

STATE OF TEXAS :  
COUNTY OF HOWARD :  
CITY OF BIG SPRING :

The City Council of the City of Big Spring, Texas, met in a special meeting in the City Council Chambers located at 307 E. 4<sup>th</sup> St., Big Spring, Texas, at 5:30 p.m., June 2, 2020, with the following members present in person:

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 the following staff in person;

TODD DARDEN	City Manager
JOHN MEDINA	Assistant City Manager
DON MOORE	Finance Director/City Secretary
CHAD WILLIAMS	Police Chief
CRAIG FERGUSON	Fire Chief
SHANE BOWLES	Public Works Director
JIM LITTLE	Airpark Director
ANDREW HAGEN	City Attorney

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

One citizen called in with concerns about the noise of the train horns coming thru town all hours of the night.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS, PRESENTATIONS AND PUBLIC HEARINGS**

No Announcements, presentations or public hearings at this time.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **PRESENTATION ON PROPERTY TAX COLLECTION ENFORCEMENT**

Danny Barrett, Director with Perdue, Brandon, Fielder, Collins & Mott LLP, gave a presentation on several ways to collect delinquent property taxes.

## DISCUSSION WITH COUNCIL REGARDING PROPOSED FISCAL YEAR 2020-21

Mr. Darden, City Manager, explained to the Council that the City Staff is currently working on the budget for the fiscal year 2020-21 and would like to hear from the Council what they would like to see for this budget. The Council expressed the following wishes:

- Clean up the City (Tear down old and burnt structures, Main Street Medians and Improvements to Moss Lake, Etc.)
- Would like to see a Dog Park for the public
- Keep Infrastructure going (Streets, Water Lines, etc.)
- Increase Code Enforcement
- More Communication thru Telecommunication, Zoom, Etc.
- Bring Back Ambulance Transfers

THAT THE BIG SPRING CITY COUNCIL DIRECT THE CITY ATTORNEY TO TAKE LEGAL ACTION TO SEEK A COURT ORDER SETTING A SPECIAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON AUGUST 22, 2020 (OR AT THE EARLIEST POSSIBLE DATE) FOR THE PURPOSE OF ELECTING CITY COUNCILMEMBERS TO REPRESENT CITY DISTRICT 1 AND CITY DISTRICT 3

Motion was made by Mayor Thomason to approve the above captioned order, seconded by Councilmember Hartman. After a brief discussion over the importance of setting a special election date before the recommended date of November 3, 2020 and possibly include the other entities in the above captioned order Mayor Thomason withdrew his motion in order to speak with the other entities and bring this motion back on the next agenda on June 9, 2020.

### COUNCIL INPUT

All Councilmembers expressed their support in cleaning up the City.

Mayor Thomason gave an update on the COVID-19 cases and thanked the VA Hospital in assisting with the nursing home tests. Mayor Thomason also reminded everyone to spay or neuter your pets.

**ADJOURN**

Mayor Thomason adjourned the meeting at 7:25 p.m.



Shannon D. Thomason, Mayor

ATTEST:



Tami L. Davis, Assistant City Secretary