

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 10, 2021, with the following members present in person:

SHANNON THOMASON	Mayor
NICK ORNELAS	Mayor Pro Tem
DIANE YANEZ	Councilmember
CODY HUGHES	Councilmember
GLORIA MCDONALD	Councilmember
TROY TOMPKINS	Councilmember
MAURY SMITH	Councilmember

Same and constituting a quorum, for which four Councilmembers must be present; and the following staff in person;

TODD DARDEN	City Manager
JOHN MEDINA	Assistant City Manager
ANDREW HAGEN	City Attorney
CRAIG FERGUSON	Fire Chief
CHAD WILLIAMS	Police Chief
SHANE BOWLES	Public Works Director
SANDY SMITH	Finance Director
JIM LITTLE	Airpark Director
HAYLEY HERRERA	Community Services Director
TAMI DAVIS	City Secretary
TIM GREEN	Municipal Judge

INVOCATION & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Pastor Sam Segundo, Family Faith Center, gave the invocation and Mayor Thomason led the Pledge of Allegiance to the American and Texas Flags.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No comments at this time.

ANNOUNCEMENTS, PRESENTATION AND PUBLIC HEARINGS

PUBLIC HEARING – SECOND PUBLIC HEARING CONCERNING THE CONTINUANCE OF THE JUVENILE CURFEW ORDINANCE PURSUANT TO TEXAS LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE SEC. 370.002

Motion was made by Councilmember Hughes to open the above captioned public hearing, seconded by Councilmember McDonald with all members of the Council present voting "aye." There were no questions or comments. Mayor Thomason closed the public hearing by acclamation.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

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

- Update on Large Item Pickup for District 2 – August 18th
- Update on seal coat
- Update on Big Sandy Landfill grand opening
- Roy Anderson Sports Complex front entrance
- Update on Kids Zone rubber mulch
- Update on TDA Grant Waterline Project

CONSENT ITEMS

APPROVAL OF THE CITY COUNCIL MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF JULY 27, 2021

FINAL READING OF AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NUMBER 029-2020 WHICH ADOPTED THE ANNUAL BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF BIG SPRING, TEXAS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2020 AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2021 TO INCREASE THE GENERAL FUND BUDGET FOR THE PURPOSE OF ADDING RUBBER MULCH TO KID ZONE; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

Motion was made by Councilmember Smith to approve the above captioned ordinance and minutes, seconded by Councilmember Tompkins, with all Councilmembers present voting "aye."

VOUCHERS

Councilmember Smith reviewed the following vouchers:

VOUCHERS FOR 07/29/2021	\$	668,039.77
VOUCHERS FOR 08/05/2021	\$	851,446.27

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

BIDS

CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON AWARDING LIFE AND LTD INSURANCE TO MUTUAL OF OMAHA AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER OR HIS DESIGNEE TO EXECUTE ANY NECESSARY DOCUMENTS

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

NEW BUSINESS

ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT OF THE PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF JULY 20, 2021

Councilmembers acknowledged receipt of the above captioned minutes.

CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING THE HOWARD COUNTY 9-1-1 COMMUNICATIONS DISTRICT'S PROPOSED BUDGET FOR 2021-2022

Cherrie Burcham present the Howard County 9-1-1 Communications District's proposed budget for 2021-2022. Motion was made by Mayor Thomason to approve the above captioned budget, seconded by Councilmember Hughes, with all members of the Council present voting "aye."

DISCUSSION ON THE TAX RATE FOR 2021-22 FISCAL YEAR

Todd Darden, City Manager, explained the 2021 tax rates that were calculated by the Howard County Appraisal. No action was taken.

EMERGENCY READING OF A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF AN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ADMINISTRATION APPLICATION TO THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ADMINISTRATION; AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ACT AS THE CITY'S EXECUTIVE OFFICER AND AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE IN ALL MATTERS PERTAINING TO THE CITY'S PARTICIPATION IN THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ADMINISTRATION GRANT PROGRAM; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Motion was made by Councilmember Hughes to approve the above captioned resolution, seconded by Councilmember McDonald, with Councilmember Ornelas, Hughes, Thomason, McDonald, Tompkins and Smith voting "aye." Councilmember Yanez, being opposed, voting "nay" for passage of same. **Motion passed as a first reading six to one due to a lack of an unanimous vote as an emergency reading.**

FIRST READING OF AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 3 ENTITLED "OFFENSES AND MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS," ARTICLE 1 ENTITLED "IN GENERAL" BY AMENDING SECTION 38-9 ENTITLED "CURFEW FOR MINORS," SUBPART (f) IN ORDER TO EXTEND THE JUVENILE CURFEW UNTIL SEPTEMBER 1, 2024; REPEALING SECTION 38-9(E)(2) ON REFERRING JUVENILES TO TEEN COURT; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

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

FIRST READING OF AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 2 ENTITLED "ADMINISTRATION," ARTICLE VII "BOARDS AND COMMISSION," DIVISION 8 "BOARD OF ADJUSTMENTS AND APPEALS, SECTION 2-312 "MEMBERSHIP AND TERMS" BY ADDING A NEW SUBSECTION (D) TO PROVIDE FOR MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF ADJUSTMENTS AND APPEALS TO CONTINUE THEIR CURRENT TERMS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

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

CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO NEGOTIATE AND EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH OXY USA INC. FOR A WELLBORE RIGHT-OF-WAY LICENSE ON THE FOLLOWING LANDS; SECTION 3 AND SECTION 10, BLOCK 33, T-1-S, T&P RR CO Survey, Howard County, Texas

Motion was made by Councilmember Hughes to approve the above captioned agreement, seconded by Councilmember Smith, with all members of the Council present voting "aye."

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH ST PLAZA LLC (NH MANAGEMENT LLC)

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

CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON THE INVESTMENT REPORT FOR THE QUARTER ENDING JUNE 30, 2021

Councilmembers acknowledged receipt of the above captioned report.

BOARDS & COMMITTEES

ANIMAL RESCUE & ADOPTION COMMITTEE – NEW MEMBER

Amanda Williams – Nominated by Mayor Pro Tem Ornelas for District 1

TRAFFIC COMMISSION – NEW MEMBER

Cody Williams – Nominated by Mayor Pro Tem Ornelas for District 1

PARKS & RECREATION BOARD – CURRENT MEMBER

Patsy Garza – Nominated by Mayor Pro Tem Ornelas for District 1

PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION – CURRENT MEMBER

Dale Avant – Nominated by Mayor Pro Tem Ornelas for District 1

The above captioned nominees are all appointed by acclamation.

COUNCIL INPUT

Mayor Thomason gave an update on the new Delta Variant COVID-19 and reminded everyone to take precautions and encouraged citizens if you feel sick get tested and get the vaccine. Mayor Thomason also reminded citizens to “help control the pet population, spay or neuter your pets.”

Mayor Pro Tem Ornelas thanked Scenic Mountain Medical Center and the Northside Movement for the Back to School Events.

Councilmember Yanez reminded citizens of the Large Item Pickup in District 2 will be on August 18th.

All Councilmembers thanked the staff for the work on the new Landfill opening.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

ADJOURN INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE SEC. 551.074 PERSONNEL MATTERS

Motion was made by Councilmember Tompkins to adjourn into the above captioned executive session at 7:01 p.m.

RECONVENE INTO OPEN SESSION AND TAKE ANY NECESSARY ACTION ON EXECUTIVE SESSION ITEM AT 7:38 P.M.

No action taken.

Councilmember Yanez made a motion to amend Item #19 on the agenda regarding the emergency reading. After a brief discussion Mayor Thomason ruled the motion out of order due to the fact that a vote had already been taken on the item.

ADJOURN

Mayor Thomason adjourned the meeting at 7:40 p.m.



Shannon D. Thomason, Mayor

ATTEST:



Tami L. Davis, City Secretary