

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., June 09, 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
SHANE BOWLES	Public Works Director
CRAIG FERGUSON	Fire Chief
CHAD WILLIAMS	Police Chief
JIM LITTLE	Airpark Director
ANDREW HAGEN	City Attorney

Staff members present by telecommunication:

HAYLEY HERRERA	Community Services Director
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INVOCATION & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Pro Tem Strande 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

A COMMUNITY DISCUSSION REGARDING THE GEORGE FLOYD INCIDENT IN MINNEAPOLIS, MN AND WHAT STEPS THE CITY OF BIG SPRING CAN TAKE TO BE MORE RESPONSIVE, OPEN AND ACCOUNTABLE TO ITS CITIZENS OF COLOR

Many citizens spoke about concerns of the Black Lives Matter protest and about the painting on the Benton Street Bridge "You Can't Defeat Love." Mayor Thomason recognized and addressed each requests the citizens had concerning the police department. Mayor Thomason also apologized to anyone that he might have offended regarding the many protests.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

Todd Darden, City Manager, also apologized to the citizens for any decision he made that might have offended anyone and thanked everyone for coming and voicing their concerns to the Council. Mr. Darden also reminded the Council of several boards that need to be filled, large item pickup for District 6 is scheduled for June 17, 2020 and that the Russ McEwen Aquatic Center will open to the public on June 16, 2020.

CONSENT ITEMS

APPROVAL OF THE CITY COUNCIL MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF MAY 26, 2020 AND OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF JUNE 3, 2020.

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

VOUCHERS

Councilmember Hartman reviewed the following vouchers.

VOUCHERS FOR 05/29/2020	\$	207,839.69
VOUCHERS FOR 06/04/2020	\$	958,549.23

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

NEW BUSINESS

THAT THE BIG SPRING CITY COUNCIL DIRECT THE CITY ATTORNEY TO TAKE IMMEDIATE 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 COUNCIL MEMBERS TO REPRESENT CITY DISTRICT 1 AND CITY DISTRICT 3

Motion was made by Mayor Thomason to approve the above captioned order, there was no second. Motion fails due to a lack of a second.

FIRST READING OF AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NUMBER 035-2019 WHICH ADOPTED THE ANNUAL BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF BIG SPRING, TEXAS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2019 AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2020 BY INCREASING THE GENERAL FUND BUDGET BY ACCEPTING THE CORONA

VIRUS RELIEF FUND FOR THE STATE OF TEXAS CARES ACT DISTRIBUTION TO BE USED FOR COVID-19 PUBLIC HEALTH EXPENSES; 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 DePauw, with all members of the Council present voting "aye."

FIRST READING OF AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 6 ENTITLED "CEMETERY, PARKS AND RECREATION," ARTICLE 4, SECTION 6-76 AND 6-77 IN ORDER TO REQUIRE THAT ALL MEMBERS OF THE BOARD BE CITIZENS OF BIG SPRING; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

Motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Strande to approve the above captioned ordinance, seconded by Councilmember McDonald with Councilmembers Marquez, Hartman, McDaniel, Thomason, McDonald and Strande voting "aye." Councilmember DePauw, being opposed, voting "nay" for passage of same. Motion passed six to one.

FIRST READING OF A RESOLUTION REAFFIRMING ITS POLICIES REGARDING POLICE PROCEDURES; ISSUING AN OFFICIAL STATEMENT; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

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

FIRST READING OF A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND APPOINTING THE CITY MANAGER TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO THE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR, CRIMINAL JUSTICE DIVISION TO SOLICIT FUNDING FROM THE CORONA VIRUS EMERGENCY SUPPLEMENTAL FUNDING (CESF) PROGRAM FOR PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT (PPE) AND SUPPLIES FOR USE BY THE BIG SPRING POLICE DEPARTMENT, HOWARD COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE AND DETENTION CENTER, AND EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES (EMS) TO PREVENT, PREPARE FOR, AND RESPOND TO THE CORONA VIRUS; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

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

CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION OF A SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH TEXAS COMMUNITIES GROUP, LLC FOR SERVICES INCLUDING IDENTIFICATION, EVALUATION, AND ACTION ON DILAPIDATED STRUCTURES AND PROPERTY FORECLOSURES WITHIN THE CITY 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 Marquez, with all members of the Council present voting "aye."

APPOINTMENTS TO THE CRMWD BOARD OF DIRECTORS – 2 OPENINGS
WILLING TO RE-SERVE – JOHN MYERS

TO FILL JIM PURCELL EXPIRED TERM
NEW RESUME – RICHARD STEELE

Motion was made by Mayor Thomason to reappoint John Myers and appoint Richard Steele to the CRMWD Board of Directors, seconded by Councilmember McDonald, with all members of the Council present voting “aye.”

COUNCIL INPUT

All Councilmembers thanked the citizens for attending the Council meeting and expressed their respect for their opinions.

Mayor Thomason read a letter from the Big Spring Area Community Foundation where they are going to give citizens that were affected by the COVID-19 Virus assistance with past due water accounts. Mayor Thomason also recommends District 2 to organize events to raise money to build a splash pad in their District. Mayor Thomason also gave an update on the COVID-19 cases and reminded everyone to spay or neuter your pets.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

ADJOURN INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION IN ACCORDANCE WITH TEXAS
GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 551.071 AND THE TEXAS DISCIPLINARY RULES OF
PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT TO CONSULT WITH THE CITY ATTORNEY REGARDING
ANTICIPATED LITIGATION: AT&T CLAIM

There was no need to adjourn into executive session at this time.

ADJOURN

Mayor Thomason adjourned the meeting at 9:07 p.m.


Shannon D. Thomason, Mayor

ATTEST:


Tami L. Davis, Assistant City Secretary