

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 25, 2019, with the following members present:

SHANNON THOMASON	Mayor
RAUL MARQUEZ	Councilmember
GLORIA MCDONALD	Councilmember
CAMILLA STRANDE	Councilmember
JIM DEPAUW	Councilmember

(Mayor Pro Tem McDaniel and Councilmember Hartman were not present at this meeting.)

Same and constituting a quorum; and

TODD DARDEN	City Manager
JOHN MEDINA	Assistant City Manager
MARIANNE BANKS	City Attorney
CHAD WILLIAMS	Police Chief
CRAIG FERGUSON	Fire Chief
JIM LITTLE	Airpark Director
SHANE BOWLES	Public Works Director
TIM GREEN	Municipal Court Judge
DON MOORE	Finance Director/City Secretary
HAYLEY HERRERA	Community Services Director

INVOCATION & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Youth Minister Cameron Crow, College Baptist Church, gave the invocation and Mayor McLellan led the Pledge of Allegiance to the American and Texas Flags.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PUBLIC HEARINGS

PUBLIC COMMENT – CITY COUNCIL WILL TAKE PUBLIC COMMENTS LIMITED TO FIVE MINUTES PER SPEAKER. NO ACTION WILL BE TAKEN.

Several citizens spoke and some of their concerns were as follows:

- Would like for the Council to consider allowing carports;
- Heavy traffic on FM 700; and
- Road repairs

DISPOSITION OF MINUTES

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF JUNE 11, 2019.

Motion was made by Councilmember DePauw, seconded by Councilmember Strande, with all members of the Council present voting "aye" approving the above listed minutes.

CONSENT ITEMS

FINAL READING OF A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AUCTION OF HOWARD COUNTY TRUSTEE PROPERTIES TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH, WITHOUT RESERVATION; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

FINAL READING OF AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 20 OF THE BIG SPRING CODE OF ORDINANCES ENTITLED "BUILDING CODES AND BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT AND APPEALS," SECTION 20-1, "INTERNATIONAL BUILDING CODE," SUBSECTION B, "SCHEDULE OF PERMIT FEES"; AND SECTION 20-2, "INTERNATIONAL RESIDENTIAL BUILDING CODE," SUBSECTION B, "SCHEDULE OF PERMIT FEES," TO ADJUST BUILDING PERMIT FEES; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION, AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

APPROVAL OF THE MCMAHON-WRINKLE AIRPORT AND INDUSTRIAL PARK MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF NOVEMBER 15, 2018

APPROVAL OF THE PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF MAY 22, 2019

COUNCILMEMBER STRANDE REVIEWED THE VOUCHERS FOR 06/13/19 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$293,499.14, AND FOR 06/20/19 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$482,639.00.

Motion was made by Councilmember Marquez, seconded by Councilmember McDonald, with all members of the Council present voting "aye" approving the second and final reading of the above captioned resolution, ordinance, minutes and vouchers.

BIDS

AWARD THE BID FOR A 14 YARD DUMP TRUCK TO LONESTAR TRUCK GROUP OF SAN ANGELO, TX

Motion was made by Councilmember DePauw, seconded by Councilmember McDonald, with all members of the Council present voting "aye" awarding the above captioned bid to Lonestar Truck Group in the amount of \$108,799.00.

AWARD THE BID FOR COMANCHE TRAIL GOLF COURSE IRRIGATION CONTROL SYSTEM AND PUMP STATION IMPROVEMENTS TO GREENWORKS ENTERPRISES,

INC., AND MERKET INDUSTRIES AND AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR OR HIS DESIGNEE TO EXECUTE ANY NECESSARY DOCUMENTS

Motion was made by Councilmember Marquez, seconded by Councilmember DePauw, with all members present voting “aye” awarding the above captioned bids to Greenworks Enterprises, Inc. in the amount of \$103,580.00 for the irrigation control system and to Merket Industries in the amount of \$58,950.00 for the improvements to the irrigation system pump station.

AWARD THE BID FOR THE BIG SPRING/HOWARD COUNTY BIG SANDY DRAW LANDFILL PHASE I DIRT WORK AND AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR OR HIS DESIGNEE TO EXECUTE ANY NECESSARY DOCUMENTS

Motion was made by Councilmember DePauw, seconded by Councilmember McDonald, with all members present voting “aye” awarding the above captioned bid to DE Rice Construction in the amount of \$3,816,960.25.

NEW BUSINESS

PRESENTATION OF THE HOWARD COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT PROPOSED 2020 BUDGET

Lisa Reyna, Chief Appraiser, presented the Howard County Appraisal District proposed 2020 budget. Motion was made by Councilmember DePauw, seconded by Councilmember Strande, with all members present voting “aye” approving the above captioned budget.

TABLED – FIRST READING OF A RESOLUTION AMENDING THE TAX ABATEMENT GUIDELINES AND CRITERIA BY DECREASING THE ADMINISTRATION FEES FOR TAX ABATEMENT APPLICATIONS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

Motion was made by Councilmember DePauw, seconded by Councilmember McDonald, with all members of the Council present voting “aye” to remove the above captioned resolution off the table.

After a brief discussion, Motion to set the tax abatement fee at zero dollars was made by Mayor Thomason, seconded by Councilmember Strande, with Mayor Thomason voting “aye” for a zero dollar tax abatement fee. Councilmembers Marquez, McDonald, Strande and DePauw, being opposed, voting “nay” for passage of same. Motion **fails** one to four.

A second motion was made by Councilmember DePauw, seconded by Councilmember Strande, with all members of the Council present voting “aye” approving a tax abatement fee at \$1,000.00.

ELECTION OF A MAYOR PRO TEM

Mayor Thomason nominated Councilmember Hartman and Councilmember DePauw nominated Councilmember Strande. By a show of hands Councilmember Strande had 3 votes and Councilmember Hartman had 2 votes. Councilmember Strande is the new Mayor Pro Tem.

ELECTION OF A COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE TO THE TAX ABATEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR A ONE YEAR TERM FROM JULY 1, 2019 TO JUNE 30, 2020

Councilmember DePauw nominated Councilmember Marquez. By a show of hands Councilmember Marquez was elected as a Council Representative to the Tax Abatement Advisory Committee.

ELECTION OF A COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE TO THE CONVENTION & VISITORS BUREAU BOARD

Mayor Thomason nominated Councilmember McDonald. By a show of hands councilmember McDonald was elected to serve on the Convention & Visitors Bureau Board as a Council Representative.

EMERGENCY READING OF A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SIGNATURES FOR BANK ACCOUNTS

Motion was made by Councilmember DePauw, seconded by Councilmember McDonald, with all members of the Council present voting "aye" approving the above captioned resolution.

FIRST READING OF AN ORDINANCE UNCOMMITTING \$1,000,000 OF GENERAL FUND FUND BALANCE FOR STREET CONSTRUCTION; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE

After a brief discussion, motion was made by Councilmember McDonald, seconded by Mayor Thomason, with Councilmembers Marquez, Thomason, McDonald and Strande voting "aye" approving the above captioned ordinance. Councilmember DePauw, being opposed, voting "nay" for passage of same. Motion passed four to one.

CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF AN AGREEMENT FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES WITH PARKHILL, SMITH AND COOPER FOR THE BIDDING AND PROJECT MANAGEMENT OF THE TAXIWAY LIGHTING AND INSTALLATION AND AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER OR HIS DESIGNEE TO EXECUTE ANY NECESSARY DOCUMENTS

Motion was made by Councilmember Marquez, seconded by Councilmember DePauw, with all members of the Council present voting "aye" approving the above captioned agreement.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

Todd Darden, City Manager, announced that some departments will close at 3:00 pm for Pops in the Park activities on July 3rd and that the City will be closed on July 4th. Mr. Darden also announced that there is one at large opening on the Convention and Visitors Bureau Board to fill an unexpired term.

COUNCIL INPUT

Mayor Thomason asked everyone to keep Councilmember Hartman in their prayers. He also thanked the Police Department for working several fatalities over the past few weeks and asked citizens not to race on any major roads in town. Mayor Thomason also asked for volunteers to help out at the animal shelter.

Mayor Pro Tem Strande thanked City Manager for cutting up some trees and thanked employees for cleaning up for the upcoming events.

Councilmember DePauw also thanked employees and citizens for cleaning up for Funtastic Fourth and Pops in the Park.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

ADJOURN INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION WITH CITY ATTORNEY AND STAFF IN ACCORDANCE WITH TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 551.072 TO DELIBERATE THE PURCHASE, EXCHANGE, LEASE, OR VALUE OF REAL PROPERTY

- a. SALE OF 401 EAST 4TH STREET
- b. MINERAL INTEREST IN BEHALF OF HOWARD COUNTY TRUSTEE; AND

ADJOURN INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODES SECTION 551.071(1)(A) TO CONSULT WITH THE CITY ATTORNEY CONCERNING PENDING OR CONTEMPLATED LITIGATION AT 7:16 P.M.

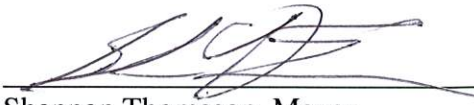
RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION AND TAKE ANY NECESSARY ACTIONS AND AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR OR HIS DESIGNEE TO EXECUTE ANY NECESSARY DOCUMENTS AT 8:41 P.M.

No action was taken on the first executive session.

Motion was made by Councilmember McDonald, seconded by Councilmember Marquez, with Councilmembers Marquez, McDonald, Strande and DePauw voting "aye" authorizing that Silverleaf Communities has 30 days to close on the Parkway/Willard property. Mayor Thomason, being opposed, voting "nay" for passage of same. Motion passed four to one.

ADJOURN

Mayor Thomason adjourned the meeting at 8:42 p.m.



Shannon Thomason, Mayor

ATTEST:



Tami L. Davis, Assistant City Secretary