

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., August 25, 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 member was 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
ANDREW HAGEN	City Attorney
SHANE BOWLES	Public Works Director
CRAIG FERGUSON	Fire Chief
CHAD WILLIAMS	Police Chief
JIM LITTLE	Airpark Director
HAYLEY HERRERA	Community Services Director

INVOCATION & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Thomason gave the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the American and Texas Flags.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No comments were made at this time.

ANNOUNCEMENTS, PRESENTATIONS AND PUBLIC HEARINGS

PUBLIC HEARING – ANNUAL BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2020-2021

Motion was made by Councilmember McDaniel to open the above captioned public hearing, seconded by Councilmember Marquez, with all members of the Council present voting “aye.”

No comments were made. Motion was made by Councilmember McDaniel to close the above captioned public hearing, seconded by Councilmember Marquez, with all members of the Council present voting “aye.”

CITY MANAGER’S REPORT

Todd Darden, City Manager, gave an update on the following:

- Large Item Pickup Update
- Ports to Plains Virtual Meeting
- Kiosk Payment Update
- Seal Coat Update
- Animal Control A/C
- Census 2020 Update

CONSENT ITEMS

TABLED – APPROVAL OF THE CITY COUNCIL MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF JULY 28, 2020

Motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Strande to remove the above captioned item from the table, seconded by Councilmember McDonald, with all members of the Council present voting “aye.” Motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Strande to approve the above captioned minutes, seconded by Councilmember DePauw, with all members of the Council voting “aye.”

APPROVAL OF THE CITY COUNCIL MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF AUGUST 11, 2020 AND OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF AUGUST 13, 2020

FINAL READING OF AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 6 OF THE BIG SPRING CITY CODE ENTITLED “AMUSEMENTS AND ENTERTAINMENT,” SECTION 6-2 “DEFINITIONS” TO ADD A NEW DEFINITION FOR “SKILL OR PLEASURE COIN-OPERATED MACHINE” AND A NEW SECTION 6-13 ENTITLED “RESTRICTION OF SKILL OR PLEASURE COIN-OPERATED MACHINES” IN ORDER TO RESTRICT SKILL OR PLEASURE COIN-OPERATED MACHINES WITHIN 300 FEET OF A CHURCH, SCHOOL, OR HOSPITAL; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR A PENALTY; PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

Motion was made by Councilmember Marquez to approve the above captioned ordinance and minutes, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Strande, with all members of the Council present voting “aye.”

VOUCHERS

Motion was made by Councilmember Marquez to **table** the following vouchers, seconded by Councilmember McDaniel, with all members of the Council voting “aye.”

Vouchers for 08/13/2020 \$ 1,019,678.83
Vouchers for 08/20/2020 \$ 1,195,702.80

BIDS

AWARD THE BID TO ITD SERVICES FOR INSTALLATION OF FIBER OPTICS INNERDUCT FOR LANDFILL 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 ITD Services in the amount of \$100,584.00, seconded by Councilmember McDonald, with all members of the Council present voting "aye."

AWARD THE BID FOR BUILDING 19 AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER OR HIS DESIGNEE TO EXECUTE ANY NECESSARY DOCUMENTS;

- A. AWARD THE BID FOR ALARM SYSTEM**
- B. AWARD THE BID FOR SPRINKLER SYSTEM**

Motion was made by Councilmember McDonald to award the above captioned bids to Western States Fire Protection Company for the alarm system in the amount of \$87,234.00 and for the sprinkler system in the amount of \$173,330.00, seconded by Councilmember McDaniel, with all members of the Council present voting "aye."

NEW BUSINESS

PERMISSION TO APPLY FOR THE EDWARD BYRNE MEMORIAL JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT

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

EMERGENCY READING OF A RESOLUTION TO TRANSFER A RETIRED LAW ENFORCEMENT DOG TO THE ANIMAL'S HANDLER IN CONSIDERATION FOR THE SUM OF ONE DOLLAR ON THE ANIMAL'S RETIREMENT AND PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY

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

FIRST READING OF AN ORDINANCE FIXING AND LEVYING MUNICIPAL AD VALOREM TAXES FOR SAID CITY FOR THE YEAR 2020; DIRECTING THE ASSESSMENT AND COLLECTION THEREOF; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

Motion was made by Councilmember DePauw to adopt the Howard County Tax Assessor/Collector's computed No New Revenue rate of 71.7300 cents per \$100 of taxable value, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Strande, with all members of the Council present voting "aye."

FIRST READING OF AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING AN ANNUAL BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF BIG SPRING, TEXAS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2020 AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2021; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

Motion was made by Mayor Thomason to approve the above captioned ordinance with one change to Section 3 from \$1,000.00 to \$5,000.00, seconded by Councilmember McDaniel, with all members of the Council present voting "aye."

FIRST READING OF AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR AN ADDITIONAL TWENTY PERCENT (20%) PENALTY TO DEFRAY COSTS OF COLLECTING DELINQUENT TAXES THAT REMAIN DELINQUENT ON JULY 1 OF THE YEAR IN WHICH THEY BECOME DELINQUENT; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION; AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

After a brief discussion that this ordinance was not necessary to bring back to the Council every year, motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Strande to approve the above captioned ordinance and to codify this ordinance in the Big Spring City Code, seconded by Councilmember McDonald with Councilmembers Marquez, Hartman, McDaniel, McDonald, Strande and DePauw voting "aye." Mayor Thomason, being opposed, voting "nay" for passage of same. Motion passed six to one.

FIRST READING OF AN ORDINANCE GRANTING A PARTIAL RESIDENCE HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION FOR TAX YEAR 2020; AND GRANTING A PARTIAL RESIDENCE HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION TO ANY INDIVIDUAL WHO IS DISABLED OR AGE 65 OR OLDER; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

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

FIRST READING OF AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 2 OF THE BIG SPRING CITY CODE ENTITLED "ADMINISTRATION," BY AMENDING SECTION 2-19 "REIMBURSEMENT OF EXPENSES OF CITY COUNCIL" BY ADDING A NEW SUBSECTION (C) TO PROHIBIT ISSUANCE OF PAYMENT CARDS TO COUNCILMEMBERS; BY ADDING A NEW SUBSECTION 2-27 ENTITLED "NO KEY ACCESS TO CITY BUILDINGS" TO PROHIBIT COUNCILMEMBERS FROM HAVING A KEY TO ANY CITY BUILDING; AND ADDING A NEW SECTION 2-28 ENTITLED "NO OFFICE FOR COUNCILMEMBERS" TO RESTRICT COUNCILMEMBERS FROM ESTABLISHING AN OFFICE IN ANY CITY BUILDING; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

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

TABLED – CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION OF AN AGREEMENT WITH CAP-ROCK HOLDINGS, LLC AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OR HIS DESIGNEE TO EXECUTE ANY NECESSARY DOCUMENTS

The above captioned item was not ready to review and will remain tabled until the next council meeting.

DISCUSSION OF A POSSIBLE RESOLUTION OR ORDINANCE REGARDING RESTRICTIONS TO MANUFACTURED HOUSING WITHIN PERMITTED ZONES

A brief discussion among council and staff regarding some possible enforcement and restrictions on manufactured housing within permitted zones. No action was taken.

CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON A FIRST AMENDMENT TO THE LEASE AGREEMENT WITH ISOMERIC, INC.

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

APPROVAL OF THE BIG SPRING ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MINUTES FOR THE SPECIAL MEETING OF AUGUST 6, 2020

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

COUNCIL INPUT

Mayor Thomason and several Councilmembers thanked staff members and encouraged everyone to keep taking precautions concerning COVID-19. Mayor Thomason also reminded everyone to help control the pet population spay or neuter your pets.

ADJOURN

Mayor Thomason adjourned the meeting at 7:06 p.m.


Shannon D. Thomason, Mayor

ATTEST:


Tami L. Davis, Assistant City Secretary