

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., April 28, 2020, with the following members present in person:

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

The following members present by telecommunication:

DOUG HARTMAN	Councilmember
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Same and constituting a quorum; and the following staff in person;

TODD DARDEN	City Manager
JOHN MEDINA	Assistant City Manager
DON MOORE	Finance Director/City Secretary
CRAIG FERGUSON	Fire Chief

The following staff was present by telecommunication;

JIM LITTLE	Airpark Director
ANDREW HAGEN	City Attorney
HAYLEY HERRERA	Community Services Director

INVOCATION & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Pastor Michael Willard, Cornerstone Covenant Church, gave the invocation and Mayor Thomason led the Pledge of Allegiance to the American and Texas Flags.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comments were made at this time.

ANNOUNCEMENTS, PRESENTATIONS AND PUBLIC HEARINGS

PRESENTATION AND RECOGNITION OF TWO FIREFIGHTERS OF THE BIG SPRING FIRE DEPARTMENT RECEIVING A CLINICAL SAVE AWARD

Craig Ferguson, Fire Chief, presented a Clinical Save Award to Tye Newman and Matthew Reynolds.

PROCLAMATION DECLARING THE MONTH OF MAY, 2020 AS MOTORCYCLE SAFETY AND AWARENESS MONTH

Mayor Thomason read a proclamation declaring the month of May, 2020 as Motorcycle Safety and Awareness Month.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

Todd Darden, City Manager, reported that the Large Item Pickup for District 4 held on Wednesday, April 15, 2020 was very successful and picked up 35,000 lbs. of large items.

CONSENT ITEMS

APPROVAL OF THE CITY COUNCIL MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF APRIL 3, 2020 AND THE REGULAR MEETING OF APRIL 14, 2020.

FINAL READING OF A RESOLUTION AMENDING THE CITY OF BIG SPRING PERSONNEL POLICIES & PROCEDURES BY AMENDING CHAPTER VIII, SECTION 2 ENTITLED "VACATION," SUBSECTION D TO REMOVE REQUIREMENTS IN SELLING BACK OF ACCUMULATED VACATION LEAVE; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

FINAL READING OF A RESOLUTION RENAMING AND AMENDING THE CITY COUNCIL OF BIG SPRING CODE OF CONDUCT AND ETHICS IN ORDER TO UPDATE AND CLARIFY RULES RELATED TO COUNCIL CONDUCT AND ETHICS; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

FINAL READING OF AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 1 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES ENTITLED "ADMINISTRATION," ARTICLE 8, SECTIONS 1-170 THROUGH 1-177 IN ORDER TO CLARIFY COUNCIL PARLIAMENTARY STANDARDS OF CONDUCT, AGENDA PREPARATION AND REVIEW PROCEDURES, MEETING AND EXECUTIVE SESSION PROCEDURES, UPDATE STATE LAW REFERENCES; AND CLARIFY POSTING REQUIREMENTS TO IMPROVE TRANSPARENCY; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

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

VOUCHERS

Mayor Pro Tem Strande ask for the following vouchers be tabled until the next meeting.

VOUCHERS FOR 04/16/2020 \$ 624,359.52

VOUCHERS FOR 04/23/2020 \$ 995,816.80

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

NEW BUSINESS

FIRST READING OF AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 12 ENTITLED "MISCELLANEOUS," ARTICLE 1 "GENERAL PROVISIONS" BY REPEALING SECTION 12-11 "ONLINE PAYMENT CONVENIENCE FEE," AND BY AMENDING CHAPTER 16 ENTITLED "PUBLIC UTILITIES," ARTICLE 3 "UTILITY SERVICE CHARGES" BY REPEALING SECTION 16-71 "ONLINE PAYMENT CONVENIENCE FEE"; AND BY AMENDING CHAPTER 7 ENTITLED "FINANCE" BY ADDING A NEW ARTICLE 7 ENTITLED "MISCELLANEOUS," AND A NEW SECTION 17-25 ENTITLED "PAYMENT CARD FEES AND SERVICE CHARGES" TO AUTHORIZE DESIGNATED EMPLOYEES TO ACCEPT PAYMENT CARDS FOR PAYMENTS, TO REMOVE CARD REIMBURSEMENT FEES ASSOCIATED WITH PAYMENT CARD TRANSACTIONS MADE VIA THE INTERNET, ONLINE IVR (INTERACTIVE VOICE RESPONSE) OR A KIOSK LOCATION, AND TO ESTABLISH A SERVICE CHARGE FOR DISHONORED PAYMENT; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

Motion was made by Councilmember McDaniel 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 CHAPTER 8 OF THE BIG SPRING CODE OF ORDINANCES ENTITLED "EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT OF DISASTERS," SECTION 8-11 "VIOLATIONS" IN ORDER TO INCREASE THE MAXIMUM FINE TO \$500 FOR VIOLATION OF RULES OR REGULATIONS NOT GOVERNING FIRE SAFETY, PUBLIC HEALTH, OR SANITATION AND ESTABLISHING A MAXIMUM FINE OF \$2,000 FOR VIOLATION OF RULES OR REGULATIONS GOVERNING FIRE SAFETY, PUBLIC HEALTH, OR SANITATION; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

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

CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION OF AN AGREEMENT WITH BOTTLING GROUP, LLC (PEPSI COLA) FOR THE AQUATIC CENTER AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER OR HIS DESIGNEE TO EXECUTE ANY NECESSARY DOCUMENTS

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

CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION OF AN AMENDMENT NO. 2 TO THE TEMPORARY OPERATOR LABOR/OPERATOR OF RECORD SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH PSC WATER AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER OR HIS DESIGNEE TO EXECUTE ANY NECESSARY DOCUMENTS

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

CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION OF AN AMENDMENT TO A LEASE AGREEMENT WITH TANK SAFETY GAUGE, INC. AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER OR HIS DESIGNEE TO EXECUTE ANY NECESSARY DOCUMENTS

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

CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING THE PURCHASE OF A PUBLIC UTILITY EASEMENT FROM BIG SPRING LOTS, INC. FOR INSTALLATION OF A NEW SEWER LINE AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY ATTORNEY TO MODIFY THE FINAL DOCUMENT BEFORE EXECUTION, IF NEEDED

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

CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO PERMIT CITY EMPLOYEES EXPANDED ACCESS TO THEIR RETIREMENT SAVINGS AS AUTORIZED BY RECENTLY PASSED LEGISLATION, THE CARES ACT, AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER OR HIS DESIGNEE TO EXECUTE ANY NECESSARY DOCUMENTS, INCLUDING AGREEMENTS WITH THE VARIABLE ANNUITY LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY (VALIC) AND NATIONWIDE RETIREMENT SOLUTIONS

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

CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO ACCEPT A GIFT OF PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1505 E. 2ND STREET, EXCEPTING MINERAL RIGHTS, AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY ATTORNEY TO MODIFY THE FINAL DOCUMENTS BEFORE EXECUTION, IF NEEDED

Motion was made by Mayor Thomason to accept the above captioned property contingent upon a survey of the property, seconded by Councilmember McDonald, 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 MARCH 17,
2020

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

COUNCIL INPUT

All Councilmembers asked the citizens to remain vigilant as the COVID-19 restrictions are gradually being lifted.

Mayor Thomason announced that the City of Big Spring has less than 5 confirmed cases of COVID-19 and that allows the restaurants in our area to open up for business with a 50% occupancy. Mayor Thomason also announced that several surrounding cities made a request to the governor to allow for an August Election instead of waiting until November. Mayor Thomason also reminded everyone to spay or neuter your pets.

ADJOURN

Mayor Thomason adjourned the meeting at 6:35 p.m.


Shannon D. Thomason, Mayor

ATTEST:


Tami L. Davis, Assistant City Secretary