

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. 4<sup>th</sup> St., Big Spring, Texas, at 5:30 p.m., June 23, 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

(Councilmember Hartman was not present at this meeting.)

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

JOHN MEDINA	Assistant City Manager
DON MOORE	Finance Director/City Secretary
SHANE BOWLES	Public Works Director
CRAIG FERGUSON	Fire 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**

Councilmember DePauw 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**

### **ACCEPTANCE OF A GIFT FROM THE BIG SPRING AREA COMMUNITY FOUNDATION**

Greg Henry, Executive Director with the Big Spring Area Community Foundation, presented a check to the City to help citizens with their past due water utility bills due to the COVID-19 Pandemic.

## **CITY MANAGER'S REPORT**

John Medina, Assistant City Manager, updated the Council on the following items:

- Applications needed for various boards;
- Large Item Pickup for District 6
- Russ McEwen Aquatic Center
- Comanche Trail Lake
- Burnt Structure Cleanup
- Ports-to-Plains I-27 Study
- Reliever Route

Medical Advisor, Dr. Steve Ahmed gave an update on COVID-19.

## **CONSENT ITEMS**

APPROVAL OF THE CITY COUNCIL MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF JUNE 9, 2020.

FINAL 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

FINAL 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

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

FINAL 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 Councilmember Marquez to approve the above captioned minutes, ordinances and resolutions, seconded by Councilmember McDonald, with all members of the Council present voting “aye.”

## **VOUCHERS**

Councilmember McDaniel reviewed the following vouchers.

VOUCHERS FOR 06/11/2020	\$	1,141,892.89
VOUCHERS FOR 06/18/2020	\$	839,688.86

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 BID FOR WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT CLARIFIER AND TRICKLING FILTER CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER OR HIS DESIGNEE TO EXECUTE ANY NECESSARY DOCUMENTS**

Motion was made by Councilmember Marquez to award the above captioned bid to Dorado Construction Group in the amount of \$1,245,520.64, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Strande, with all members of the Council present voting “aye.”

## **NEW BUSINESS**

**UPDATE ON THE UNITED STATES CENSUS 2020**

Amber Pedigo with the United States Census updated the Council on the progress of the 2020 Census and reported that the count was very low and that they have extended their count to October 31, 2020 due to COVID-19.

**PRESENTATION OF THE HOWARD COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT PROPOSED 2021 BUDGET**

Lisa Reyna, Chief Appraiser, presented the Howard County Appraisal District Proposed 2021 Budget. Motion was made by Councilmember McDaniel to approve the above captioned budget, seconded by Councilmember DePauw, with Councilmembers Marquez, McDaniel, Thomason, Strande and DePauw voting “aye.” Councilmember McDonald, being opposed, voting “nay” for passage of same. Motion passed five to one.

**EMERGENCY READING OF AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 6 OF THE BIG SPRING CODE OF ORDINANCES ENTITLED “CEMETERIES, PARKS, AND RECREATION,” ARTICLE 5 “MOSS CREEK LAKE,” SECTION 6-111 “ADMISSION REGULATIONS, SUBSECTION B “ADMISSIONS AND PERMIT FEES” TO INCREASE**

VARIOUS FEES; AMENDING SECTION 6-117 "DISCHARGE OF FIREARMS AND HUNTING" BY RENAMING THE SECTION TO "HUNTING, DISCHARGE OF FIREARMS, AND FIREWORKS PROHIBITED" IN ORDER TO CLARIFY THE HEADING AND BAN THE DISCHARGE OF FIREWORKS AT MOSS CREEK LAKE; AMENDING CHAPTER 2 OF BIG SPRING CODE OF ORDINANCES ENTITLED "ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES," SECTION 2-9 "BANNING OF GLASS BEVERAGE CONTAINERS IN ALL CITY PARKS AND PUBLIC PROPERTIES" TO CLARIFY THE LANGUAGE BANNING GLASS BOTTLES; PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

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

FIRST READING OF A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CREATION OF A NEW INFILL DEVELOPMENT INCENTIVE PROGRAM DESIGNED TO FACILITATE PRIVATE INVESTMENT TOWARD THE CONSTRUCTION OF SINGLE-FAMILY HOUSING WITHIN THE CITY LIMITS OF BIG SPRING AND THEREFORE ENCOURAGE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT THAT BENEFITS THE HEALTH, SAFETY AND WELFARE OF THE BIG SPRING COMMUNITY; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

Motion was made by Councilmember Marquez to approve the above captioned resolution with a few amendments, Mayor Thomason ruled the motion out of order because the resolution was not the direction that the Council requested. After a brief discussion Councilmember DePauw appealed the Mayor's out of order. Mayor Thomason explained that Councilmember DePauw could not appeal because it was not done so immediately after his out of order motion. After a few minutes of debate Councilmembers DePauw, Strande, Marquez and McDaniel left the meeting.

#### **ADJOURN**

Without a quorum Mayor Thomason adjourned the meeting at 6:33 p.m.



Shannon D. Thomason, Mayor

ATTEST:



Tami L. Davis, Assistant City Secretary