

# City of Big Sandy

Big Sandy, Texas 75755

## MINUTES TO SPECIAL MEETING Tuesday, May 11<sup>th</sup>, 2021, 6:00 p.m.

The City Council for the City of Big Sandy met in Special Session on Tuesday, May 11<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 Parsons called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.
  - a. **Invocation** – Pastor Jack Hetzel
  - b. **Pledge of Allegiance** – Mayor Pro Tem Rex Rozell
  - c. **MEMBERS PRESENT:** Mayor Parsons, Linda Baggett, Becky Desborough, Christine Jones, Andrew McIver and Rex Rozell.
  - d. **STAFF PRESENT:** David Easterling, Laura Rex and Scott Rogers.
  - e. **OTHERS PRESENT:** Jack & Patsy Hetzel, Cindy Honeycutt, The Jitjaeng Family, Fire Chief Jeff Jones, Randy Jones, Gene Keenon, Joy Lanham, Mary Lingle, Theresa Olson, Quinton Ross, Michael Wilson, Sarah Wilson, and Stephen Winchell.
  
2. **Citizen Participation:** None
  
3. **Items of Community Interest:** Mayor Parsons issued the following proclamations:
  1. Recognizing National Police Week May 9-15; presented to Chief Easterling
  2. Recognizing Michael Jitjaeng as State Discus Champion and Valedictorian of the 2021 Big Sandy Wildcats class
  3. Recognizing Jeremy Dezelle as the 5<sup>th</sup> best high jumper in the State of Texas
  4. Recognizing Zoey Messick as the 7<sup>th</sup> best 300 meter hurdler in the State of Texas
  
4. **Consent Agenda:**
  - a. Minutes from April 20, 2021 meeting
  - b. Financial Reports for April 2021
 Rozell moved to approve the consent agenda and McIver seconded. Desborough, Jones, McIver and Rozell voted aye. Motion carried 4-0-0.
  
5. **Discussion/Action Items:**
  - a. **Resolution canvassing election returns:** McIver moved to approve **Resolution 2021-008** canvassing the May 1, 2021 election returns and declaring the following results:

Candidate	Mail In Ballots	Early Voting	Election Day	Total Votes
<b>Council members:</b>				
Linda Baggett	0	40	20	60
Christine Jones	0	23	26	49
Sonny Parsons	0	17	11	28
Colette Stec	0	15	15	30
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>95</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>167</b>
<b>Mayor:</b>				
David Fonteno	0	19	23	42
Rex Rozell	0	33	21	54
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>96</b>

Linda Baggett and Christine Jones are elected to the city council, Rex Rozell is elected Mayor. Desborough seconded. Desborough, Jones, McIver and Rozell voted aye. Motion carried 4-0-0.

- b. **Certificates of Election to the declared candidates elect:** Rex Rozell presented a letter of resignation from the City Council to City Secretary Rex. Mayor Parsons then presented the Certificate of Election of all of the declared candidates elect.
- c. **Statement of Elected Officials and Official Oaths:** City Secretary Rex administered the statements of elected officials and swore in all of the declared candidates elect. Baggett, Jones and Rozell took their seats at the council table.
- d. **Volunteer Fire Dept.: Monthly Report:**
  - i. Chief Jones gave an update for the department. They responded to 6 calls in April, with 35 total calls in 2021.
  - ii. **Purchase of Gear for Personal Protection Equipment Grant:** Jones moved to approve the purchase of gloves from Delta Fire & Safety for \$1,290 and hoods from Metro Fire for \$2,200 and Desborough seconded. Desborough, Jones, McIver and Rozell voted aye. Motion carried 4-0-0.
- e. **Lea Garcia: 203 E Beck Street:** Not present. No council action taken.
- f. **Quinton Ross: Civic Center Rental:** Mr. Ross asked the council if he could rent this facility at a reduced rate for multiple rentals in one month on Sundays. After discussion, Mayor Rozell asked Linda Baggett to chair a committee to evaluate the current rental rates approved by the city council.
- g. **Richard Prindle: 1992 Dial Road:** Mr. Prindle addressed the council and asked if he could have two (2) additional water taps at 1993 Dial Road. No council action taken.
- h. **Tap Permit: Richard Prindle: 1776 Dial Road:** Mr. Prindle addressed the council and asked if he could have a water tap at 2000 Dial Road. No council action taken.
- i. **Tamra Trigg: 310 E Broadway:** Not present. No council action taken.
- j. **Police Department:** Chief Easterling gave the activity report for April 2021.
- k. **Public Works Department:** PWD Scott Rogers gave the activity report for April 2021.
  - i. **GIS Service Program Contract with ETCOG:** Jones moved to approve the annual contract with ETCOG at a cost of \$1,575 and Baggett seconded. Baggett, Desborough, Jones and McIver voted aye. Motion carried 4-0-0.
  - ii. **Repairs for Lake Lift Station:** PWD Rogers reported that one pump needs impeller repair and we need a backup pump to keep the lift station operational. Jones moved to approve the purchase of a pump and 2 carriers at a cost of \$10,751 from Smith Pump and McIver seconded. Baggett, Desborough, Jones and McIver voted aye. Motion carried 4-0-0.
- l. **Street Repairs:** The following streets were reported for repair and/or replacement: East Cotton, Lyles, Peachtree, Robinson, and Wimberley. No council action taken.
- m. **Property Tax Judgement: 709 W Broadway:** Earlier this year, the commercial property located at 709 W Broadway was awarded a property tax refund of over \$75,000 including \$18,228.90 from the City. Baggett moved to make a one-time payment of \$18,228.90 to Upshur County to refund the property taxes and Desborough seconded. Baggett, Desborough, Jones and McIver voted aye. Motion carried 4-0-0.
- n. **City Administrator:** City Administrator Rex presented the monthly reports for City Hall, the City Secretary's office, and the Municipal Court for April 2021.

6. **Adjourn:** There being no further posted business before this Council, Desborough moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:36 p.m. and McIver seconded.

Rex Rozell  
Rex Rozell, Mayor

Laura M Rex  
Laura M. Rex, City Secretary

June 15, 2021  
Date