

STATE OF TEXAS :
COUNTY OF HOWARD :
CITY OF BIG SPRING :

The City Council of the City of Big Spring, Texas, met in a regular meeting in the Municipal Auditorium located at 310 E. 3rd St., Big Spring, Texas, at 5:30 p.m., January 14, 2020, with the following members present:

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| SHANNON THOMASON | Mayor |
| CAMILLA STRANDE | Mayor Pro Tem |
| RAUL MARQUEZ | Councilmember |
| DOUG HARTMAN | Councilmember |
| GLORIA MCDONALD | Councilmember |
| JIM DEPAUW | Councilmember |

(Councilmember McDaniel was not present at this meeting.)

Same and constituting a quorum; and

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| TODD DARDEN | City Manager |
| JOHN MEDINA | Assistant City Manager |
| MARIANNE BANKS | City Attorney |
| SHANE BOWLES | Public Works Director |
| CRAIG FERGUSON | Fire Chief |
| CHAD WILLIAMS | Police Chief |
| JIM LITTLE | Airpark Director |
| TIM GREEN | Municipal Court Judge |
| HAYLEY HERRERA | Community Services Director |

INVOCATION & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Pastor Michael Smith, Mount Bethal Baptist Church, gave the invocation and Mayor Thomason led the Pledge of Allegiance to the American and Texas Flags.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mayor Thomason presented a proclamation to Pastor Michael Smith proclaiming January 20, 2020 as Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PUBLIC HEARINGS

No announcements or public hearings at this time.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

Todd Darden, City Manager, announced several board openings that need to be filled and that city offices will be closed on Monday, January 20, 2020 for Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

Mr. Darden also updated the Council on the following projects:

- Large Item Pickup
- Street Lights
- City of Big Spring-Public Information Facebook Page
- Big Sandy Draw Landfill, Phase 1

CONSENT ITEMS

APPROVAL OF THE CITY COUNCIL MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF DECEMBER 10, 2019 AND SPECIAL MEETING OF JANUARY 7, 2020

FINAL READING OF AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION REFUNDING BONDS, SERIES 2020; ESTABLISHING SALE PARAMETERS; PROVIDING FOR THE SECURITY FOR AND PAYMENT OF SAID BONDS; AND ENACTING OTHER PROVISIONS RELATING TO THE SUBJECT AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OR MAYOR PRO TEM TO EXECUTE ANY NECESSARY DOCUMENTS

FINAL READING OF AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING Z19-05, AMENDING THE ZONING ORDINANCE BY REZONING LOT 1, BLOCK 2 OF THE NORTH PARK ADDITION, LOCATED AT 919 OHIO STREET, FROM HEAVY INDUSTRIAL (HI) TO GENERAL RESIDENTIAL (GR); PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

FINAL READING OF AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NUMBER 035-2019 WHICH ADOPTED THE ANNUAL BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2019 AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2020 INCREASING THE CABLE FRANCHISE PEG FUND FOR THE PURPOSE OF UPDATING THE COUNCIL AUDIO AND VISUAL EQUIPMENT

APPROVAL OF THE BIG SPRING McMAHON-WRINKLE AIRPORT AND INDUSTRIAL PARK DEVELOPMENT BOARD MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR MEETINGS OF APRIL 11, 2019 AND MAY 16, 2019

APPROVAL OF THE TRAFFIC COMMISSION MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR MEETINGS OF NOVEMBER 14, 2019

Motion was made by Councilmember Hartman to approve the above captioned minutes and ordinances, seconded by Councilmember McDonald, with all members of the Council present voting "aye."

VOUCHER

Councilmember McDonald reviewed the following vouchers;

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| VOUCHERS FOR 12/12/19 | \$ | 896,242.58 |
| VOUCHERS FOR 12/19/19 | \$ | 1,180,185.60 |
| VOUCHERS FOR 01/02/2020 | \$ | 623,193.07 |
| VOUCHERS FOR 01/09/2020 | \$ | 552,408.77 |

Motion was made by Councilmember McDonald to approve the above captioned vouchers, seconded by Mayor Thomason, with all members of the Council present voting "aye."

BIDS

AWARD BID FOR (4) SQUAD UNITS AND UP-FITTINGS FOR THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Motion was made by Councilmember DePauw to award the above captioned bid for (4) squad units to Caldwell Country Chevrolet with a total amount of \$132,192.00 and for the up-fittings to Cap Fleet in the amount of \$71,708.00, seconded by Councilmember Marquez, with all members of the Council present voting "aye."

AWARD THE BID FOR BIG SPRING EMS FOR PURCHASE OF (2) TWO CPR AID DIVICES

Motion was made by Mayor Thomason to award the above captioned bid to Zoll, Inc. in the amount of \$28,440.00, seconded by Councilmember Hartman, with all members of the Council present voting "aye."

AWARD THE BID FOR THE RUSS McEWEN AQUATIC CENTER POOL AND MECHANICAL EQUIPMENT

Motion was made by Councilmember DePauw to award the above captioned bid to Sunbelt Pools in the amount of \$346,100.00, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Strande, with all members of the Council present voting "aye."

AWARD THE BID FOR SLUDGE REMOVAL AT ROY HESTER WATER TREATMENT PLANT

Motion was made by Councilmember McDonald to award the above captioned bid to P & H Senesac in the amount of \$300,928.68, seconded by Mayor Thomason, with all members of the Council present voting "aye."

NEW BUSINESS

TABLED - DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON SANCTUARY CITY FOR THE UNBORN REQUEST

Many citizens spoke in favor and against the possibility of making the City of Big Spring a sanctuary city for the unborn. Motion was made by Councilmember DePauw to take the above captioned request off the table, seconded by Mayor Thomason, with all members of the Council present voting "aye."

After a brief discussion over some amendments to the ordinance, a motion was by Mayor Thomason to amend a sentence under the definitions to add emergency contraception and to remove the list of organizations under the declarations, seconded by Councilmember DePauw, with Councilmembers Hartman, McDonald, Thomason and DePauw voting "aye." Councilmembers Marquez and Strande, being opposed, voting "nay" for passage of same. Motion passed four to two.

Motion was also made by Councilmember DePauw to remove criminal organizations under the declarations and add the word unlawful, seconded by Councilmember McDonald, with Councilmembers Hartman, McDonald, Thomason and DePauw voting "aye." Councilmembers Marquez and Strande, being opposed, voting "nay" for passage of same. Motion passed four to two.

Motion was made by Mayor Thomason to approve the ordinance on making the City of Big Spring a sanctuary city for the unborn with the above amendments, seconded by Councilmember DePauw, with Councilmembers McDonald, Thomason and DePauw voting "aye." Councilmembers Marquez and Strande, being opposed, voting "nay" for passage of same. Councilmember Hartman abstained. Motion passed three to two.

FIRST READING OF AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NUMBER 035-2019 WHICH ADOPTED THE ANNUAL BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2019 AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2020 BY INCREASING THE GENERAL FUND BUDGET BY ACCEPTING A DONATION TO BE USED FOR ADDITIONAL EQUIPMENT FOR THE FIRE DEPARTMENT; PROVIDING SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

Motion was made by Councilmember Hartman to approve the above captioned ordinance, seconded by Councilmember McDonald, with all members of the Council present voting "aye."

FIRST READING OF AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NUMBER 035-2019 WHICH ADOPTED THE ANNUAL BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2019 AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2020 BY INCREASING THE GENERAL FUND BUDGET BY ACCEPTING A SAFER GRANT TO BE USED FOR ADDITIONAL EXPENSES FOR TEN NEW FIREFIGHTERS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

Motion was made by Mayor Thomason to approve the above captioned ordinance, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Strande, with Councilmembers Marquez, Hartman, Thomason, McDonald and Strande voting “aye.” Councilmember DePauw, being opposed, voting “nay” for passage of same. Motion passed five to one.

CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION RATIFYING BIG SPRING ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATIONS RESOLUTION 2019-05, AUTHORIZING THE BIG SPRING ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION TO ENTER INTO A LOAN AGREEMENT UP TO \$6M WITH THE BBVA COMPASS FOR FUNDING OF THE RELIEVER ROUTE ACCESS ROADS AND AUTHORIZE THE BSEDC PRESIDENT OR HIS/HER DESIGNEE TO EXECUTE ALL NECESSARY DOCUMENTS

Motion was made by Councilmember DePauw to approve the above captioned ratification, seconded by Councilmember McDonald, with Councilmembers Marquez, McDonald, Strande and DePauw voting “aye.” Councilmember Hartman and Thomason, being opposed, voting “nay” for passage of same. Motion passed four to two.

APPROVAL OF THE BIG SPRING ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION BOARD OF DIRECTOR’S MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF NOVEMBER 19, 2019

Motion was made by Councilmember DePauw to approve the above captioned minutes, seconded by Councilmember McDonald, with all members of the Council present voting “aye.”

QUARTERLY UPDATE – BIG SPRING ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

Terry Wegman, Executive Director, reported to the Council a quarterly update on some ongoing projects.

COUNCIL INPUT

Mayor Thomason announced that the Council has been reviewing applications for a City Attorney and made a decision to hire Judge Andrew Hagen from Uvalde, TX and will begin working in February, 2020. Mayor Thomason also encouraged citizens to participate in the 2020 Census. The Mayor also reminded everyone to spay or neuter your pets.

Councilmember Hartman encouraged citizens to take advantage of the large item pick ups.

Mayor Pro Tem Strande thanked the staff for keeping things under budget the best they can.

Councilmember DePauw thanked the staff for implementing the large item pick ups.

ADJOURN

Mayor Thomason adjourned the meeting at 9:04 p.m.



Shannon D. Thomason, Mayor

ATTEST:



Tami L. Davis, Assistant City Secretary