

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 24, 2026, with the following members present in person:

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
MANDY HAYNES	Municipal Judge

Open Session

Call to Order

Mayor Pro Tem Hughes called the City Council meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

Invocation

Jonathan Raffini, First Baptist Church, gave the invocation.

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

Mayor Pro Tem Hughes 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 made 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
- Recognition of Under 55 Chamber Award

Todd Darden, City Manager, gave a report on the following items: Large item pickup for District 2 picked up 15 tons of items and Mr. Darden recognized Shane Bowles, Public Works Director, for receiving an Under 55 Chamber Award presented at the Chamber Banquet.

Consent Items

Approval of the City Council Minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 10, 2026

Acknowledge Receipt of the Big Spring Economic Development Board of Director's Minutes for the Regular Meeting of January 20, 2026

Final Reading of a Resolution Authorizing and Appointing the City Manager to Submit an Application to the Office of the Governor, Criminal Justice Division, for a Grant to Secure Funding for Video/Audio Recording System and Cloud Network for Interview Rooms; and Providing an Effective Date

Final Reading of an Ordinance Amending Chapter 1, Section 1-7 of the Big Spring City Code on the Severability of the Big Spring City Code if the Code or Part of the Big Spring City Code is Determined to be Invalid, Repealing Chapter 36, Section 36-355(a) and Chapter 48, Section 48-1, Big Spring City Code 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, resolution and ordinance, seconded by Council Member Yanez

YEAS: 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

Vouchers

Vouchers for 02/06/26 \$ 1,028,367.80

Vouchers for 02/13/26 \$ 139,229.61

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 Wilkerson.

YEAS: 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

Bids

Consideration and Possible Action Awarding a Bid for Five Dump Trucks for Various Departments 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 Rush Truck Centers in the total amount of \$884,548.35, seconded by Council Member Wilkerson.

YEAS: 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

New Business

First Reading of an Ordinance Providing for Reimbursement of Jurors in the Municipal Court, Amending Section 34-3, Chapter 34 of the Big Spring City Code; 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 Wilkerson to approve the above captioned ordinance, seconded by Council Member Ornelas.

YEAS: 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 an Ordinance Providing for the Issuance of City of Big Spring, Texas, Combination Tax and Surplus Revenue Tax Notes, Taxable Series 2026, in the Aggregate Principal Amount of \$220,000; Awarding the Sale Thereof; Levying a Tax in Payment Thereof; Prescribing the Form of Said Notes; Approving the Private Placement Memorandum; Approving a Paying Agent/Registrar Agreement and One or More Escrow Agreements; and Enacting Other provisions Relating Thereto; and Providing an Effective Date.

Big Spring Tax Notes TWDB

Paying Agent Registrar Agreement

MOTION WAS MADE BY Council Member Yanez to approve the above captioned ordinance and agreements, seconded by Council Member Wilkerson to Approve Paying Agent Registrar Agreement.

YEAS: 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 Approving a Grant Agreement with the Texas Water Development Board from the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund in the Amount of \$228,980 and Authorizing the Mayor as the Designated Representative of the City to Execute the Grant Agreement; Approving an Escrow Agreement; and Approving other Matters Related Thereto; Providing an Effective Date.

City of Big Spring Principal Forgiveness Agreement

Escrow Agreement Between the City of Big Spring, Texas and BOKF, NA, as Escrow Agent

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

YEAS: 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 to Adopt Reasonable Monthly and Annual Time Limits Without Recovering the City's Costs Attributable to Personnel Time for Requestors of Public Information; 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.

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

First Reading of a Resolution Declaring the Unopposed Candidates in the May 2, 2026 General Election for City Council Member District 1 and for City Council Member District 3 as Elected to Office; Canceling the General Election for City Council Positions for City Council Member District 1 and District 3; and Providing an Effective Date

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

YEAS: 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 Approving a Change Order #2 with Texas Water and Soil on the WasteWater Grit Removal System Improvements 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 change order #2, seconded by Council Member Blackburn.

YEAS: 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 Authorize the City Manager to Negotiate and Execute any Necessary Documents to Enter into a contract with Flock Safety to Provide none (9) License Plate Readers (LPR's) to be used throughout the City of Big Spring.

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

YEAS: 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 Appoint Members to the Following Boards:

MOTION WAS MADE BY Mayor Pro Tem Hughes to approve the below listed board appointments, seconded by Council Member Yanez.

YEAS: 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

CRMWD Board of Directors

Unexpired Term Ending May 31, 2026

Joel De La Garza

Charter Review Committee

District 3 - John Scott

Parks & Recreation Board

District 3 - Ron Alton

Council Input

Input

Council Member Ornelas reminded everyone to go vote as early voting is going on for the primary elections

Council Member Blackburn asks citizens not to throw trash into the recycling bins

Council Member Moreno thanked the Economic Development Board

Executive Session

Adjourn into Executive Session in Accordance with Texas Government Code, 551.074, to Deliberate the Appointment, Employment, Evaluation, Reassignment, Duties, Discipline, or Dismissal of a Public Officer or Employee.

- Big Spring Economic Development Executive Director

The above captioned executive session was held in open session to review an employee contract for the Big Spring Economic Development Executive Director presented by the Big Spring Economic Development Board of Directors with a few changes from the previous contract.

MOTION WAS MADE BY Council Member Ornelas to accept the Big Spring Economic Development Executive Director employment contract as presented by the Big Spring Economic Development Board of Directors, seconded by Council Member Yanez.

YEAS: 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

Reconvene into Open Session and Take any Necessary Action on Executive Session
Action was taken in open session listed above.

Adjourn

Mayor Pro Tem Hughes adjourned the City Council meeting at 6:18 p.m.



Robert H. Moore III, Mayor

ATTEST:



Tami L. Davis, City Secretary

