

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, May 27, 2025, with the following members present in person:

MAYOR ROBERT MOORE
COUNCIL MEMBER NICK ORNELAS
COUNCIL MEMBER DIANE YANEZ
COUNCIL MEMBER HOMER WILKERSON
COUNCIL MEMBER DANIEL MORENO
COUNCIL MEMBER GLORIA BLACKBURN

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
GARY GIVENS	Assistant 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

Glen Farris, Crossroads Baptist Association, 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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No public comments were made at this time.

Announcements, Presentations and Public Hearings

PUBLIC HEARING - Consideration and Possible Action Concerning Abatement of Public Nuisance, at 2204 JOHNSON, BIG SPRING, TEXAS 79720 – LEGAL DESCRIPTION: S/100 NE/4 OF BLOCK 43, COLLEGE HEIGHTS SUBDIVISION, BIG SPRING, HOWARD COUNTY, TEXAS – OWNER: ESTATE OF SHIRLEY J. WHITE

No action was taken on the above captioned abatement at this time.

City Manager's Report

City Manager's report on the following items:

- Update - Large Item Pickup, District 5
- Bert Andries Park Splash Pad is Open
- Russ McEwen Aquatic Center Opening May 31st
- Parks & Recreation Board - Need Members
- Council Budget Work Session - June 10th

Todd Darden, City Manager, reported on the above captioned items as follows: Large item pickup for District 5 picked up 13 tons of items; Bert Andries Park Splash Pad has been open to the public; The Russ McEwen Aquatic Center will open on May 31st; Reminder that the Parks & Recreation Board has been reactivated and needs council to appoint members; City Council Budget Work Session will be after the next Council Meeting on June 10th.

Consent Items

Approval of the City Council Minutes of the Regular Meeting of May 13, 2025

Acknowledge Receipt of the Big Spring Economic Development Corporation Board of Director's Minutes for the Regular Meeting of March 18, 2025

Acknowledge Receipt of the McMahon-Wrinkle Aviation Advisory Board Minutes for the Regular Meeting of April 24, 2025

Final Reading of an Ordinance Adopting Section 2-1 "Exemption of City Property from Execution," in Chapter 2 of the Big Spring City Code Entitled "Administration," to Exempt City Property from Execution; Moving Section 2-137 on Exemption of the City on Garnishment to Section 2-2; Providing for 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 Ornelas to approve the above captioned minutes and ordinance, seconded by Council Member Wilkerson.

**YEAS: Mayor Moore, Council Member Ornelas, Council Member Yanez, 6
Council Member Wilkerson, Council Member Moreno, Council Member
Blackburn**

NAYS: None 0

MOTION PASSED

Vouchers

Vouchers for 05/16/25 \$ 481,127.16

Vouchers for 05/23/25 \$ 678,856.74

Council Member Blackburn reviewed the above captioned vouchers.

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

**YEAS: Mayor Moore, Council Member Ornelas, Council Member Yanez, 6
Council Member Wilkerson, Council Member Moreno, Council Member
Blackburn**

NAYS: None 0

MOTION PASSED

New Business

First Reading of an Ordinance Amending Ordinance Number 028-2024 Which Adopted the Annual Budget for the City of Big Spring, Texas for the Fiscal Year Beginning October 1, 2024 and Ending September 30, 2025 by Increasing the Utility Fund Budget for the Purpose of Replacing a 2016 Utility Crew Pickup for the Distribution and Collection Department; Providing for Severability; and Providing an Effective Date

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

**YEAS: Mayor Moore, Council Member Ornelas, Council Member Yanez, 6
Council Member Wilkerson, Council Member Moreno, Council Member
Blackburn**

NAYS: None 0

MOTION PASSED

Consideration and Possible Action to Approve an Agreement with the YMCA for Lifeguard Services at the Russ McEwen Family Aquatic Center and Authorizing the City Manager or His Designee to Execute any Necessary Documents

MOTION WAS MADE BY Council Member Ornelas to approve the above

captioned agreement, seconded by Council Member Yanez.

YEAS: Mayor Moore, Council Member Ornelas, Council Member Yanez, 6
Council Member Wilkerson, Council Member Moreno, Council Member
Blackburn

NAYS: None 0

MOTION PASSED

Consideration and Possible Action to Approve an Amendment to an Oil, Gas and Mineral Lease with SM Energy Company and Authorizing the City Manager to Execute any Necessary Documents

No action was taken at this time for the above captioned agreement.

Consideration and Possible Action Regarding a New Consolidated Lease with GEO for Prison and Support Facilities at McMahon-Wrinkle Airport and Authorizing the City Manager or His Designee to Execute any Necessary Documents

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

YEAS: Mayor Moore, Council Member Ornelas, Council Member Yanez, 6
Council Member Wilkerson, Council Member Moreno, Council Member
Blackburn

NAYS: None 0

MOTION PASSED

Discussion Regarding the Proposed Police and Fire Fitness Center at McMahon-Wrinkle Airport and Seeking City Council Direction for Future Activities Associated with the Opportunity

Mike Feeley, Airpark Director, briefly went over a plan for a fitness center for the use of the Fire and Police Departments. The total estimated cost is more than what was budgeted for and is seeking Council consent as to moving forward with this project. After a brief discussion, the City Council gave their consent to continue with this project.

Boards and Committees

Consideration and Possible Action on the Below Listed Board Members as Follows:

CRMWD Board of Director's

Ernie Morgan - Reappointment

Rick Watkins - Reappointment

MOTION WAS MADE BY Mayor Moore to reappoint Ernie Morgan and Rick Watkins to the CRMWD Board of Directors, seconded by Council Member Wilkerson.

YEAS: Mayor Moore, Council Member Ornelas, Council Member Yanez, 6
Council Member Wilkerson, Council Member Moreno, Council Member
Blackburn

NAYS: None

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MOTION PASSED

Council Input

Input

Council Member Ornelas thanked staff for fixing a pot hole

Council Member Yanez has concerns regarding trucks parking at the Pilot Truck Stop - Mr. Darden explained that the City is working with TxDOT to fix the problem.

Council Member Wilkerson thanked staff for their work

Council Member Blackburn had a citizen asking the staff to work on an issue in the ally between his house and the mall as he is having a hard time parking under his carport that is located in the alley.

Council Member Moreno also thanked staff

Adjourn

Mayor Moore adjourned the City Council meeting at 6:13 p.m.



Robert H. Moore III, Mayor

ATTEST:



Tami L. Davis, City Secretary