



City of Bowie

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REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2020

CALL MEETING TO ORDER:

The Regular Meeting of the Bowie City Council was held on Tuesday, February 18, 2020 in the Council Chambers at City Hall. Mayor Adams called the meeting to order at 8:04 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG:

Mayor Adams led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

QUORUM:

In attendance were Mayor Adams, Councilmembers Boafo, Esteve, Gardner, Harrison and Woolfley, City Manager Lott, Assistant City Manager Mears, City Attorney Levan, City Clerk Hernandez, Staff, and the Public.

PRESENTATIONS:

- A. Mayor Adams read a proclamation to Ms. Esther Teitelbaum a Bowie resident celebrating her 100th Birthday.
- B. Swearing-in of New Bowie Police Officers - Mayor Adams swore in three new police officers to the Bowie Police Department, Police Officer Aaron Topp, Police Officer Michael Voglezon and Police Officer Mazi Brickous.

COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Councilmember Harrison said that the City received a \$6,000 State grant for the 2020 Census Outreach in the City and reiterated the importance of everyone filling out the census.

Mayor Adams thanked all the students that participated in Martin Luther King Jr. Art Contest.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:

City Manager Lott reported that staff is finalizing the preparation the FY 2021 budget.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Mayor Pro Tem Boafo moved the approval of Consent Agenda Items: A) Approval of December 2 Meeting Minutes; B) Approval of December 18 Special Meeting Minutes; C) Approval of Resolution R-18-20 Accepting Bid for the Renovation of a Four (4) Bay Garage Located at the Public Works Department. Councilmember Woolfley seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.

OLD BUSINESS:

A. Approval of Resolution R-13-20 Approving a Third Modification to the Bowie Racquet and Fitness Club Lease – Assistant City Manager Mears summarized the staff report. City Council had requested in January to make part of the lease terms a provision providing discounted senior memberships to City residents. After staff discussed with management at Sport Fit, the lessee will annually provide 100 memberships at 50% off to residents of the City who are also members of the Bowie Senior Center. The discounted memberships will not be available to current or previous members of Sport Fit.

Mayor Pro Tem Boafo made a motion to approve Resolution R-13-20. Councilmember Woolfley seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Mid-Year Budget Report - City Manager Lott highlighted some of the objectives completed in this year's budget. Some of them include options for future management of the Bowie Golf Course, improving the City's current employee recognition program, the November 2019 City elections, expand training and video production opportunities for public access producers, renegotiate Comcast and Verizon cable franchise agreements, the district listening sessions, retail retention, and Bowie IcePlex construction.

Finance Director Matthews presented the Fiscal Year 2020 budget numbers as of December 31, 2019 to Council. Revenues are at about \$38.5M and expenses are at about \$26M. Net position of about \$12.5M.

Mayor Adams thanked Mr. Lott, Mr. Matthews and staff for their report and look forward to working on the FY 2021 budget.

B. Police Department Update - Chief Nesky briefed Council on the departments outreach efforts, staffing and crime trends. Staffing is currently at 65 officers with two officers in the academy. Theft from autos have increased, department is working on a new campaign "Lock it or Lose it" to remind residents to remove valuables from their vehicles and to lock their car doors at night. Total calls for service handled year to date 36,287, most numbers have lowered from 2018. Crime & Citation Statistics increase has mostly been on theft reports and moving violations, remainder are on a lower pace than the 2018 numbers.

Councilmember Gardner asked if the moving violations are mostly Bowie residents or not. Chief Nesky does not have the numbers but could look into it.

Councilmember Woolfley asked if the contract for the speed cameras in place yet. Chief Nesky replied that it is making the rounds for signatures. Councilmember Woolfley then asked if we have started to look at new locations for placements of these cameras. Chief Nesky replied that they have already done an audit of locations and should be placing them as soon as possible.

Mayor Adams thanked the Police Chief for his updates.

C. Approval of Resolution R-19-20 Supporting the Efforts of the People Organized to Promote and Support Arts and Entertainment in Old Town Bowie in Their Efforts to Organize and Operate an Arts and Heritage Event.


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Mayor Pro Tem Boafo made a motion to approve Resolution R-19-20. Councilmember Esteve seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0-1. Councilmember Woolfley abstained from voting, his wife is on the committee.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Pro Tem Boafo moved to adjourn the Regular City Council meeting. Councilmember Gardner seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0. The meeting adjourned at 9:16 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Awilda Hernandez". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned to the right of the typed name.

Awilda Hernandez, MMC
City Clerk