

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., March 24, 2020, with the following members present in person:

SHANNON THOMASON	Mayor
JIM DEPAUW	Councilmember

The following members present by telecommunication:

CAMILLA STRANDE	Mayor Pro Tem
RAUL MARQUEZ	Councilmember
DOUG HARTMAN	Councilmember
TERRY MCDANIEL	Councilmember
GLORIA MCDONALD	Councilmember

Same and constituting a quorum; and the following staff in person;

TODD DARDEN	City Manager
JOHN MEDINA	Assistant City Manager
CRAIG FERGUSON	Fire Chief

The following staff was present by telecommunication;

JIM LITTLE	Airpark Director
TIM GREEN	Municipal Court Judge
DON MOORE	Finance Director/City Secretary

INVOCATION & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Thomason gave the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the American and Texas Flags.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PUBLIC HEARINGS

Mayor Thomason announced an order for the Office of the Attorney General temporarily suspending certain Open Meetings Act (OMA) requirements due to COVID-19.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mayor Thomason gave the Citizens a few minutes to phone in with comments. No comments were made at this time.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

Todd Darden, City Manager, announced several board openings still need to be filled which includes; An Engineer or Architect for the Board of Adjustments & Appeals; An alternate for Zoning Board of Adjustments; Animal Control & Rescue Committee; Convention & Visitors Bureau Board; Parks Recreation Board; and the CRMWD Board.

Mr. Darden also reported that the City staff picked up 22 tons on the Large Item Pickup for District 3

CONSENT ITEMS

APPROVAL OF THE CITY COUNCIL MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF MARCH 10, 2020

FINAL READING OF AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BIG SPRING, TEXAS, AMENDING CHAPTER 5 OF THE BIG SPRING CODE OF ORDINANCES ENTITLED "FINANCE," ARTICLE 2 "HOTEL OCCUPANCY TAX," SECTION 7-7 "DEFINITIONS" BY AMENDING VARIOUS DEFINITIONS; AMENDING SECTION 7-8 "LEVYING OF TAX RATE – EXECPTIONS" IN ORDER TO EXPAND THE EXCEPTIONS AS PERMITTED BY STATE LAW; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDIING FOR PUBLICATION; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

Councilmember DePauw questioned why the Big Spring Economic Development Loan Resolution was not on this agenda for a second reading. Mayor Thomason responded that he removed the item because of some unresolved issues with the contract.

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

VOUCHERS

Councilmember McDaniel reviewed the following vouchers;

VOUCHERS FOR 03/12/2020	\$	1,993,547.33
VOUCHERS FOR 03/19/2020	\$	457,173.79

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

BIDS

AWARD THE BID FOR DELINQUENT ACCOUNT COLLECTIONS SERVICES – RFP 20-020

This item was removed from the agenda for further consideration.

NEW BUSINESS

CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION DECLARING A RESOLUTION OF A DECLARATION OF PUBLIC HEALTH DISASTER FOR THE CITY OF BIG SPRING, TEXAS AS AN EMERGENCY

Councilmember DePauw objected to the above captioned item as being considered an emergency.

FIRST READING OF A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BIG SPRING, TEXAS, RENEWING AND EXTENDING A DECLARATION OF PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY/DISASTER ISSUED BY THE MAYOR ON MARCH 18, 2020 IN RESPONSE TO THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC AND THE UNITED STATES' "15 DAYS TO SLOW THE SPREAD" CAMPAIGN; AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER, OR HIS DESGNEE, TO TAKE SUCH STEPS AS ARE NECESSARY TO SUPPORT THE DECLARATIONS THEREIN MADE; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE

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

CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION DECLARING A RESOLUTION AMENDING CHAPTER VIII OF THE CITY OF BIG SPRING PERSONNEL POLICIES AND PROCEDURES BY ADDING A NEW SECTION 11 ENTITLED "EMERGENCY/DISASTER EMPLOYEE AND WORKING CONDITIONS DESIGNATION; TELECOMMUNTING AND LEAVE; AND EXCEPTIONAL CONDITIONS PAID LEAVE AS AN EMERGENCY

Councilmember DePauw objected to the above captioned item as being considered an emergency.

FIRST READING OF A RESOLUTION AMENDING CHAPTER VIII OF THE CITY OF BG SPRING PERSONNEL POLICIES AND PROCEDURES BY ADDING A NEW SECTION 11 ENTITLED "EMERGENCY/DISASTER EMPLOYEE AND WORKING CONDITIONS DESIGNATION; TELECOMMUTING AND LEAVE; AND EXCEPTIONAL CONDITIONS PAID LEAVE"; AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO TAKE SUCH STEPS AS ARE NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT SUCH POLICIES AND PROCEDURES; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECITVE DATE

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

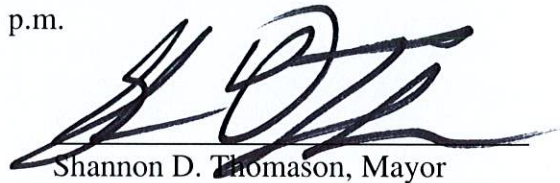
COUNCIL INPUT

Mayor Thomason reported that there is no confirmed cases for COVID-19 in Big Spring. Mayor Thomason also reminded everyone to spay or neuter your pets.

Councilmember DePauw announced that there will be a special meeting on Thursday, March 26.

ADJOURN

Mayor Thomason adjourned the meeting at 6:08 p.m.



Shannon D. Thomason, Mayor

ATTEST:



Tami L. Davis, Assistant City Secretary