

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 City Council Chambers located at 307 E. 4th St., Big Spring, Texas, at 5:30 p.m., February 11, 2020, with the following members present:

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

Same and constituting a quorum; and

TODD DARDEN	City Manager
ANDREW HAGEN	City Attorney
JOHN MEDINA	Assistant City Manager
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 Carlos Torres, Disabled American Veterans, gave the invocation and Mayor Thomason led the Pledge of Allegiance to the American and Texas Flags.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No comments at this time.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PUBLIC HEARINGS

PUBLIC HEARING – TAX ABATEMENT GUIDELINES

Motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Strande to open the above captioned public hearing, seconded by Councilmember McDonald, with all members of the Council voting “aye”. No comments were made. Motion was made by Councilmember Hartman to close the above captioned public hearing, seconded by Councilmember McDaniel, with all members of the Council voting “aye”.

PUBLIC HEARING – ZONE CHANGE (Z20-02) FROM LIGHT COMMERCIAL (LC) TO SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL (SF-3) ON .42 ACRE COMBINED, BEING LOTS 3-5, BLOCK 39, BAUER ADDITION LOCATED APPROXIMATELY 70' NE OF THE INTERSECTION OF NW 11TH STREET AND N. BELL STREET

Motion was made by Councilmember McDonald to open the above captioned public hearing, seconded by Councilmember McDaniel, with all members of the Council voting “aye”. No comments were made. Motion was made by Councilmember McDaniel to close the above captioned public hearing, seconded by Councilmember Hartman, with all members of the Council voting “aye”.

CITY MANAGER’S REPORT

Todd Darden, City Manager, welcomed Andrew Hagen as the new City Attorney and announced several board openings that need to be filled. Mr. Darden also reminded everyone that the City Council Chambers will be closed for some remodeling and that February 17, 2020 is a City Holiday and offices will be closed.

CONSENT ITEMS

APPROVAL OF THE CITY COUNCIL MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF JANUARY 28, 2020

FINAL READING OF AN ORDINANCE CALLING FOR A GENERAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON MAY 2, 2020 FOR THE PURPOSE OF ELECTING A CITY COUNCIL MEMBER FOR DISTRICT ONE AND CITY COUNCIL MEMBER FOR DISTRICT THREE; PROVIDING FOR THE CONDUCT OF THE ELECTION; AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE NOTICE AND HAVE THE NOTICE POSTED FOR THE PURPOSE OF NOTIFYING THE PUBLIC OF SAID ELECTION; AND PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY

FIRST READING OF A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND APPOINTING THE CITY MANAGER TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO THE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR, CRIMINAL JUSTICE DIVISION, FOR A GRANT TO SECURE FUNDING FOR NEGOTIATORS CRISIS RESPONSE THROW PHONE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

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

VOUCHERS

Councilmember DePauw reviewed the following vouchers;

VOUCHERS FOR 01/30/2020 \$ 1,124,538.20

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

BIDS

**AWARD THE BID FOR BIG SANDY DRAW LANDFILL PHASE 1, PACKAGE 3 –
PAVING AND AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE ANY NECESSARY
DOCUMENTS**

Motion was made by Councilmember DePauw to award the above captioned bid to D.E. Rice Construction Company, Inc. in the amount of \$2,237,988.04, seconded by Councilmember Hartman, with all members of the Council present voting "aye".

**APPROVAL TO RE-ADVERTISE AND RECEIVE BIDS TO SELL THE PORTABLE
BUILDING CURRENTLY LOCATED AT THE OLD IMPOUND LOT ON THE CORNER OF
SOUTH NOLAN AND WEST 5TH STREET**

Staff's recommendation was to reduce the reserve bid from \$14,000.00 to \$10,000.00. After a brief discussion, motion was made by Councilmember DePauw approving to accept bids with no reserve but the right to refuse the bids if the price is not reasonable, seconded by Councilmember McDaniel, with all members of the Council present voting "aye".

NEW BUSINESS

**PRESENTATION AND ACCEPTANCE OF THE BIG SPRING POLICE DEPARTMENT'S
ANNUAL CONTACT REPORT FOR 2019**

Chad Williams, Police Chief, presented the Big Spring Police Department's annual contact report for 2019. Motion was made by Councilmember DePauw to approve the above captioned report, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Strande, with all members of the Council present voting "aye."

**FIRST READING OF AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 6 OF THE BIG SPRING
CODE OF ORDINANCES ENTITLED "CEMETERY, PARKS, AND RECREATION,"
ARTICLE 7 "COMANCHE TRAIL GOLF COURSE" BY AMENDING FEES AND USE
GUIDELINES; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION;
AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE**

Motion was made by Mayor Thomason to amend the above captioned ordinance under Sec. 6-147 (F) entitled Tournaments by adding, “via a written appeal to the City Secretary” after the word City Council, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Strande, with all members of the Council present voting “aye.”

Motion was made by Councilmember McDonald to approve the above captioned ordinance as amended, seconded by Mayor Thomason, 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 THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2019 AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2020; TRANSFERRING FUNDS FROM THE SANITATION DEPARTMENT TO THE LANDFILL DEPARTMENT; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

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

FIRST READING OF A RESOLUTION REAUTHORIZING THE TAX ABATEMENT GUIDELINES AND CRITERIA AND AMENDING SAID GUIDELINES AND CRITERIA TO CONFORM TO THE NEW PROVISIONS OF HB 3143; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

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

FIRST READING OF AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ZONING ORDINANCE BY REZONING LOTS 3-5, BLOCK 39 BAUER ADDITION, FROM LIGHT COMMERCIAL (LC) TO SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL (SF-3); PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

After a brief discussion motion was made by Councilmember DePauw to approve the above captioned ordinance, seconded by Councilmember McDonald, with Councilmembers Hartman, Thomason, McDonald, Strande and DePauw voting “aye.” Councilmembers Marquez and McDaniel, being opposed, voting “nay” for passage of same. Motion passed five to two.

CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION OF A DONATION OF A SURPLUS GENERATOR TO HOWARD COLLEGE

Motion was made by Councilmember McDaniel to approve the above captioned donation, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Strande, with all members of the Council present voting “aye.”

CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION OF AN AGREEMENT WITH BAR-Z MOBILE ADVENTURE, INC. FOR MOBILE APP AND SOFTWARE SERVICE AND AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE ANY NECESSARY DOCUMENTS

Motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Strande to approve the above captioned agreement, seconded by Councilmember Marquez, with all members of the Council present voting "aye."

APPOINTMENT TO THE TRAFFIC COMMISSION FOR AN UNEXPIRED TERM 9-2021 FOR JODI DUCK RESIGNATION

Motion was made by Councilmember McDaniel to appoint Dana Rodriguez to the Traffic Commission filling the unexpired term 9-2021, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Strande, with all members of the Council present voting "aye."

COUNCIL INPUT

Several Councilmembers thanked Fire Chief Ferguson on updating them on the status of the injured Firefighter. They also welcomed Andrew Hagen as the new City Attorney and said "Goodbye" to Roxanne Johnson for her time as City Planner.

Mayor Thomason reminded citizens of the Large Item Pickup for District 2 on Wednesday, February 19 and for everyone to spay or neuter your pets. Mayor Thomason also announced that the Fire Department is offering a CPR class for employees on March 26th.

Councilmember Marquez and McDonald congratulated the Chamber of Commerce Man and Woman of the year at their annual banquet.

ADJOURN

Mayor Thomason adjourned the meeting at 6:55 p.m.



Shannon D. Thomason, Mayor

ATTEST:



Tami L. Davis, Assistant City Secretary