

City of Big Sandy

Big Sandy, Texas 75755

MINUTES TO SPECIAL MEETING Tuesday, February 25th, 2021, 2:00 p.m.

The City Council for the City of Big Sandy met in Special Session on Tuesday, February 25th, 2021, at 2:00 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 2:00 p.m.
 - a. **Invocation** – Rex Rozell
 - b. **Pledge of Allegiance** - Doug Strub
 - c. **MEMBERS PRESENT:** Mayor Parsons, Becky Desborough, Bill Hardwick, Andrew McIver and Rex Rozell. Christine Jones was absent with medical excuse.
 - d. **STAFF PRESENT:** Ryan Ludvigson, Laura Rex, and Scott Rogers.
 - e. **OTHERS PRESENT:** Linda Baggett, Debra Caughron, David Fonteno, Joy Lanham Clark, Charles Lingle and friend, Mary Lingle, and Emily Roberts and Doug Strub with the Big Sandy Housing Authority.
2. **Citizen Participation:** None.
3. **Items of Community Interest:** Mayor Parsons expressed his appreciation for the city employees who worked through the winter storm the week of February 14-21, 2021. Although there were some residents who had broken pipes and water leaks as a result of the prolonged below-freezing temperatures, it was a tremendous blessing that the entire community had continuous water and electric service throughout the storm.
4. **Consent Agenda:**
 - a. Minutes from January 19, 2021 meeting
 - b. Financial Reports for January 2021Desborough moved to approve the consent agenda and McIver seconded. Desborough, Hardwick, McIver and Rozell voted aye. Motion carried 4-0-0.
5. **Discussion/Action Items:**
 - a. **Volunteer Fire Dept: Monthly Report:** No representative present, no report given.
 - h. **Resolutions:**
 - i. **Resolution approving Cooperating Agreement with Big Sandy Housing Authority:** Emily Roberts addressed the council regarding the agreement. After discussion, McIver moved to approve **Resolution 2021-002** pending the City Attorney's review and approval and Hardwick seconded. Desborough, Hardwick, McIver and Rozell voted aye. Motion carried 4-0-0.
 - d. **Civic Center Rental Request: Joy Clark:** Joy Clark addressed the council regarding the use of the Civic Center at a reduced rental rate for the proposed Captain Lucy Wilson Jopling Division of the United States Naval Sea Cadet Corp. After discussion, McIver moved to approve a 12 month contract with a once-a-month (1- 24 hour period) use of the full facility for a price of \$300 with a one-time deposit of \$300 with the Mayor (or his designated representative) to act as a liaison and Desborough seconded. Desborough, Hardwick, McIver and Rozell voted aye. Motion carried 4-0-0.
 - b. **Building Permit: Frank Stec: 210 Peachtree:** McIver moved to approve the building permit as presented and Desborough seconded. Desborough, Hardwick, McIver and Rozell voted aye. Motion carried 4-0-0.
 - c. **Water Bill Adjustment: Annie Potter: 107 W Groves:** Desborough moved to approve the adjustment of \$784.65 for January 2021 and \$804.56 for February 2021 for a total of

\$1,589.21 due to a leak and McIver seconded. Desborough, Hardwick, McIver and Rozell voted aye. Motion carried 4-0-0.


- e. **No fee rental request for Civic Center: FFA Fish Fry:** the FFA Supporters Group submitted a written request for use of the Civic Center at no/reduced charge for their Fish Fry. After discussion, Hardwick moved to approve their use of the Civic Center at no cost. Motion died for lack of a second. McIver moved to offer use of the Civic Center parking lot at no cost and rental of the facility at half the current rate. Rozell seconded. Desborough, Hardwick, McIver & Rozell voted aye. Motion carried 4-0-0.
- f. **Police Department:** Lt Ludvigson gave the activity report for January 2021 and the 2020 Racial Profile Report, which has been turned in to City Secretary Laura Rex.
- g. **Public Works Department:** PWD Scott Rogers gave the activity report for Jan. 2021.
 - i. Relocation of water line near Union Pacific RR and PR 3704: No action taken.
 - ii. Update on Sewer Tap Permit Fee: Circle M Crawfish: 14449 Hwy 155 S: Rogers reported that they will not be moving forward with the approved tap permits.
 - iii. Purchase of flow meter: McIver moved to table this item to the next meeting and Desborough seconded. Desborough, Hardwick, McIver and Rozell voted aye. Motion carried 4-0-0.
 - iv. Water/Sewer bill adjustments for bills due March 10, 2021: Desborough moved to table this item to the next meeting and McIver seconded. Desborough, Hardwick, McIver and Rozell voted aye. Motion carried 4-0-0.
- h. **Resolutions: City Secretary:**
 - i. **Resolution approving Cooperating Agreement with Big Sandy Housing Authority:** This item was acted on earlier in the meeting (see item (h)(i) above).
 - ii. **Resolution designating a professional engineering service provider for the 2021-2022 TxCDBG Comm. Dev. Fund application:** Desborough moved to approve **Resolution 2021-003** designating Hayes Engineering as the engineering service provider for this grant and McIver seconded. Desborough, Hardwick, McIver and Rozell voted aye. Motion carried 4-0-0.
 - iii. **Resolution approving Election Agreement with Upshur County:** McIver moved to approve **Resolution 2021-004** approving the Election Agreement with Upshur County and Hardwick seconded. Desborough, Hardwick, McIver and Rozell voted aye. Motion carried 4-0-0.
- i. **City Administrator:** City Administrator Rex presented the monthly reports for City Hall, the City Secretary's office, and the Municipal Court for January 2021.
- j. **The Council entered into executive session at 3:25 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 & Applications.
- k. **The Council returned from executive session at 3:45 p.m.** and took the following action: McIver moved to schedule phone interviews for the top 5 candidates for Chief of Police on March 2, 2021 and Desborough seconded. Desborough, Hardwick, McIver and Rozell voted aye. Motion carried 4-0-0.

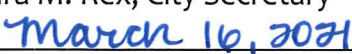
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- 6. **Adjourn:** There being no further posted business before this Council, Desborough moved to adjourn the meeting at 3:46 p.m. and Hardwick seconded.



Rex Rozell, Mayor Pro Tem



Laura M. Rex, City Secretary


Date