

City of Big Sandy

Big Sandy, Texas 75755

MINUTES TO REGULAR MEETING

Tuesday, March 16th, 2021, 6:00 p.m.

The City Council for the City of Big Sandy met in Regular Session on Tuesday, March 16th, 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 Parsons called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.
 - a. **Invocation** – Mayor Parsons
 - b. **Pledge of Allegiance** - Lieutenant Ludvigson
 - c. **MEMBERS PRESENT:** Mayor Parsons, Becky Desborough by telephone, Bill Hardwick, Christine Jones, Andrew McIver and Rex Rozell.
 - d. **STAFF PRESENT:** Ryan Ludvigson, Laura Rex, and Scott Rogers.
 - e. **OTHERS PRESENT:** Linda Baggett, Joy Lanham, Mary Lingle, and Stormy Nickerson of GrantWorks.
2. **Citizen Participation:** None.
3. **Items of Community Interest:** Mayor Parsons has called a special meeting for March 23, 2021 for the final interviews with the top 3 candidates for the Chief of Police position.
4. **Consent Agenda:**
 - a. Minutes from February 25, 2021 and March 2, 2021 meetings
 - b. Financial Reports for February 2021Jones moved to approve the consent agenda as presented after requesting clarification on the VFD profit and loss statement and Hardwick seconded. Desborough, Hardwick, Jones, McIver and Rozell voted aye. Motion carried 5-0-0.
5. **Discussion/Action Items:**
 - a. **Volunteer Fire Dept: Monthly Report:** Assistant Fire Chief Stephen Winchell gave an update for the department.
 - b. **Review of Fiscal Year Ending 09.30.2020 Audit:** Mike Ward presented the completed audit for Fiscal Year Ending 09.30.2020.
 - c. **Accept Fiscal Year Ending 09.30.2020 Audit:** Rozell moved to accept the completed audit for Fiscal Year Ending 09.30.2020 presented by Mike Ward and Jones seconded. Desborough, Hardwick, Jones, McIver and Rozell voted aye. Motion carried 5-0-0.
 - h. **Resolutions:**
 - i. **Resolution authorizing an application to TX Dept. of Ag.:** Stormy Nickerson addressed the council regarding the application for the 2021-2022 TxCDBG Comm. Dev. Fund grant of up to \$350,000 for wastewater improvements and designating the Mayor as the City's authorized signatory. After discussion, Jones moved to approve **Resolution 2021-005** approving the application and designation and Hardwick seconded. Desborough, Hardwick, Jones, McIver and Rozell voted aye. Motion carried 5-0-0.

ii. **Resolution adopting a Citizen Participation Plan:** Stormy Nickerson addressed the council regarding the plan and citizen complaint procedures to be followed during the implementation of TxCDBG program projects under the TX Dept. of Agriculture. Jones moved to approve **Resolution 2021-006** adopting the plan and procedures and Hardwick seconded. Desborough, Hardwick, Jones, McIver and Rozell voted aye. Motion carried 5-0-0.

d. **Name of Portions of Cotton Street:** East Texas Council of Governments recently gave a Big Sandy resident a South Cotton Street address. The council had previously only known of West and East Cotton Street, and the TX DOT signs indicated the same. After discussion, Rozell moved to only use West and East Cotton Street identifiers for Cotton Street and to inform ETCOG immediately and McIver seconded. Desborough, Hardwick, Jones, McIver and Rozell voted aye. Motion carried 5-0-0.

e. **Water Bill Adjustment:**

i. **David Guinn: 602 N Tyler Street:** Jones moved to approve the adjustment of \$545 for sewer and \$391 for garbage for a total of \$936.00 due to a billing error and Hardwick seconded. Desborough, Hardwick, Jones, McIver and Rozell voted aye. Motion carried 5-0-0.

ii. **Robert Wedgeworth: 220 PR 3491:** McIver moved to approve the adjustment of #3.15 in late fees and Rozell seconded. Desborough, Hardwick, Jones, McIver and Rozell voted aye. Motion carried 5-0-0.

e. **Police Department:** Lt Ludvigson gave the activity report for February 2021 and a report of the City's response to the blizzard in February.

f. **Public Works Department:** PWD Scott Rogers gave the activity report for February 2021.

i. Relocation of water line near Union Pacific RR and PR 3704: No action taken.

ii. Purchase of flow meter: Rozell moved to approve the purchase of the meter for \$2,077.79 and McIver seconded. Desborough, Hardwick, Jones, McIver and Rozell voted aye. Motion carried 5-0-0.

iii. Seasonal Full-time Landscaping Position: Rozell moved to post the job for up to 40 hours a week from April - September 2021 with the wage to be determined based on experience with a range of \$10 to \$15 per hour and an interview team comprised of Rogers, Jones, and Parsons to pick the best candidate and Jones seconded. Desborough, Hardwick, Jones, McIver and Rozell voted aye. Motion carried 5-0-0.

h. **See this agenda item above.**

i. **City Administrator:** City Administrator Rex presented the monthly reports for City Hall, the City Secretary's office, and the Municipal Court for February 2021.


6. **Adjourn:** There being no further posted business before this Council, Rozell moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:24 p.m. and Hardwick seconded.



Sonny Parsons, Mayor



Laura M. Rex, City Secretary



Date