

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, September 9, 2025, with the following members present in person:

MAYOR ROBERT MOORE
COUNCIL MEMBER NICK ORNELAS
COUNCIL MEMBER DIANE YANEZ
MAYOR PRO TEM CODY HUGHES
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
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

Chris Cunningham, College Baptist 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

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There were no public comments at this time.

Announcements, Presentations and Public Hearings

Open Public Hearings

MOTION WAS MADE BY Mayor Moore to open the below listed public hearings, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Hughes.

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

NAYS: None 0

MOTION PASSED

PUBLIC HEARING - Annual Budget for Fiscal Year 2025-2026

PUBLIC HEARING - Proposed Tax Rate for Year 2025

Several citizens spoke against the annual budget and the tax rate and asked the Council to consider voting for the No New Revenue Rate of .668903 instead of the proposed tax rate. After a brief discussion, the Mayor called for a special meeting to be held on Tuesday, September 16, 2025 at 5:30 p.m. and asked the staff and citizens to bring back suggestions on how to cut the proposed budget if they are to consider a lower tax rate.

PUBLIC HEARING - Consideration and Possible Action Concerning Abatement of Public Nuisance, at 1602 E 16TH, BIG SPRING, TEXAS 79720 – LEGAL DESCRIPTION: LOT 4, BLOCK 4, MAY THIXTON SUBDIVISION, BIG SPRING, HOWARD COUNTY, TEXAS – OWNER: ELY STHEFANIE ZAMORA DELGADO

MOTION WAS MADE BY Council Member Ornelas to abate the above captioned property (1602 E. 16th St.), seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Hughes.

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

NAYS: None 0

MOTION PASSED

PUBLIC HEARING - Consideration and Possible Action Concerning Abatement of Public Nuisance, at 605 NW 9TH, BIG SPRING, TEXAS 79720 – LEGAL DESCRIPTION: LOT 3, BLOCK 23, BAUER SUBDIVISION, BIG SPRING, HOWARD COUNTY, TEXAS – OWNER: JULIAN CHAVEZ

MOTION WAS MADE BY Council Member Ornelas to abate the above captioned

property (605 NW 9th St.), seconded by Council Member Yanez.

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

NAYS: None 0

MOTION PASSED

Close Public Hearings

MOTION WAS MADE BY Mayor Moore to close the above captioned public
hearings, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Hughes.

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

NAYS: None 0

MOTION PASSED

City Manager's Report

City Manager's report on the following items:

- Large Item Pickup, District 3 - September 17th
- Board Appointments

Todd Darden, City Manager, reported on the above captioned items as follows:
Large item pickup for District 3 will be on September 17th and Board
appointments will be on the next agenda for those that terms are about to expire
on September 30, 2025.

Consent Items

Approval of the City Council Minutes of the Regular Meeting of August 26, 2025

Acknowledge Receipt of the McMahon-Wrinkle Aviation Advisory Board Minutes for the
Regular Meeting of July 17, 2025

Acknowledge Receipt of the Planning & Zoning Commission Minutes for the Regular
Meeting of June 3, 2025

Final 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 Airpark Fund
Budget for the Purchase and Installation of Thirty-Eight (38) New Airport Guidance
Signs; Providing for Severability; and Providing an Effective Date.

Final Reading of an Ordinance Creating a Joint Airport Zoning Board and Investing Such Joint Board with the Powers Such Boards are Authorized to Exercise Under the Provisions of the Airport Zoning Act, Chapter 241, Texas Local Government Code, As Amended; Amending Chapter 2 of the Big Spring City Code Entitled "Administration," Article VII, "Boards And Commissions," Division 2, to Conform to State Law; 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.

Consideration and Possible Action Awarding a Proposal by Lunes Holding, LLC for the Purchase, Demolition, and Development of Certain City-Owned Real Property and Approving the Sale of Such City-Owned Real Property Located at or near the 200 Block of South Main Street, Big Spring, Texas, Known Locally as the "Texas Building," Which is Specifically and Further Legally Described as Lots 1, 2, 6, 7, 8, 9, and 10, All in Block 12, Original Townsite Subdivision, Big Spring, Howard County, Texas, and Authorizing the City Manager and/or Mayor to Negotiate and Execute any Necessary Documents.

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

YEAS: Mayor Moore, Council Member Ornelas, Council Member Yanez, 7
Mayor Pro Tem Hughes, Council Member Wilkerson, Council Member
Moreno, Council Member Blackburn
NAYS: None 0

MOTION PASSED

Vouchers

Vouchers for 08/29/25 \$ 1,573,730.15

Council Member Yanez reviewed the above captioned vouchers.

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

YEAS: Mayor Moore, Council Member Ornelas, Council Member Yanez, 7
Mayor Pro Tem Hughes, Council Member Wilkerson, Council Member
Moreno, Council Member Blackburn
NAYS: None 0

MOTION PASSED

Bids

Consideration and Possible Action on Awarding Annual Bids and Authorizing the City Manager or His Designee to Execute any Necessary Documents as Follows:

Aluminum Sulfate

Awarded to Chameleon Industries, Inc. in the amount of \$250,000.00.

Anhydrous Ammonia

Awarded to PVS DX Inc. in the amount of \$95,000.00.

Liquid Chlorine

Awarded to PVS DX Inc. in the amount of \$318,370.00.

Polymer

Awarded to Polydyne in the amount of \$63,200.00.

Sodium Hydroxide

Awarded to Univar Solutions in the amount of \$17,085.00.

Sulfur Dioxide

Awarded to PVS DX Inc. in the amount of \$47,000.00.

Utilities Valves & Fittings

Awarded to APSCO in the amount of \$818,811.26.

Fleet Fuel Services

Awarded to Southwest Convenience Stores, LLC in the amount of \$477,174.56.

Janitorial Downtown Offices

Awarded to Manny's Janitorial Services in the amount of \$70,824.60.

Sodium Permanganate

Awarded to Univar Solutions in the amount of \$147,000.00.

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

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

NAYS: None

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MOTION PASSED

New Business

First Reading of an Ordinance Approving and Adopting an Annual Budget for the City of Big Spring, Texas for the Fiscal Year Beginning October 1, 2025 and Ending September 30, 2026; Providing for Severability; and Providing an Effective Date

First Reading of an Ordinance Fixing and Levying Municipal Ad Valorem Taxes for Said City for the Year 2025; Directing the Assessment and Collection Thereof; Providing for Severability; and Establishing an Effective Date

MOTION: "I Move that the Property Tax Rate be Increased by the Adoption of a Tax Rate of \$0.708152 per \$100 Taxable Assessed Valuation, Which is Effectively a 6.95% Increase in the Tax Rate."

First Reading of an Ordinance Ratifying the Property Tax Increase Reflected in the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Budget that will Require Raising More Revenue from Property Taxes than in the Prior Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Budget; and Providing an Effective Date

First Reading of an Ordinance Establishing the Pay Schedule for Classified Positions within the Police Department Effective October 1, 2025; Providing for Repeal of Ordinances in Conflict Herewith; and Providing for an Effective Date

First Reading of an Ordinance Establishing the Fire Department Pay Scale Effective October 1, 2025, in Accordance with Chapter 143 of the Texas Local Government Code; Providing for the Repeal of Ordinances in Conflict Herewith; and Providing an Effective Date

First Reading of an Ordinance Amending Chapter 50 of the Code of Ordinance Entitled "Utilities," Article IV Entitled "Utility Service Charges," Section 50-92 Entitled "Charges for Water Rate" Subsection B Due to Increased Costs of Operating the Water Utilities; Providing for Severability; Providing for Publication; and Providing an Effective Date;

First Reading of an Ordinance Amending Chapter 44 of the Big Spring Code of Ordinances Entitled "Solid Waste" Article 2 "Collection and Landfill Fees," Section 44-41. "Rates" to Include an Increase on Residential Rates and Commercial Rates; Providing for Severability; Providing for Publication; and Providing an Effective Date.

The above captioned 7 ordinances have been postponed until a special meeting on September 16, 2025.

First Reading of an Ordinance Amending Chapter 48 of the Big Spring City Code Entitled "Traffic and Vehicles," Article I "In General," Section 48-10 School Speed Limit Zones 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 ordinance, seconded by Council Member Wilkerson.

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

NAYS: None

MOTION PASSED

First Reading of a Resolution Designating One Mailing Address and One Electronic Mail Address, and Approving One Electronic Submission Method Through the Internet for Receiving Written Public Information Requests; Providing for 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 resolution, seconded by Council Member Yanez.

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

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NAYS: None

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MOTION PASSED

First Reading of a Resolution Joining with the State of Texas and Political Subdivisions of the State as a Party in the Various Eight (8) Opioid Settlement Agreements Secured by the Office of the Attorney General between the State of Texas and Alvogen, Inc., Amneal Pharmaceuticals LLC, Apotex Corp., Hikma Pharmaceuticals USA Inc. F/K/A West-Ward Pharmaceuticals Corp., Indivior Inc., Viartis Inc., Sun Pharmaceutical Industries, Inc., and Zydus Pharmaceuticals (USA) Inc.; Authorizing the City Manager to Execute the Secondary Manufacturers' Subdivision Participation and Release Form; 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.

First Reading of a Resolution Joining with the State of Texas and Political Subdivisions of the State as a Party in the Governmental Entity Shareholder Direct Settlement Agreement Secured by the Office of the Attorney General between the State of Texas and the Master Disbursement Trust, Pursuant to the Chapter 11 Plan Filed in re Purdue Pharma L.P., et al.; Authorizing the City Manager to Execute the Texas Settlement Subdivision Participation and Release Form; 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 Mayor Pro Tem Hughes to approve the above captioned 2 resolutions, seconded by Mayor Moore.

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

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NAYS: None

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MOTION PASSED

Consideration and Possible Action to Approve a Roofing Consultant Agreement between the City of Big Spring and Rickey Conradt d/b/a Building Science Consultants for Roofing Consulting Services Regarding Storm Damage to City-Owned Real

Property and Authorizing the City Manager or His Designee to Execute any Necessary Documents

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

**YEAS: Mayor Moore, Council Member Ornelas, Council Member Yanez, 7
Mayor Pro Tem Hughes, Council Member Wilkerson, Council Member
Moreno, Council Member Blackburn
NAYS: None 0**

MOTION PASSED

Consideration and Possible Action to Approve a Change Order to the Seal Coat Project 2025 by Adding Striping to the Major Thoroughfares and Authorizing the City Manager or His Designee to Execute any Necessary Documents

MOTION WAS MADE BY Mayor Moore to approve the above captioned change order, seconded by Council Member Wilkerson.

**YEAS: Mayor Moore, Council Member Ornelas, Council Member Yanez, 7
Mayor Pro Tem Hughes, Council Member Wilkerson, Council Member
Moreno, Council Member Blackburn
NAYS: None 0**

MOTION PASSED

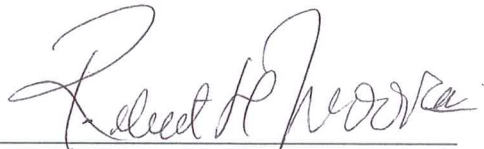
Council Input

Input

**Council Member Ornelas thanked everyone for their calls regarding the tax rate
Council Member Yanez has some concerns regarding the tax rate and asked
citizens to help take of their area at the Mount Olive Cemetery
Council Member Blackburn asks for volunteers to serve on city boards
Council Member Moreno thanked the citizens that came to council meeting and
asked citizens to call him at anytime if they have any questions or concerns**

Adjourn

Mayor Moore adjourned the City Council meeting at 6:53 p.m.



Robert H. Moore III, Mayor

ATTEST:



Tami L. Davis, City Secretary