

# City of Big Sandy

Big Sandy, Texas 75755

## MINUTES TO REGULAR MEETING Tuesday, January 19<sup>th</sup>, 2021, 6:00 p.m.

The City Council for the City of Big Sandy met in Regular Session on Tuesday, January 19<sup>th</sup>, 2021, at 6:00 p.m., at the City of Big Sandy Heritage Center, 162 E. Gilmer Street, Big Sandy, Texas.

1. **Call to Order:** Mayor Pro Tem Rex Rozell called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.
  - a. **Invocation** – Christine Jones
  - b. **Pledge of Allegiance** - Andrew McIver
  - c. **MEMBERS PRESENT:** Mayor Parsons, Becky Desborough, Bill Hardwick, Christine Jones, Andrew McIver and Rex Rozell.
  - d. **STAFF PRESENT:** Robert Davis, Ryan Ludvigson, Laura Rex, and Scott Rogers.
  - e. **OTHERS PRESENT:** Linda Baggett, Vol. Fire Dept. Chief Jeff Jones, Randy Jones, and Joy Lanham Clark.
  
2. **Citizen Participation:** Joy Lanham Clark addressed the council expressing gratitude for the continued community support for the Big Sandy Hawkins Journal, including the information she has received from the Lt. Ryan Ludvigson about police department activities.
  
3. **Items of Community Interest:** Mayor Parsons expressed his appreciation for retiring Chief of Police Tim Scott, who has served the Big Sandy Community since 2002 and retires as the longest serving Chief of Police in the history of the Big Sandy Police Department, having served as Chief almost 15 years.


Chief Scott's leadership, vision and dedication resulted in many blessings, including safety and stability, for the Big Sandy community. Mayor Parsons thanked Chief Scott for the sacrifices and leadership he provided for more than 18 years.
  
4. **Consent Agenda:**
  - a. Minutes of November 30, 2020 and January 13, 2021
  - b. Financial Reports for November and December 2020McIver moved to approve the consent agenda and Desborough seconded. Desborough, Hardwick, Jones, McIver and Rozell voted aye. Motion carried 5-0-0.
  
5. **Discussion/Action Items:**
  - a. **Review of Fiscal Year Ending 09.30.2020 Audit:** Mike Ward was unable to attend due to illness. No council action taken.
  - b. **Accept Fiscal Year Ending 09.30.2020 Audit:** Mike Ward was unable to attend due to illness. No council action taken.
  - c. **Volunteer Fire Dept:**
    - i. **Monthly Report:** Jeff Jones reported 6 grass fires and several car wrecks in November and December.
    - ii. **Repairs for Attack 1:** Jones moved to approve the repairs for Attack 1 at Holt Truck Center at an estimated cost of \$5,200 and Hardwick seconded. Desborough, Hardwick, Jones, McIver and Rozell voted aye. Motion carried 5-0-0.

- d. **Water Bill Adjustment: Audry Tennison: 520 N Pearl:** Desborough moved to approve the adjustment of \$142.98 due to a leak and McIver seconded. Desborough, Hardwick, Jones, McIver and Rozell voted aye. Motion carried 5-0-0.
- e. **No fee rental request for Civic Center: Little Dribblers:** The Little Dribblers submitted a written request for use of the Civic Center at no/reduced charge for their practices. McIver moved to offer rental of the facility at half the current rate. Jones seconded. Desborough, Hardwick, Jones, McIver, & Rozell voted aye. Motion carried 5-0-0.
- f. **Civic Center: LED Light Replacement in the gym:** PWD Rogers presented a bid for replacement of the lights and a second bid for retrofitting them. Desborough moved to approve the replacement of the lights at a cost of \$1,636 and McIver seconded. Desborough, Hardwick, Jones, McIver and Rozell voted aye. Motion carried 5-0-0.
- g. **Police Department:** Lt Ludvigson gave the activity report for November and December and also reported that the juveniles who vandalized the Civic Center had been identified.
- h. **Public Works Department:**
- i. Monthly Report: PWD Scott Rogers gave the activity report for Nov. & Dec.
  - ii. Relocation of water line near Union Pacific RR and Private Road 3704: No action taken.
  - iii. Water leak repair at E Gilmer/S Pearl: Desborough moved to approve the cost of repair to CAPPs for \$1,464.48 and RailPro's for \$1,018 and Jones seconded. Desborough, Hardwick, Jones, McIver and Rozell voted aye. Motion carried 5-0-0.
  - iv. Water Tap Permit Fee: Circle M Crawfish: 14449 Hwy 155 S: McIver moved to set the water tap permit fee at \$3,800 and approve the permit as presented and Desborough seconded. Desborough, Hardwick, Jones, McIver and Rozell voted aye. Motion carried 5-0-0.
  - v. Sewer Tap Permit Fee: Circle M Crawfish: 14449 Hwy 155 S: Jones moved to approve the permit and Hardwick seconded. Desborough, Hardwick, Jones, McIver and Rozell voted aye. Motion carried 5-0-0.
- i. **City Administrator:** City Administrator Rex reported that City Hall remains open with preventative measures in place to keep all City employees and residents healthy & to slow the spread of COVID-19. Rex also presented the Municipal Court Reports for November and December 2020.
- j. **The Council entered into executive session at 7:08 p.m.** to discuss or deliberate the employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public officer or employee pursuant to Texas Government Code §551.074 [Personnel Related Matters]: Chief of Police Tim Scott.
- k. **The Council returned from executive session at 7:13 p.m.** and took the following action: Jones moved to accept the retirement of Chief of Police Tim Scott as of January 1, 2021 and McIver seconded. Desborough, Hardwick, Jones, McIver and Rozell voted aye. Motion carried 5-0-0.

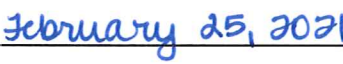
**l. The Council entered into executive session at 7:15 p.m.** to discuss or deliberate the employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public officer or employee pursuant to Texas Government Code §551.074 [Personnel Related Matters]: Chief of Police Vacancy.

**m. The Council returned from executive session at 7:38 p.m.** and took the following action: Jones moved to appoint Lieutenant Ryan Ludvigson as the interim Chief of Police and to post the Chief of Police job vacancy accepting applications through February 5, 2021 and Hardwick seconded. Desborough, Hardwick, Jones, McIver and Rozell voted aye. Motion carried 5-0-0.

**6. Adjourn:** There being no further posted business before this Council, Hardwick moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 p.m. and Jones seconded.

  
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Rex Rozell, Mayor Pro Tem

  
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Laura M. Rex, City Secretary

  
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