

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 27, 2018, with the following members present:

LARRY McLELLAN	Mayor
RAUL MARQUEZ	Mayor Pro Tem
CARMEN HARBOUR	Councilmember
HOWARD STEWART	Councilmember
RAUL BENAVIDES	Councilmember
JIM DEPAUW	Councilmember

(Councilmember McDaniel was not present at this meeting.)

Same and constituting a quorum; and

TODD DARDEN	City Manager
JOHN MEDINA	Assistant City Manager/ Human Resource Director
MARIANNE BANKS	City Attorney
CRAIG FERGUSON	Fire Chief
CHAD WILLIAMS	Police Chief
JOHNNY WOMACK	Director of Public Works
TIM GREEN	Municipal Court Judge
DEBBIE WEGMAN	Community Services Director

INVOCATION & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Pastor Ken McMean, College Baptist Church, gave the invocation and Mayor McLellan led the Pledge of Allegiance to the American and Texas Flags.

DISPOSITION OF MINUTES

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF MARCH 13, 2018.

Motion was made by Councilmember Harbour, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Marquez, with all members of the Council present voting "aye" approving the above listed minutes.

CONSENT ITEMS

FINAL READING OF AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 18 OF THE BIG SPRING CODE OF ORDINANCES ENTITLED "TRAFFIC," BY AMENDING ARTICLE 5, SECTION 18-149 ENTITLED "SPECIFIC PARKING, STANDING, STOPPING AND STREET

CLOSING PROVISIONS” BY ADDING A NEW SUBSECTION (O) ENTITLED “TRUCK PARKING ON N. GOLIAD FROM NE 11TH TO NE 12TH PROHIBITED,” PRHIBITING TRUCK PARKING ON A PUBLIC ROADWAY OR NEAR AN INTERSECTION; AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ERECT APPROPRIATE SIGNS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

FINAL READING OF A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND APPOINTING THE CITY MANAGER TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO THE EDWARD BYRNE MEMORIAL JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT PROGRAM TO SECURE FUNDING FOR THE PURCHASE OF AN IDENTIFICATION CARD PRINTER AND SOFTWARE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

FINAL READING OF AN ORDINANCE RESTRICTING SEVERAL CONTRIBUTIONS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$232,245 RECEIVED FOR PHASE II OF THE HISTORIC SPRING PROJECT; AND RESTRICTING \$50,000 FOR THE PURPOSE OF ESTABLISHING AN ANNUAL CONCERT SERIES AT THE HISTORIC SPRING; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

FINAL READING OF AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 18 OF THE BIG SPRING CODE OF ORDINANCES ENTITLED “TRAFFIC” BY AMENDING ARTICLE 5, SECTION 1-149 ENTITLED “SPECIFIC PARKING, STANDING, STOPPING AND STREET CLOSING PROVISIONS,” BY REPEALING SUBSECTION (I) ENTITLED “PET LOADING AND UNLOADING ZONE” AND ENACTING A NEW SUBSECTION (I) ENTITLED “15 MINUTE PARKING 8 AM TO 5:30 PM”; AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER TO REMOVE AND ERECT SIGNS AS NECESSARY; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

FINAL READING AMENDING ORDINANCE NUMBER 034-2017, WHICH ADOPTED THE ANNUAL BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2017 AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2018 BY INCREASING THE GENERAL FUND BUDGET PURSUANT TO THE INCREASE IN SALARIES AND NUMBER OF DISPATCHERS AUTHORIZED IN THE SECOND AMENDMENT TO THE INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN HOWARD COUNTY AND THE CITY OF COMBINED DISPATCHING SERVICES; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

MAYOR PRO TEM MARQUEZ REVIEWED THE VOUCHERS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,886,130.51 (03/15/18) AND \$208,508.23 (03/22/18).

Motion was made by Councilmember Harbour, seconded by Councilmember Stewart, with all members of the Council present voting “aye” approving the second and final readings of the above captioned ordinances, resolution and vouchers.

BIDS

AWARD THE BID FOR 3-YARD TRASH CONTAINERS AND AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER OR HIS DESIGNEE TO EXECUTE ANY NECESSARY DOCUMENTS

Motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Marquez, seconded by Councilmember Harbour, with all members of the Council present voting “aye” awarding the above captioned bid to Roll-Offs USA in the amount of \$\$74,640.

AWARD THE BID FOR SEAL COAT

Motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Marquez, seconded by Councilmember Harbour, with all members of the Council present voting “aye” awarding the above captioned bid to Fuquay, Inc. in the amount of \$508,510.61.

NEW BUSINESS

DISCUSSION CONCERNING UPGRADES TO THE EARLY WARNING COMMUNICATION SYSTEM

Chad Williams, Police Chief, explained the city’s plan to upgrade its existing radio network to a digital platform which will be compatible with our current sirens.

DISCUSSION CONCERNING A REQUEST FROM A VOLUNTEER GROUP TO SOLICIT DONATIONS FOR A ROOF OVER THE AMPHITHEATER STAGE

Debbie Wegman, Community Services Director, and Barney Dodd with BAD Inc. explained that a nonprofit board is volunteering to raise money to provide improvements to the amphitheater stage at Comanche Trail Park to better accommodate entertainers and their equipment by adding a roof on the stage and expand the backstage area.

PERMISSION TO SEEK GRANTS FOR PARKS OR OTHER CITY FACILITY IMPROVEMENTS AND AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER OR HIS DESIGNEE TO EXECUTE ANY NECESSARY DOCUMENTS

Motion was made by Councilmember Benavides, seconded by Councilmember Harbour, with all members of the Council present voting “aye” approving the above captioned permission to seek grants.

FIRST READING OF AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NUMBER 034-2017 WHICH ADOPTED THE ANNUAL BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2017 AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2018 TO INCREASE THE MOTEL TAX FUND BUDGET FOR THE PURPOSE OF RE-ROOFING THE POTTON HOUSE; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

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

CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF A LETTER OF INTEREST TO THE TxDOT AVIATION DIVISION SOLICITING FUNDS FROM THE TxDOT AVIATION CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM FOR AIRPORT IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS

Motion was made by a Councilmember DePauw, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Marquez, with all members of the Council present voting “aye” approving the above captioned Letter of Interest.

CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF A FIFTH AMENDMENT TO A LEASE WITH MUNICIPAL CORRECTIONS FINANCE, L.P. AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE ANY NECESSARY DOCUMENTS

Motion was made by a Councilmember DePauw, seconded by Councilmember Harbour, with all members of the Council present voting “aye” approving the above captioned lease amendment.

CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF A PERFORMANCE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE BIG SPRING ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION AND THE CITY OF BIG SPRING FOR PHASE IV OF THE RAIL INFRASTRUCTURE EXPANSION PROJECT

Motion was made by a Councilmember Benavides, seconded by Councilmember DePauw, with all members of the Council present voting “aye” approving the above captioned agreement.

CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF A BIG SPRING ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION BUDGET AMENDMENT FOR PHASE IV OF THE RAIL INFRASTRUCTURE EXPANSION PROJECT

Motion was made by a Councilmember DePauw, seconded by Councilmember Harbour, with all members of the Council present voting “aye” approving the above captioned budget amendment.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BIG SPRING ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION HELD ON FEBRUARY 20, 2018 AND MARCH 7, 2018

Motion was made by a Councilmember DePauw, seconded by Councilmember Harbour, with all members of the Council present voting “aye” approving the above captioned minutes.

CITY MANAGER’S REPORT

Todd Darden, City Manager, announced that the city offices will be closed on Friday, March 30th in observance of Good Friday and also a new street sweeping position would be open soon.

COUNCIL INPUT

Mayor McLellan encouraged citizens to help keep their property clean.

Councilmember Harbour thanked Councilmember DePauw for his Toasty Tuesday cleanup efforts.

Councilmember DePauw announced that Toasty Tuesday trash pickup will begin at 6:30 and asked for prayers for Councilmember McDaniel.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

ADJOURN INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION IN ACCORDANCE WITH TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODES SECTION 551.071(1)(A) TO CONSULT WITH THE CITY ATTORNEY CONCERNING PENDING OR CONTEMPLATED LITIGATION; AND

ADJOURN INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION WITH CITY MANAGER, CITY ATTORNEY AND STAFF IN ACCORDANCE WITH TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 511.072 TO DELIBERATE THE PURCHASE, EXCHANGE, LEASE, OR VALUE OF REAL PROPERTY AT 6:20 P.M.

RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION AND TAKE ANY NECESSARY ACTION AT 7:40 P.M.

No action was taken on the first executive session.

Motion was made by Councilmember Benavides, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Marquez, with all members of the Council present voting "aye" to send letter of intent to other taxing entities to acquire property and waive taxes on 810 Goliad, 2.066 acres, Block 75, Original Town of Big Spring.

ADJOURN

Mayor McLellan adjourned the meeting at 7:42 p.m.



Larry McLellan, Mayor

ATTEST:



Tami L. Davis, Assistant City Secretary