

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, February 27, 2024, with the following members present in person:

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

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

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| TODD DARDEN   | City Manager                |
| JOHN MEDINA   | Assistant City Manager      |
| ANDREW HAGEN  | City Attorney               |
| SHANE BOWLES  | Public Works Director       |
| CHAD WILLIAMS | Police Chief                |
| JAY HOLT      | Fire Chief                  |
| MIKE FEELEY   | Airpark Director            |
| SANDY SMITH   | Finance Director            |
| HAYLEY LEWIS  | Community Services Director |
| TAMI DAVIS    | City Secretary              |
| MANDY HAYNES  | Municipal Judge             |

#### Open Session

##### Call to Order

**Mayor Moore called the City Council meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.**

##### Invocation

**Rick Wilson, Baptist Temple Church, 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

### **Public Comment**

**There were no comments at this time.**

## Announcements, Presentations and Public Hearings

### City Manager's Report

City Manager's report on the following items:

- Update - Large Item Pickup, District 2 - 17 Tons
- Update - Job Fairs - Attended One at UTPB and Howard College - Next One on March 13th - Workforce Center
- Update - Fire Department Applicants
- Police Testing - March 7, 2024

**Todd Darden, City Manager, reported on the above captioned items as follows: Large item pick up for District 2 picked up 17 tons of items; Human Resources Department attended several job fairs; Fire Department testing had 7 applicants that passed the test; and the Police Department has a testing on March 7th**

### Consent Items

Approval of the City Council Minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 13, 2024.

Acknowledge Receipt of the Big Spring Economic Development Corporation Board of Directors Minutes for the Regular Meeting of January 16, 2024

Acknowledge Receipt of the McMahon-Wrinkle Aviation Advisory Board Minutes for the Regular Meeting of November 16, 2023

Final Reading of a Resolution of the City of Big Spring, Texas, Amending the Big Spring City Code to Amend Resolutions 005-2023 and 012-2023 and the Underlying Real Estate Purchase Agreement with 3-D Development as Amended to Provide for a Third Inspection Period; Providing for Repeal of Conflicting Resolutions; Finding and Determining that the Meetings at Which the Resolution Were Discussed Were Open to the Public as Required by Law; Providing a Savings and Severability Clause; Establishing an Effective Date

Final Reading of a Resolution Authorizing and Appointing the City Manager to Submit an Application to the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Grant Program to Secure Funding for a SWAT Transport Van; and Providing an Effective Date

Final Reading of a Resolution Accepting a Grant from the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) for the Funding of Striping and Marking on the Runway and Taxiways at the McMahon-Wrinkle Airport and Industrial Park; and Providing an Effective Date

Final Reading of an Ordinance Authorizing Z-23-01, Amending the Big Spring Zoning Ordinance by Rezoning Approximately 3.450 Acres of Land in Section 32, Block 33, T-1-S, T&P RR. Co. Survey, Big Spring, Howard County, Texas, From General Residential (GR) to Heavy Commercial (HC); Providing a Savings and Severability Clause; Providing for Repeal of Conflicting Ordinances; Providing for Publication; Providing an Effective Date; and Finding and Determining that the Meeting at Which the Ordinance was Discussed was Open to the Public as Required by Law

Final Reading of an Ordinance Amending Ordinance Number 049-2023 Which Adopted the Annual Budget for the City of Big Spring, Texas, for the Fiscal Year Beginning October 1, 2023 and Ending September 30, 2024 by Transferring Capital Funds into Expense Accounts for the Purpose of Leasing Vehicles through the Enterprise Lease Program for Various Departments; Providing for Severability; Providing for Publication; and Providing an Effective Date

Final Reading of an Ordinance Amending Ordinance Number 049-2023 Which Adopted the Annual Budget for the City of Big Spring, Texas, for the Fiscal Year Beginning October 1, 2023 and Ending September 30, 2024 by Increasing the Utility Fund Budget to Provide for the City's Matching Share of the CDBG Grant CDV21-1065; Providing for Severability; Providing for Publication; and Providing an Effective Date

Final Reading of an Ordinance Amending Ordinance Number 049-2023 Which Adopted the Annual Budget for the City of Big Spring, Texas, for the Fiscal Year Beginning October 1, 2023 and Ending September 30, 2024 by Increasing the Landfill Budget for the Purpose of Purchasing a Bulldozer; Providing for Severability; Providing for Publication; and Providing an Effective Date

Final Reading of an Ordinance Amending Ordinance Number 049-2023 Which Adopted the Annual Budget for the City of Big Spring, Texas, for the Fiscal Year Beginning October 1, 2023 and Ending September 30, 2024 by Increasing the General Fund Budget for the Purpose of Conducting a Compensation Market Study; Providing for Severability; Providing for Publication; and Providing an Effective Date

**MOTION WAS MADE BY Mayor Pro Tem Ornelas to approve the above captioned minutes, resolutions and ordinances, seconded by Council Member Yanez.**

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

Council Member Hughes, Council Member McDonald, Council Member  
Tompkins, Council Member Smith

NAYS: None

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MOTION PASSED

Vouchers

|                       |    |              |
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| Vouchers for 02/01/24 | \$ | 462,389.05   |
| Vouchers for 02/09/24 | \$ | 1,172,676.32 |
| Vouchers for 02/16/24 | \$ | 301,337.38   |
| Vouchers for 02/23/24 | \$ | 307,027.74   |
| Drafts                | \$ | 926,096.75   |

Council Member Yanez reviewed the above captioned vouchers.

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

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

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NAYS: None

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MOTION PASSED

Bids

Consideration and Possible Action on Awarding a Bid for Lighting at the Wastewater Treatment Plant and Authorizing the City Manager or His Designee to Execute any Necessary Documents

**MOTION WAS MADE BY Council Member Yanez to award the above captioned bid to Qualite Sports Lighting, LLC in the amount of \$89,080.00, seconded by Council Member Hughes.**

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

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NAYS: None

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MOTION PASSED

Consideration and Possible Action on Awarding a Bid for a Zero Turn Mower for the Cemetery Department and Authorizing the City Manager or His Designee to Execute any Necessary Documents

**The above captioned item was not considered at this time.**

New Business

First Reading of a Resolution Authorizing the Acceptance of the City of Big Spring 2024 Master Parks Plan; and Providing an Effective Date

**MOTION WAS MADE BY Mayor Pro Tem Ornelas to approve the above captioned resolution, seconded by Council Member Yanez.**

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

**NAYS: None 0**

**MOTION PASSED**

First Reading of a Resolution Declaring the Unopposed Candidate in the May 4, 2024 General Election for City Council Member, District 2 as Elected to Office; Canceling the General Election for City Council Position for City Council Member, District 2; and Providing an Effective Date

**MOTION WAS MADE BY Mayor Moore to approve the above captioned resolution, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Ornelas.**

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

**NAYS: None 0**

**MOTION PASSED**

First Reading of an Ordinance Amending Ordinance Number 049-2023 Which Adopted the Annual Budget for the City of Big Spring, Texas for the Fiscal Year Beginning October 1, 2023 and Ending September 30, 2024 by Increasing the General Fund Budget for the Purpose of Adding a Position to the Sports Complex Staff; Providing for Severability; Providing for Publication; and Providing an Effective Date

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

**YEAS: Mayor Pro Tem Ornelas, Council Member Yanez, Council Member 4**  
**Tompkins, Council Member Smith**

**NAYS: Mayor Moore, Council Member Hughes, Council Member McDonald 3**

**MOTION PASSED**

First Reading of an Ordinance Amending Chapter 24 of the Big Spring City Code Entitled "Fire Prevention and Protection," Article II, "Fire and Rescue Service Fees," Section 24-21 "Assessment of Fees for Services" and Section 24-22, "Fee Schedule" Adjusting Fees for Rescues, Fire Investigations, Water and Back Country Incidents, and Fires Outside of City Limits; The Repeal of Conflicting Legislation; Providing for Severability; Finding and Determining that the Meetings at Which the Ordinance was Discussed were Open to the Public as Required by Law; and Providing an Effective Date

**MOTION WAS MADE BY Council Member Hughes to approve the above captioned ordinance, 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**  
**NAYS: None**

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**MOTION PASSED**

Consideration and Possible Action of a Short-Term Contract with Avfuel to Allow for Continued Aircraft Fueling Operations at McMahon-Wrinkle Airport while Awaiting Results of a RFP for Aviation Fuel Suppliers and Authorizing the City Manager or His Designee to Execute any Necessary Documents

**The above captioned was not considered at this time.**

Consideration and Possible Action on an Interlocal Cooperation Agreement with South Plains Association of Governments (SPAG) for the Downtown Revitalization Program and Authorizing the City Manager or His Designee to Execute any Necessary Documents

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

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

**NAYS: None**  
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**MOTION PASSED**

Consideration and Possible Action to Enter into an Agreement with Jacob & Martin LLC for the 2024 Crack Seal and Seal Coat Projects 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 agreement, seconded by Council Member McDonald.**

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

**NAYS: None**  
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**MOTION PASSED**

Consideration and Possible Action to Enter into a Seal Coat Interlocal Agreement 2024 with Howard County Junior College District, and other Interested Entities 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 agreement, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Ornelas.**

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

**NAYS: None**  
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**MOTION PASSED**

Discussion and Possible Action of Approval of a Mural Painted by Big Spring Little League and Big Spring High School Art Club on the Concession Stand at Roy Anderson Sports Complex.

**MOTION WAS MADE BY Mayor Pro Tem Ornelas to approve the above captioned mural painting, seconded by Council Member Yanez.**

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

**NAYS: None 0**

**MOTION PASSED**

#### Council Input

##### Input

Mayor Pro Tem Ornelas has had some complaints/concerns on illegal dumping at 608 NW 3rd St.

Council Member Yanez thanked staff and supporters in her district

Council Member Hughes would like to review the numbers on overtime at the sports complex

Mayor Moore expressed condolences to the family of John Sparks

Council Member Smith encouraged citizens to vote in the May General Election

#### Executive Session

**Adjourn** into Executive Session in Accordance with the Purposes Permitted by the Open Meetings Act: Section 551.072, Texas Government Code, "Deliberation Regarding Real Property; Closed Meeting," to Deliberate the Purchase, Exchange, Lease, or Value of Real Property when Deliberation in an Open Meeting Would Have a Detrimental Effect on the Position of the Governmental Body in Negotiations with a Third Person

**The above captioned executive session was held in an open session with Mark Willis, Director of the Big Spring Economic Development Corporation, explaining the opportunity to buy 127 acres of land west of town and needs City Council approval and a contract signed allowing Big Spring Economic to purchase the property.**

**Reconvene** into Open Session and Take Any Necessary Action on Executive Session Items

**MOTION WAS MADE BY Mayor Moore to approve the contract authorizing the Big Spring Economic Development Corporation to purchase the 127 acres west of town, seconded by Council Member Tompkins.**

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

NAYS: None

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MOTION PASSED

Adjourn

Mayor Moore adjourned the City Council meeting at 6:30 p.m.



Robert H. Moore III, Mayor

ATTEST:



Tami L. Davis, City Secretary