

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., March 12, 2019, with the following members present:

LARRY MCLELLAN	Mayor
RAUL MARQUEZ	Councilmember
HOWARD STEWART	Councilmember
RAUL BENAVIDES	Councilmember
JIM DEPAUW	Councilmember

(Mayor Pro Tem McDaniel and Councilmember Hartman were not present at this meeting.)

Same and constituting a quorum; and

TODD DARDEN	City Manager
JOHN MEDINA	Assistant City Manager
MARIANNE BANKS	City Attorney
CHAD WILLIAMS	Police Chief
CRAIG FERGUSON	Fire Chief
JIM LITTLE	Airpark Director
TIM GREEN	Municipal Court Judge
DON MOORE	Finance Director/City Secretary

INVOCATION & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor McLellan gave the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the American and Texas Flags.

DISPOSITION OF MINUTES

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF FEBRUARY 26, 2019.

Motion was made by Councilmember Marquez, seconded by Councilmember Stewart, with all members of the Council present voting “aye” approving the above listed minutes.

CONSENT ITEMS

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 FOR INTERVIEW ROOMS; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

COUNCILMEMBER STEWART REVIEWED THE VOUCHERS FOR 02/28/19 \$872,079.66 & 03/07/19 \$2,372,009.20.

Motion was made by Councilmember Marquez, seconded by Councilmember Stewart, with all members of the Council present voting "aye" approving the second and final reading of the above captioned resolution and vouchers.

BIDS

TABLED - AWARD THE BID FOR A UTILITY TRACTOR WITH BUCKET ATTACHMENT FOR MCMAHON-WRINKLE AIRPARK TO UNITED AG & TURF OF WEATHERFORD AND AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER OR HIS DESIGNEE TO EXECUTE ANY NECESSARY DOCUMENTS

Motion was made by Councilmember Stewart, seconded by Councilmember Benavides, with all members of the Council present voting "aye" taking the above captioned item off the table. After a brief review of the bid tabulations, Motion was made by Councilmember Stewart, seconded by Councilmember Benavides, with all members of the Council present voting "aye" awarding to the above captioned bid to United Ag & Turf in the amount of \$63,904.96.

AWARD THE BID FOR THE 2019 SEAL COAT PROJECT TO COX PAVING OF TEXAS AND AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE ANY NECESSARY DOCUMENTS

Motion was made by Councilmember Stewart, seconded by Councilmember Marquez, with all members of the Council present voting "aye" awarding the above captioned bid to Cox Paving in the amount of \$497,124.27.

PERMISSION TO SEEK BIDS FOR CONSTRUCTION OF THE WALL FOR BUILDING #1(FORMER WESTERN CONTAINER BUILDING) AT THE AIRPARK

Motion was made by Councilmember Benavides, seconded by Councilmember Stewart, with all members of the Council present voting "aye" approving the above captioned permission.

NEW BUSINESS

ACCEPTANCE OF RESIGNATION OF COUNCILMEMBER HOWARD STEWART, DISTRICT 4

Motion was made by Councilmember DePauw, seconded by Councilmember Benavides, with all members of the Council present voting "aye" accepting the above captioned resignation.

EMERGENCY READING OF AN ORDINANCE CALLING FOR A SPECIAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON MAY 4, 2019, FOR THE PURPOSE OF FILLING A VACANCY FOR COUNCIL MEMBER DISTRICT 4 WHO SHALL BE ELECTED BY A MAJORITY VOTE OF THE QUALIFIED VOTERS OF DISTRICT FOUR; 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 Councilmember Stewart, seconded by Councilmember Benavides, with all members of the Council present voting “aye” approving the above captioned ordinance.

FIRST READING OF A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE DESIGNATION OF THE EXTENSION OF INTERSTATE 27 AS A FUTURE INTERSTATE BY CONGRESS AND URGING THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO SUPPORT SUCH DESIGNATION; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

Motion was made by Councilmember DePauw, seconded by Councilmember Stewart, with all members of the Council present voting “aye” approving the above captioned resolution.

DISCUSSION REGARDING PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS

A brief discussion was made regarding possibility of accepting citizens that live within the county to serve on various boards. Council agreed with the limit of two (2) citizens that live within the county and an ordinance will be brought back to the Council at a later date with this recommendation.

CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION OF A REQUEST BY BIG SPRING SENIOR CITIZENS TO MODIFY THE SENIOR ANNUAL GREEN RATE TO INCLUDE HOLIDAYS IF THE HOLIDAY FALLS ON A WEEK DAY (MONDAY-FRIDAY)

After a brief discussion, motion was made by Councilmember Marquez, seconded by Councilmember Stewart, with Councilmembers Marquez, McLellan, and Stewart voting “aye” approving the above captioned request. Councilmembers Benavides and DePauw, being opposed, voting “nay” for passage of same. Motion passes three to two.

CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION OF A PERMIT WITH DAWSON GEOPHYSICAL COMPANY TO CONDUCT GEOPHYSICAL OPERATIONS ON 447.1 GROSS ACRES AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE ANY NECESSARY DOCUMENTS

After a brief discussion, Motion was made by Councilmember DePauw to table the above captioned permit. There was no second and motion dies with a lack of a second.

Motion was made by Councilmember Benavides, seconded by Councilmember Marquez, with Councilmembers Marquez, McLellan, Stewart and Benavides voting “aye” approving the above captioned permit. Councilmember DePauw, being opposed, voting “nay” for passage of same. Motion passes four to one.

APPROVAL OF THE ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENTS AND APPEALS MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETINGS OF APRIL 11, 2018 AND OCTOBER 25, 2018

Motion was made by Councilmember Stewart, seconded by Councilmember Benavides, with all members of the Council present voting "aye" approving the above captioned minutes.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

Todd Darden, City Manager, reminded everyone that we are still taking resumes for seven (7) members to be on the Parks and Traffic Boards and also the Zoning Board of Adjustments (ZBA) and Board of Adjustments and Appeals (BAA) needs one person each.

COUNCIL INPUT

Councilmember DePauw would like to have an update from the staff on tearing down the dilapidated structures.

Councilmember Benavides asked that everyone keep Debbye Valverde in their prayers.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

ADJOURN INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION WITH CITY ATTORNEY AND STAFF IN ACCORDANCE WITH TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 551.072 TO DELIBERATE THE PURCHASE, EXCHANGE, LEASE, OR VALUE OF REAL PROPERTY AT 6:55 P.M.

RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION AND TAKE ANY NECESSARY ACTIONS AND AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR OR HIS DESIGNEE TO EXECUTE ANY NECESSARY DOCUMENTS AT 7:23 P.M.

Motion was made by Councilmember Marquez, seconded by Councilmember Benavides to accept a donation of property located at 901 Ohio Street.

ADJOURN

Mayor McLellan adjourned the meeting at 7:24 p.m.



Larry McLellan, Mayor

ATTEST:



Tami L. Davis, Assistant City Secretary