

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 25, 2025, with the following members present in person:

MAYOR ROBERT MOORE
COUNCIL MEMBER NICK ORNELAS
COUNCIL MEMBER DIANE YANEZ
COUNCIL MEMBER CODY HUGHES
COUNCIL MEMBER HOMER WILKERSON
MAYOR PRO TEM TROY TOMPKINS
COUNCIL MEMBER DANIEL MORENO

Same and constituting a quorum, for which four Council Members 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
JAY HOLT	Fire Chief
MIKE FEELEY	Airpark Director
SANDY SMITH	Finance Director
SUSAN HIMES	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

Chance Nichols 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 public comments at this time.

Announcements, Presentations and Public Hearings

Open Public Hearing

MOTION WAS MADE BY Mayor Moore to open the below listed public hearing, seconded by Council Member Hughes.

**YEAS: Mayor Moore, Council Member Ornelas, Council Member Yanez, 7
Council Member Hughes, Council Member Wilkerson, Mayor Pro Tem
Tompkins, Council Member Moreno**

NAYS: None 0

MOTION PASSED

PUBLIC HEARING - Consideration and Possible Action Concerning Abatement of Public Nuisance, at 410 AYLESFORD, BIG SPRING, TEXAS 79720 – LEGAL DESCRIPTION: LESS W/33 OF LOT 6, BLOCK C, EARLES SUBDIVISION, BIG SPRING, HOWARD COUNTY, TEXAS – OWNER: MARY ORTEGA PUGA

MOTION WAS MADE BY Council Member Hughes to abate the above captioned property (410 Aylesford), seconded by Council Member Wilkerson.

**YEAS: Mayor Moore, Council Member Ornelas, Council Member Yanez, 7
Council Member Hughes, Council Member Wilkerson, Mayor Pro Tem
Tompkins, Council Member Moreno**

NAYS: None 0

MOTION PASSED

Close Public Hearing

MOTION WAS MADE BY Mayor Moore to close the above captioned public hearing, seconded by Council Member Wilkerson.

**YEAS: Mayor Moore, Council Member Ornelas, Council Member Yanez, 7
Council Member Hughes, Council Member Wilkerson, Mayor Pro Tem
Tompkins, Council Member Moreno**

NAYS: None 0

MOTION PASSED

City Manager's Report

City Manager's report on the following items:

- Update - Large Item Pickup, District 2 - Postponed until Feb. 26th
- E-Waste - March 1, 2025

- Playground Grand Opening - March 1, 2025

Todd Darden, City Manager, reported on the above captioned items as follows: Large item pickup was postponed due to the weather until February 26th; E-waste will be on March 1st at the Big Sandy Landfill beginning at 8:00 a.m.; The All Ages All Abilities Playground will have a grand opening and ribbon cutting at the Comanche Trail Park on March 1st beginning at 12:00 p.m.; Congratulated the Police Department for 39 indictments last week.

Consent Items

Approval of the City Council Minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 11, 2025.

Acknowledge Receipt of the Big Spring Economic Development Board of Director's Minutes for the Regular Meeting of January 27, 2025

Final Reading of a Resolution Authorizing the Submission of a Texas Community Development Block Grant Program Application to the Texas Department of Agriculture for the Downtown Revitalization Program; Finding and Determining that the Meetings at Which the Resolution were Discussed were Open to the Public as Required by Law; and Providing for an Effective Date

Final Reading of a Resolution to Authorize the City Manager to Cause to Be Demolished Certain Properties Within the City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas; Authorizing the City Manager to Cause Liens to Be Filed Against the Properties Subject to Demolition as Provided Herein; Authorizing the City Manager to Accept Certain Waivers Offered by Property Owners for the Demolition of Various Properties Within the City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas; Authorizing the City Attorney to Draft All Documents Necessary to Execute This Resolution; Providing for the Repeal of Conflicting Legislation; Providing for Severability; and Finding and Determining That the Meetings at Which the Resolution Were Discussed Were Open to the Public as Required by Law; and Establishing an Effective Date.

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

YEAS: Mayor Moore, Council Member Ornelas, Council Member Yanez, Council Member Hughes, Council Member Wilkerson, Mayor Pro Tem Tompkins, Council Member Moreno

NAYS: None

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MOTION PASSED

Vouchers

Vouchers for 02/18/25 \$ 17,913.23

Vouchers for 02/21/25 \$ 1,081,131.74

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, Council Member Ornelas, Council Member Yanez, 7
Council Member Hughes, Council Member Wilkerson, Mayor Pro Tem
Tompkins, Council Member Moreno**

NAYS: None 0

MOTION PASSED

Bids

Consideration and Possible Action to Award a Bid for the Business Park Water and Sewer Grant Project at the McMahon/Wrinkle Airpark and Authorizing the City Manager or His Designee to Execute any Necessary Documents

MOTION WAS MADE BY Mayor Pro Tem Tompkins to award the above captioned bid to Whitewater Construction in the amount of \$5,238,148.00(Total Cost of Project), seconded by Council Member Hughes.

**YEAS: Mayor Moore, Council Member Ornelas, Council Member Yanez, 7
Council Member Hughes, Council Member Wilkerson, Mayor Pro Tem
Tompkins, Council Member Moreno**

NAYS: None 0

MOTION PASSED

New Business

First Reading of a Resolution Reviewing and Approving the Investment Policy of the City of Big Spring

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

**YEAS: Mayor Moore, Council Member Ornelas, Council Member Yanez, 7
Council Member Hughes, Council Member Wilkerson, Mayor Pro Tem
Tompkins, Council Member Moreno**

NAYS: None 0

MOTION PASSED

First Reading of a Resolution Declaring the Unopposed Candidate in the May 3, 2025 General Election for Mayor of the City of Big Spring as Elected to Office; Canceling the General Election for the Position of Mayor; and Providing an Effective Date

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

**YEAS: Mayor Moore, Council Member Ornelas, Council Member Yanez, 7
Council Member Hughes, Council Member Wilkerson, Mayor Pro Tem
Tompkins, Council Member Moreno**

NAYS: None

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MOTION PASSED

First Reading of a Resolution Finding that the Statement of Intent of Atmos Energy Corp., West Texas Division to Change Rates Filing Within the City Should be Denied; Finding that the City's Reasonable Rate Case Expenses Shall be Reimbursed by the Company; Finding that the Meeting at Which this Resolution is Passed is Open to the Public as Required by Law; Requiring Notice of this Resolution to the Company and Legal Counsel; and Providing an Effective Date.

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

YEAS: Mayor Moore, Council Member Ornelas, Council Member Yanez, Council Member Hughes, Council Member Wilkerson, Mayor Pro Tem Tompkins, Council Member Moreno

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NAYS: None

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MOTION PASSED

First Reading of a Resolution to Authorize the Filing of a Grant Application with the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department for a Habitat and Angler Access Program Grant Authorizing the Community Services Director to Act on Behalf of the City of Big Spring in All Matters Related to the Application; and Pledging that if a Grant is Received the City of Big Spring will Comply with the Grant Requirements of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department; Providing for Severability; and Finding and Determining that the Meetings at Which the Resolution were Discussed were Open to the Public as Required by Law; and Establishing an Effective Date

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

YEAS: Mayor Moore, Council Member Ornelas, Council Member Yanez, Council Member Hughes, Council Member Wilkerson, Mayor Pro Tem Tompkins, Council Member Moreno

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NAYS: None

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MOTION PASSED

Consideration and Possible Action to Approve an Engineering Services Agreement with Jacob Martin, LLC for the 2025 Seal Coat Project 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 Wilkerson.

YEAS: Mayor Moore, Council Member Ornelas, Council Member Yanez, Council Member Hughes, Council Member Wilkerson, Mayor Pro Tem Tompkins, Council Member Moreno

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NAYS: None

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MOTION PASSED

Discussion and Possible Action on the Review of the EMS Provider Agreement with Allegiance and Authorizing the City Manager or His Designee to Execute any Necessary Documents

MOTION WAS MADE BY Council Member Hughes to extend the above captioned agreement on a month to month basis, seconded by Council Member Ornelas.

**YEAS: Mayor Moore, Council Member Ornelas, Council Member Yanez, 7
Council Member Hughes, Council Member Wilkerson, Mayor Pro Tem
Tompkins, Council Member Moreno**

NAYS: None

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MOTION PASSED

Council Input

Input

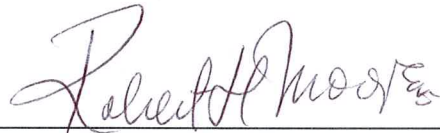
Mayor Moore explained the reason for the special meeting to be held on February 28th in order to get two citizens appointed to the Zoning Board of Adjustments so they may call a meeting.

Council Member Tompkins asked if the city staff could contact TXDOT for some direction signage to the Big Sandy Landfill.

Council Member Moreno is excited for the new playground to open and thanked staff for their hard work on it. He also thanked the Police and Fire Departments for their work as well.

Adjourn

Mayor Moore adjourned the City Council meeting at 6:05 p.m.



Robert H. Moore III, Mayor

ATTEST:



Tami L. Davis, City Secretary