

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 p.m., January 25, 2022, with the following members present in person:

SHANNON THOMASON	Mayor
NICK ORNELAS	Mayor Pro Tem
CODY HUGHES	Councilmember
GLORIA MCDONALD	Councilmember
TROY TOMPKINS	Councilmember
MAURY SMITH	Councilmember

(Councilmember Yanez was not present at this meeting.)

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

TODD DARDEN	City Manager
JOHN MEDINA	Assistant City Manager
ANDREW HAGEN	City Attorney
CRAIG FERGUSON	Fire Chief
SHANE BOWLES	Public Works Director
MIKE FEELEY	Airpark Director
SANDY SMITH	Finance Director
HAYLEY HERRERA	Community Services Director
TAMI DAVIS	City Secretary
TIM GREEN	Municipal Judge

INVOCATION & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Councilmember Smith gave the invocation and Mayor Thomason led the Pledge of Allegiance to the American and Texas Flags.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No comments were made at this time.

ANNOUNCEMENTS, PRESENTATIONS AND PUBLIC HEARINGS

PUBLIC HEARING – SECOND PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING REDISTRICTING PLANS

Motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Ornelas to open the above captioned public hearing, seconded by Councilmember McDonald, with all members of the Council present voting "aye." Bob Bass with Allison, Bass & Associates, LLP explained three different plans of redistricting within the city limits. Motion was made by Councilmember Hughes to close the above captioned public hearing, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Ornelas, with all members of the Council present voting "aye."

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

John Medina, Assistant City Manager, gave an update on the following:

- Welcome new Airpark Director, Mike Feeley
- Update on Large Item Pickup for District 1
- Dr. Ahmed reported on the latest COVID activity

CONSENT ITEMS

APPROVAL OF THE CITY COUNCIL MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF JANUARY 11, 2022

FINAL READING OF A RESOLUTION TO SET THE ROTATION PERIOD OF MEMBERS OF CITY COUNCIL TO VERIFY AND AUDIT PAYMENT VOUCHERS TO A MONTHLY BASIS; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

FINAL READING OF A RESOLUTION AMENDING THE BIG SPRING ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION BY AMENDING THE NUMBER OF DIRECTORS AND THE MANNER OF APPOINTMENT OF DIRECTORS; AND PROVIDING FOR RULES OF PROCEDURES; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

FINAL READING OF AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE 2021 EDITION OF THE INTERNATIONAL PROPERTY MAINTENANCE CODE, REGULATING AND GOVERNING THE CONDITIONS AND MAINTENANCE OF ALL PROPERTY, BUILDINGS AND STRUCTURES WITHIN THE CITY LIMITS; BY PROVIDING THE STANDARDS FOR SUPPLIED UTILITIES AND FACILITIES AND OTHER PHYSICAL THINGS AND CONDITIONS ESSENTIAL TO ENSURE THAT STRUCTURES ARE SAFE, SANITARY AND FIT FOR OCCUPATION AND USE; AND THE CONDEMNATION OF BUILDINGS AND STRUCTURES UNFIT FOR HUMAN OCCUPANCY AND USE, AND THE DEMOLITION OF SUCH EXISTING STRUCTURES IN THE CITY OF BIG SPRING; PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE OF PERMITS AND COLLECTION OF FEES THEREFOR; REPEALING CHAPTER 36, "NUISANCES," ARTICLE II, "UNSANITARY, UNSIGHTLY, AND PUBLIC NUISANCE CONDITIONS OF PROPERTY IN ITS ENTIRETY; AMENDING CHAPTER 44, "SOLID WASTE," ARTICLE I, "IN GENERAL," SECTION 1, "DEFINITIONS," SECTION 44-1 AND ARTICLE III, "ILLEGAL DUMPING AND LITTER CONTROL," SECTION 101, "DEFINITIONS TO AMEND THE DEFINITIONS OF "GARBAGE"; AND AMENDING THE STRUCTURAL STANDARDS ORDINANCE, ARTICLE I, SECTION 1.05 "DEFINITIONS," SUBSECTION (c) "BUILDING CODES" TO INCLUDE CHAPTER 36, ARTICLES I AND III IN THE BUILDING CODES;

PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

FINAL READING OF AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NUMBER 039-2021 WHICH ADOPTED THE ANNUAL BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF BIG SPRING, TEXAS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2021 AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2022 BY INCREASING THE SPECIAL REVENUE FUND, SENIOR CENTER, BUDGET FOR THE PURPOSE OF PURCHASING A NEW VEHICLE FOR THE SENIOR CENTER; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH; PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

Motion was made by Councilmember Hughes to approve the above captioned minutes, resolutions and ordinances, seconded by Councilmember Tompkins, with all members of the Council present voting "aye."

OTHER BUSINESS

FINAL READING OF A RESOLUTION APPROVING AND ADOPTING NEW DISTRICT BOUNDARIES FOR THE ELECTION OF CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

Motion was made by Councilmember Tompkins to approve the above captioned resolution and adopt Plan C of the redistricting options, seconded by Councilmember Hughes, with all members of the Council present voting "aye."

VOUCHERS

Mayor Pro Tem Ornelas reviewed the following vouchers:

VOUCHERS FOR 01/13/2022	\$	2,434,523.84
VOUCHERS FOR 01/20/2022	\$	360,835.62

Motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Ornelas to approve the above captioned vouchers, seconded by Mayor Thomason, with all members of the Council present voting "aye."

NEW BUSINESS

ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT OF THE BIG SPRING ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT BOARD OF DIRECTORS MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF DECEMBER 21, 2021

Councilmembers acknowledge receipt of the above captioned minutes.

FIRST READING OF AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 2 OF THE BIG SPRING CITY CODE ENTITLED "ADMINISTRATION," SECTION 2-196 "PAYMENT CARD FEES AND SERVICE CHARGES" BY ADDING A NEW SUBSECTION (C-2) ESTABLISHING THAT CARD REIMBURSEMENT FEES SHALL BE ENACTED BY OFFICIAL ACTION OF

THE CITY COUNCIL; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

Motion was made by Mayor Thomason to approve the above captioned ordinance, seconded by Councilmember McDonald, with all members of the Council present voting "aye."

FIRST READING OF AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 32 OF THE BIG SPRING CITY CODE ENTITLED "LICENSES, TAXATION, AND MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS REGULATIONS," ARTICLE 5, SECTION 32-356 BY ADDING A NEW SUBSECTION (E) TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO WAIVE FEES FOR PRODUCTIONS THAT ADVANCE A PUBLIC PURPOSE; AMENDING SECTION 32-258 TO CLARIFY APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS; AND BY ADDING A NEW SECTION 32-263 ENTITLED "LIMITATION OF PERMIT" TO PROHIBIT THE ISSUANCE OF PERMITS OTHERWISE ILLEGAL UNDER STATE OR FEDERAL LAW, INCLUDING FEDERAL AVIATION REGULATIONS ON DRONE OPERATIONS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

Motion was made by Councilmember Tompkins to approve the above captioned contract, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Ornelas, with all members of the council present voting "aye."

FIRST READING OF AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 2 OF THE BIG SPRING CITY CODE ENTITLED "ADMINISTRATION," ARTICLE VII "BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS," SECTION 2-241 "APPOINTMENTS AND REMOVALS FROM BOARDS AND COMMITTEES CREATED BY ACTS OF CITY COUNCIL" TO CREATE SEVEN ALTERNATE BOARD POSITIONS FOR EACH BOARD CREATED BY AN ACT OF COUNCIL; REQUIRING THAT EACH MEMBER POSSESS THE SAME QUALIFICATIONS AS REGULAR BOARD MEMBERS; AND ESTABLISHING REQUIREMENTS UNDER WHICH ALTERNATE MEMBERS SHALL SERVE IN PLACE OF A REGULAR BOARD MEMBER; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

No action taken on the above captioned ordinance.

EMERGENCY READING OF A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF AN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ADMINISTRATION APPLICATION TO THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ADMINISTRATION; AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ACT AS THE CITY'S EXECUTIVE OFFICER AND AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE IN ALL MATTERS PERTAINING TO THE CITY'S PARTICIPATION IN THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ADMINISTRATION GRANT PROGRAM; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Motion was made by Councilmember McDonald to approve the above captioned resolution, seconded by Councilmember Smith, with all members of the Council present voting "aye."

FIRST READING OF A RESOLUTION CALLING FOR A GENERAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON MAY 7, 2022 FOR THE PURPOSE OF ELECTING ONE PERSON TO SERVE AS

MAYOR OF THE CITY OF BIG SPRING AND ONE PERSON TO SERVE AS CITY COUNCILMEMBER FOR DISTRICT FIVE; PROVIDING FOR THE CONDUCT OF THE ELECTION; DESIGNATING SEVERAL POLLING PLACES WITHIN THE CITY; AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE NOTICE AND HAVE THE NOTICE POSTED FOR THE PURPOSE OF NOTIFYING THE PUBLIC OF SAID ELECTION; AND PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY

Motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Ornelas to approve the above captioned ordinance, seconded by Councilmember McDonald, with all members of the Council present voting "aye."

CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION OF A JOINT ELECTION AGREEMENT WITH BIG SPRING INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OR HIS DESIGNEE TO EXECUTE ANY NECESSARY DOCUMENTS

Motion was made by Councilmember Smith to approve the above captioned agreement, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Ornelas, with all members of the Council present voting "aye."

CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION OF A SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH ADCOMP SYSTEMS, INC. AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER OR HIS DESIGNEE TO EXECUTE ANY NECESSARY DOCUMENTS

Motion was made by Councilmember Tompkins to approve the above captioned agreement, seconded by Councilmember Smith. After a brief discussion, Mayor Thomason made a motion to amend the above captioned agreement by authorizing the City Manager or his designee to negotiate and/or execute any necessary documents, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Ornelas, with all members of the Council present voting "aye." Motion was made by Councilmember Tompkins to approve the amendment, seconded by Councilmember Smith, with all members of the Council present voting "aye."

CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION OF A TxCDBG (TEXAS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT) ENGINEERING SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH FREESE AND NICHOLS, INC. AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER OR HIS DESIGNEE TO EXECUTE ANY NECESSARY DOCUMENTS

Motion was made by Councilmember Tompkins to approve the above captioned agreement, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Ornelas, with all members of the Council present voting "aye."

CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON THE INVESTMENT REPORT FOR THE QUARTER ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2021

Motion was made by Mayor Thomason to approve the above captioned report, seconded by Councilmember McDonald, with all members of the Council present voting "aye."

COUNCIL INPUT

Councilmembers Hughes and McDonald thanked staff.

Councilmember Tompkins asked to revisit the City Master Plan at some point and expressed concerns regarding loose dogs and recommends that the Animal Control Department be separated from the Police Department.

Mayor Thomason gave a COVID update and strongly recommends that everyone keep taking precautions such as social distancing, wash hands, etc. Mayor Thomason also addressed the animal control issue and has a plan to renovate the old animal shelter to house more animals. Mayor Thomason closed by reminded everyone to help control the pet population by having their pets spayed or neutered.

ADJOURN

Mayor Thomason adjourned the meeting at 7:08 p.m.


Shannon D. Thomason, Mayor

ATTEST:


Tami L. Davis, City Secretary