

STATE OF TEXAS

CITY OF BIG LAKE

MINUTES  
CITY OF BIG LAKE CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
FEBRUARY 4, 2020 6:15 P.M.

1. Call to order by Mayor Phil Pool at 6:21 p.m.
2. Roll Call (Establish Quorum): Mayor Pool, Mayor Pro Tem Melms, Councilmembers Cindy O'Bryan, Lissa Cammack, Robin Collins were present. Councilmember Larry Hallmark was absent.
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: Shanna Geuea from Sky-Net asked to be placed on the next City Council agenda, February 18, 2020.
5. Consent Items: Councilmember Collins requested one change to the January 21, 2020 City Council minutes regarding Item #6. The vote as noted was 3/0/0, the vote should be noted as 4/0/0. Change was noted and made. Motion to approve the consent items with this change to the January 21, 2020 minutes was made by Councilmembers Collins, seconded by Councilmember Cammack. Vote 4/0/0.
6. Sheriff's Report: Sheriff Garner began his report. (Councilmember Hallmark arrived in the Council Chambers at 6:26 p.m. All Council Members present with his arrival). Sheriff Garner continued his report. Sheriff Garner presented activity reports for November and December 2019, year totals for calendar year 2019. He mentioned a new item; the activity report/numbers from the Investigative Division. Sheriff Garner also presented the required Racial Profiling Report. Sheriff Garner made note of the fact that the department is fully staffed at this time. The new lead investigator is retired Texas Ranger Phillip Kemp. Councilmember Collins had questions about the loud noise ordinance and enforcement. Sheriff Garner pointed out the process used by the dispatched Officer. The Officer has discretion in his/her actions to include contact with the citizen, advisement to the citizen. If there is a quick call back for the offense and the Officer must return, the Officer at his/her discretion will either warn the citizen or issue a citation for the loud noise offense. Councilmember O'Bryan had several comments about loud music noise at this time. The Sheriff's report concluded at this point.
7. Discussion and/or action on ordering a City General Election for May 2, 2020 for the purpose of electing the office of Mayor and two (2) Councilmembers At-Large. Municipal Judge Donna Holden explained the process to the Council Chambers, one order is in English and one order is

in Spanish. Will be posted tomorrow after signatures from the Mayor and Councilmembers. Councilmember Collins made the motion to call for the election as noted in the posted Agenda, Councilmember Melms seconded the motion. Vote: 5/0/0.

8. Discussion and update on the City of Big Lake Cyber Security. Mayor Pool described asking City Staff to increase limits of protection after reading about the Reagan County Hospital District being hit with a cyber ransomware attack. Donna Holden complimented the Mayor on his pro-active approach. Ms. Holden contacted the TML Risk Pool underwriter about increasing cyber security protection. The TML representative was impressed with the City's pro-active approach. TML made note of the fact that Cities usually reacted to an event rather than being pro-active to increasing protection. Ms. Holden explained there are several layers of protection, the first increase would be an annual cost of \$25,000 to effectively double the City's aggregate total, from \$50,000 to \$100,000, for cyber security protection. Ms. Holden told of suspected attempted attack using the name of Josh Berryhill of EH-T, the city's engineering firm. Rather than answer and use the link in the email, she tried the telephone number in the message and it was determined to be a faulty phone number. Ms. Holden explained this could be a "red flag" in the normal process of answering emails, messages, etc. for the City's internet policy. Mayor was very much in favor and directed such. Ms. Holden made known the fact of the City with two (2) servers. She says the City has a very strong firewall to keep threats out. Ms. Holden had a training session to educate City employees on the dangers of cyber security attacks. Mayor made mention of the possibility of losing control of the SCADA systems for the Waste Water Treatment Plant and water tower. Motion made by Councilmember O'Bryan to increase coverage immediately and begin the paperwork application for additional levels of protection to \$250,000/\$500,000/\$100,000 and look at rates increases of protection at those levels. Councilmember Melms made the motion to investigate increased levels of protection. Councilmember Collins made the second. Vote: 5/0/0.
9. Discussion and/or action on payment of General Bills. There was no discussion. Motion made by Councilmember Collins to pay General Bills, seconded by Councilmember Melms. Vote: 5/0/0.
10. Mayor/Council discussion for action by City Staff for future agendas. City Staff directed to bring to, post on February 18, 2020 Agenda items relating to: 1. Increase in Cyber Security Protection; and, 2. Shanna Geuea of Sky-Net.
11. Meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m. by order of Mayor Pool

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Douglas Box, City Secretary

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Phil Pool, Mayor