Performing Arts.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Mayor Pro Tem Marcos moved approval of the following items: A. Approval of Minutes of October 18, 2010 Council Meeting; B. Approval of Proclamation P-17-10, Observing Veterans' Day, November 11, 2010; C. Approval of Resolution R-74-10, Accepting Bid Proposal for Woodmore Estates Phase III Paving; and D. Approval of Resolution R-75-10, Accepting Bid for the Hauling and Disposal of Water Treatment Sludge. Councilmember Brady seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

GOOD OF THE ORDER:

Mayor Robinson thanked Boy Scouts from Troop 1249 who were present to work on their government badges.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Pro Tem Marcos moved to adjourn the meeting. Councilmember Brady seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 9:42 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

November 1, 2010

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Pamela A. Fleming, MMC
City Clerk