

STATE OF TEXAS

CITY OF BIG LAKE

MINUTES
CITY OF BIG LAKE CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
NOVEMBER 19, 2019 6:15 P.M.

1. Call to order by Mayor Phil Pool at 6:15 p.m.
2. Councilmember Lissa Cammack was absent, all other elected officials present: Mayor Pool, Mayor Pro-Tem Melms, Councilmember Collins, Councilmember Hallmark and Councilmember O'Bryan.
3. Mayor Phil Pool led the Council Chambers in the Invocation and Pledges of Allegiance to the National Colors and State Colors.
4. Citizen Comments: Mr. and Mrs. Alvaro and Idalia Portales spoke about the recent changes to the City's utility charges, specifically the section regarding sanitation charges being charged to all present and future water accounts available inside or outside the City limits.
5. Consent Items: All Consent Items passed unanimously: Minutes of Regular Council Meeting of November 5, 2019, City Administrator/City Secretary Report, Monthly Reports, General Bills, and Meter Deposits. Motion made by Councilmember Collins and seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Melms. Vote: 4/0/0.
6. Sheriff's Report: Sheriff Jeff Garner presented the Department's September and October reports. Sheriff Garner noted a full staff now within the Department. Expressed appreciation for the new vehicle purchased with City funds. Requested receipt of title from City Hall. Mentioned an uptick in family violence and alcohol use.
7. No action as a 1982 Ordinance has come to light. No need to have discussion or take action.
8. Discussion regarding stop sign at Main Street and 6th Street by Mayor Pro-Tem Melms. Melms stated several citizens, families coming to him requesting some kind of action for traffic control at the intersection of Main Street & 6th Street. City Administrator/City Secretary Box responded no requests of any kind at City Hall for traffic control at the referenced intersection. City Administrator/City Secretary Box stated that for several days and at least one afternoon with personal observation, he had not observed any kind of problems with traffic for the Main & 6th Street intersection. He had seen no children walking to school, albeit the weather was very cold at that time and that probably is the result of no children observed. Box requested to borrow a radar gun from the Sheriff's Department to do a rudimentary speed/traffic study at the intersection mentioned. Sheriff made note of the fact there is no action with tickets at the

intersection. Municipal Judge Holden mentioned there is no activity in her court for tickets at the intersection. Mention was made practically all of the traffic ticket activity for the City occurs along Hwy 67, Hwy 137, 12th Street and Louisiana Street. Sheriff Garner supported that observation for his department's activity within the City core. Administrator Box requested and offered a traffic study to determine if any additional traffic control devices, including stop signs, are warranted and justified. Motion made by Councilmember Collins, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Melms, to have a traffic study for the intersection of Main and 6th Street and results brought back to Council.

9. Discussion to pick and set dates for workshops to begin the process of hiring a permanent City Administrator/City Secretary. Mayor Pool led the discussion. Comments were of the nature that workshop meeting was the best venue rather than a Council meeting. Everyone thought the week of December 9th through 13th as the best week available. Councilmember Collins motioned for workshop on December 12th at 6:00 p.m. for the purpose of beginning the process of hiring a permanent City Administrator/City Secretary. Mayor Pro-Tem Melms seconded.
Vote: 4/0/0
10. Mayor/Council discussion for City Administrator Box to meet with Mr. and Mrs. Portales at a later date regarding their comments made during Citizen Comments.
11. Meeting adjourned at 6:41 p.m. by order of Mayor Pool.

Douglas Box, City Secretary

Phil Pool, Mayor