

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 25, 2020, with the following members present:

SHANNON THOMASON	Mayor
CAMILLA STRANDE	Mayor Pro Tem
DOUG HARTMAN	Councilmember
TERRY MCDANIEL	Councilmember
JIM DEPAUW	Councilmember

Same and constituting a quorum; and

TODD DARDEN	City Manager
ANDREW HAGEN	City Attorney
JOHN MEDINA	Assistant City Manager
DON MOORE	Finance Director/City Secretary
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

Father Serafin Avenido, Holy Trinity Catholic Parish, gave the invocation and Mayor Thomason led the Pledge of Allegiance to the American and Texas Flags.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Daniel Moreno invited the Council to a 45-Year Anniversary celebration at Scenic Mountain Medical Center on March 6, 2020 from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

A couple of citizens spoke about concerns of an oil rig going up in their neighborhood.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PUBLIC HEARINGS

RECOGNITION – DONATION OF EIGHT TREES FROM KEEP BIG SPRING BEAUTIFUL

Hayley Herrera, Community Services Director, recognized and thanked Keep Big Spring Beautiful for a donation of eight trees that will be placed throughout the City Park.

RECOGNITION – FEBRUARY EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH

Chad Williams, Police Chief, recognized Officer Matthew Benoit as February employee of the month.

PROCLAMATION – TEXAS INDEPENDENCE DAY

Mayor Thomason read a proclamation declaring March 2, 2020 as Texas Independence Day.

CITY MANAGER’S REPORT

Todd Darden, City Manager, announced several board openings still need to be filled. Mr. Darden also updated the Council on the following projects:

- Hiring an Interim Planner;
- Update on Streets; and
- Large Item Pickup.

CONSENT ITEMS

APPROVAL OF THE CITY COUNCIL MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF FEBRUARY 11, 2020 AND SPECIAL MEETING OF FEBRUARY 14, 2020

FINAL 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

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; TRANSFERRING FUNDS FROM THE SANITATION DEPARTMENT TO THE LANDFILL DEPARTMENT; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

FINAL 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

FINAL 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

**APPROVAL OF THE PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION MINUTES FOR THE
REGULAR MEETINGS OF DECEMBER 3, 2019 AND OF JANUARY 7, 2020**

Motion was made by Councilmember McDaniel to approve the above captioned minutes, ordinance and resolution, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Strande, with all members of the Council present voting "aye."

VOUCHERS

Councilmember Marquez was not present to review the following vouchers;

VOUCHERS FOR 02/13/2020	\$	2,670,111.23
VOUCHERS FOR 02/20/2020	\$	561,137.35

The above captioned vouchers will be scheduled on the next agenda to be reviewed.

NEW BUSINESS

FIRST READING OF A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BIG SPRING, TEXAS, ADOPTING THE SECURITY AWARENESS POLICY OF THE CITY OF BIG SPRING; AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER OR HIS DESIGNEE TO TAKE SUCH STEPS AS ARE NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT SAID POLICY; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

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

CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION OF AN AGREEMENT WITH EMERGICON FOR EMS BILLING

Motion was made by Mayor Thomason to approve the above captioned agreement authorizing the City Manager or his designee to execute any necessary documents, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Strande, with all members of the Council present voting "aye."

CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION OF A JOINT ELECTION AGREEMENT WITH BIG SPRING INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT FOR A GENERAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON MAY 2, 2020 AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OR HIS DESIGNEE TO EXECUTE ANY NECESSARY DOCUMENTS

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

APPROVAL OF THE CONVENTION AND VISITORS BUREAU COMMITTEE MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF JANUARY 8, 2020

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

CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO RATIFY AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE BIG SPRING ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION AND THE PACE GROUP, AN EXECUTIVE SEARCH FIRM, TO SEEK INDIVIDUALS FOR THE POSITION OF EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AND TO AMEND THE 2019-2020 BUDGET FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES FROM \$5,000 TO \$45,000 TO PROVIDE FUNDING OF THE SERVICES

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

APPROVAL OF THE BIG SPRING ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF JANUARY 21, 2020 AND FOR THE SPECIAL MEETING OF FEBRUARY 4, 2020

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

COUNCIL INPUT

Mayor Thomason asked the Police and Fire Chiefs to come up with an emergency plan in regards to the drilling rig located in a neighborhood. Mayor Thomason also announced that the local Lulac District will be hosting a seminar including Roberts Rule and reminded everyone of the CPR class on March 26th. Mayor Thomason reminded everyone to spay or neuter your pets.

Councilmember McDaniel thanked Police Chief and is very pleased with the Police Department.

Councilmember DePauw sympathizes with the citizens dealing with the drilling rig in their neighborhood and also announced that Keep Big Spring Beautiful will be starting the weekly trash pickups in March.

ADJOURN

Mayor Thomason adjourned the meeting at 6:37 p.m.


Shannon D. Thomason, Mayor

ATTEST:


Tami L. Davis, Assistant City Secretary