

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 PM, October 25, 2022, with the following members present in person:

COUNCIL MEMBER CODY HUGHES
COUNCIL MEMBER TROY TOMPKINS
MAYOR ROBERT MOORE
COUNCIL MEMBER DIANE YANEZ
MAYOR PRO TEM NICK ORNELAS
COUNCIL MEMBER MAURY SMITH
COUNCIL MEMBER GLORIA MCDONALD

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
SHANE BOWLES	Public Works Director
CHAD WILLIAMS	Police Chief
CRAIG FERGUSON	Fire Chief
SANDY SMITH	Finance Director
HAYLEY LEWIS	Community Services Director
TAMI DAVIS	City Secretary
TIM GREEN	Associate Municipal Judge
MANDY HAYNES	Presiding Municipal Judge

Open Session

Call to Order

Mayor Moore called the council meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

Invocation

Dr. John Key gave the invocation.

Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag and to the Texas State Flag

Mayor Moore led the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag and to the Texas State Flag.

Public Comment

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There were no public comments at this time.

Announcements, Presentations and Public Hearings

Proclamation - World Polio Day

Council Member Tompkins read the above captioned proclamation declaring October 24, 2022 as World Polio Day.

Proclamation - Red Ribbon Week

Council Member Hughes read the above captioned proclamation declaring October 23 - 31, 2022 as Red Ribbon Week.

City Manager's Report

City Manager's report on the following items:

- Update on Large Item Pickup, District 4 - Oct. 19, 2022
- Update on the Sports Complex Water Line Project
- Update on the Comanche Trail Festival of Lights
- Boards & Committees

Todd Darden, City Manager, updated the council on the above captioned items as follows:

Large Item Pickup for District 4 picked up 4 tons of trash; A memo was handed out to the Council with updates regarding the GEO negotiations; The water line project to the Roy Anderson Sports Complex is completed; The Parks Department has begun the process for the annual Festival of Lights; and also that the boards and committees still need some members.

Consent Items

Approval of the City Council Minutes of the Regular Meeting of October 11, 2022 and of the City Council Minutes of the Special Meetings of October 10, 2022, October 12, 2022, October 17, 2022 and October 20, 2022.

Final Reading of a Resolution Repealing City Council Resolution 013-2022 Which Authorized and Directed the City Manager to Submit an Application for a Safer Grant

on Behalf of the Fire Department; Providing for Severability; and Providing an Effective Date

Final Reading of an Ordinance Amending Chapter 44 "Solid Waste" Article I "In General," Section 44-7 "Collection by City: Exception," Subsection (d) to Update the Section with New Big Sandy Landfill Address; and Amending Section 44-8 "Collection of City-Furnished Containers," Subsection (c), to Prohibit the Blocking of Containers Set by the User; Providing for Severability; Providing for Publication; and Providing an Effective Date

Acknowledge Receipt of the Big Spring Economic Development Corporation Minutes of the Regular Meeting of September 20, 2022.

Acknowledge Receipt of Planning & Zoning Committee Minutes for the Regular Meeting of September 6, 2022

MOTION WAS MADE BY Council Member Smith to approve the above captioned minutes, resolution and ordinance, seconded by Council Member Yanez.

**YEAS: Mayor Moore, Mayor Pro Tem Ornelas, Council Member Yanez, 7
Council Member Hughes, Council Member McDonald, Council Member 0
Tompkins, Council Member Smith**

NAYS: None

MOTION PASSED

Vouchers

Vouchers for 10/13/22	\$	1,037,171.84
Vouchers for 10/20/22	\$	1,154,853.74
Manual Cks & Drafts	\$	616,076.69

Council Member McDonald reviewed the above captioned vouchers.

MOTION WAS MADE BY Council Member McDonald to approve the above captioned vouchers, seconded by Council Member Yanez.

**YEAS: Mayor Moore, Mayor Pro Tem Ornelas, Council Member Yanez, 7
Council Member Hughes, Council Member McDonald, Council Member 0
Tompkins, Council Member Smith**

NAYS: None

MOTION PASSED

Bids

Consideration and Possible Action on Awarding a Bid for a 2022 John Deere Backhoe for the Distribution and Collections Department

MOTION WAS MADE BY Council Member Hughes to award the above captioned

bid to Yellowhouse Machinery in the amount of \$129,000.00, seconded by Council Member McDonald.

YEAS: Mayor Moore, Mayor Pro Tem Ornelas, Council Member Yanez, 7
Council Member Hughes, Council Member McDonald, Council Member 0
Tompkins, Council Member Smith
NAYS: None

MOTION PASSED

Consideration and Possible Action on Awarding a Bid for a Second Backhoe for the Distribution and Collections Department

MOTION WAS MADE BY Council Member Yanez to award the above captioned bid to Yellowhouse Machinery in the amount of \$131,500.00, seconded by Council Member Hughes.

YEAS: Mayor Moore, Mayor Pro Tem Ornelas, Council Member Yanez, 7
Council Member Hughes, Council Member McDonald, Council Member 0
Tompkins, Council Member Smith
NAYS: None

MOTION PASSED

New Business

Acknowledge Receipt of the Quarterly Claims and Litigation Report for the Third Quarter of 2022 from the City Attorney sent October 11, 2022

Council Members acknowledged the above captioned report from Andrew Hagen, City Attorney.

Acknowledge Receipt of the Investment Report for the Quarter Ending September 30, 2022

Council Members acknowledged receipt of the above captioned Investment Report presented by Sandy Smith, Finance Director.

Acknowledge Receipt of the Quarterly Financial Report

Council Members acknowledged the above captioned Financial Report presented by Sandy Smith, Finance Director.

First Reading of an Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Big Spring, Texas Amending Chapter 2 of the Big Spring City Code Entitled "Administration," Article VII "Boards and Commissions," Division 4 "Parks and Recreation Board" Section 2-295 by Amending Subsection (d) and Adding a New Subsection (e); and Amending Division 10 "Convention and Visitors Bureau Board," Section 2-315 by Adding a New Subsection (c) in Order to Inactivate the Said Boards and Release the Members of Each Board for Potential Consideration for Service on Other Boards; Providing for Severability; and Providing an Effective Date

MOTION WAS MADE BY Mayor Pro Tem Ornelas to approve the above captioned ordinance, seconded by Council Member Hughes.

YEAS: Mayor Moore, Mayor Pro Tem Ornelas, Council Member Yanez, 6
Council Member Hughes, Council Member McDonald, Council Member 1
Smith

NAYS: Council Member Tompkins

MOTION PASSED

Consideration and Possible Action on an Agreement with AirMedCare Network for Payroll Deduction Memberships and Authorizing the City Manager or His Designee to Execute any Necessary Documents

MOTION WAS MADE BY Council Member Yanez to approve the above captioned agreement, seconded by Council Member Smith.

YEAS: Mayor Moore, Mayor Pro Tem Ornelas, Council Member Yanez, 7
Council Member Hughes, Council Member McDonald, Council Member 0
Tompkins, Council Member Smith

NAYS: None

MOTION PASSED

Consideration and Possible Action on a Contract Extension, Amendment #7 with Vector Fleet Management for the Annual Pricing Adjustment and Authorizing the City Manager or His Designee to Execute any Necessary Documents

MOTION WAS MADE BY Council Member Hughes to approve the above captioned contract, seconded by Council Member McDonald.

YEAS: Mayor Moore, Mayor Pro Tem Ornelas, Council Member Yanez, 7
Council Member Hughes, Council Member McDonald, Council Member 0
Tompkins, Council Member Smith

NAYS: None

MOTION PASSED

Consideration and Possible Action on a Contract Agreement for Auditorium HVAC Renovations for \$692,525.00 to be Drawn from the Hotel/Motel Tax Fund and Authorizing the City Manager or His Designee to Execute any Necessary Documents

MOTION WAS MADE BY Council Member Yanez to approve the above captioned agreement with Varitec, seconded by Council Member Hughes.

YEAS: Mayor Moore, Council Member Yanez, Council Member Hughes, 6
Council Member McDonald, Council Member Tompkins, Council Member 1
Smith

NAYS: Mayor Pro Tem Ornelas

MOTION PASSED

Discussion on Requiring the Timely Repair or Boarding Up of Broken Windows in the Downtown Area Between Goliad Street and Gregg Street, and First Street and Sixth

Street

Mayor Pro Tem Ornelas noticed many windows downtown that were broken and would like code enforcement to start enforcing the ordinance or repeal it.

Discussion Regarding the Charter, Possible Issues with the Charter that May Require Amendment, and the Charter Review Committee

Mayor Pro Tem Ornelas would like to appoint a charter committee at the beginning of next year to review the charter again to correct and amend certain issues and would like a summary of each measure for less confusion for the voters.

Boards & Committees

Planning & Zoning Commission

Terry McDaniel - Nominated by Mayor Moore

Zoning Board of Adjustments

Jeanie Knocke - Nominated for Reappointment by Mayor Moore

Carrie Rodman - Nominated for Reappointment by Council Member Hughes, Dist. 3

MOTION WAS MADE BY Mayor Moore to appoint the above listed board members, seconded by Council Member Smith.

YEAS: Mayor Moore, Mayor Pro Tem Ornelas, Council Member Yanez, 7

Council Member Hughes, Council Member McDonald, Council Member 0

Tompkins, Council Member Smith

NAYS: None

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Council Input

Input

Mayor Moore adjourned the meeting for a brief break at 6:30 p.m. before adjourning into the below captioned executive session at 6:40 p.m.

Council input was moved to the end of the meeting.

Executive Session

ADJOURN into Executive Session in Matters Covered by Texas Government Code Section 551.074 "Personnel Matters; Closed Meeting" to Deliberate the Appointment, Employment, Evaluation and Duties of Municipal Judge

RECONVENE into Open Session and Take any Necessary Action on Executive Session Items

Council reconvened into open session at 7:55 p.m.

First Reading of an Ordinance Establishing Compensation and Benefits for the Presiding Judge and Associate Judges of the Municipal Court of Big Spring, Texas

MOTION WAS MADE BY Council Member Smith to approve the above captioned ordinance, seconded by Council Member Yanez.

**YEAS: Mayor Moore, Council Member Yanez, Council Member Hughes, 6
Council Member McDonald, Council Member Tompkins, Council Member Smith 1**

NAYS: Mayor Pro Tem Ornelas

MOTION PASSED

Consideration and Possible Action on a Contract Agreement with the Presiding Judge of the Municipal Court

MOTION WAS MADE BY Council Member Hughes to approve the above captioned contract, seconded by Council Member Smith.

**YEAS: Mayor Moore, Mayor Pro Tem Ornelas, Council Member Yanez, 7
Council Member Hughes, Council Member McDonald, Council Member Tompkins, Council Member Smith 0**

NAYS: None

MOTION PASSED

Council Input

All Council Members congratulated Mandy Haynes on the appointment of Municipal Court Judge.

Mayor Pro Tem Ornelas reminded everyone that early voting has started and also Keep Big Spring Beautiful was hosting the last Toasty Tuesday trash pickup this evening.

Council Member McDonald thanked the Young Marines for their help with the clean up at the Veitnam Memorial and congratulated Big Spring Crime Stoppers on receiving an award.

Council Member Tompkins reminded citizens that the large item pickup will be on November 16, 2022 for District 5.

ADJOURN

Mayor Moore adjourned the meeting at 8:06 p.m.



Robert H. Moore III, Mayor

ATTEST:



Tami L. Davis, City Secretary