

# NOTICE OF MEETING CITY OF BIG SANDY CITY COUNCIL



August 17, 2021 @ 6:00 P.M.

## AGENDA

In accordance with Section 551.042 of the Texas Government Code, this agenda has been posted at the Big Sandy City Hall, distributed to the appropriate news media, and notice of this meeting has been posted on the City's Facebook page within the required time frame. Public participation and written comments are invited on all open session items. Unless otherwise indicated, action may be taken on any of the following agenda items.

In accordance with order of the Office of the Governor issued March 25, 2020, one or more members of the city council may participate in this meeting by video or telephone conference in order to advance the public health goal of limiting face-to-face meetings to slow the spread of the Coronavirus (COVID-19).

**This meeting will be open to the Public but attendance may be limited** in order to advance the public health goal of social distancing to slow the spread of Coronavirus. Citizens may address the Council regarding any posted agenda item by filling out a speakers' form or emailing the City Secretary at [citysecretary@bigsandytx.gov](mailto:citysecretary@bigsandytx.gov) prior to the item being called.

Notice is hereby given of a meeting of the Big Sandy City Council to be held on **August 17, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.** at the **Big Sandy Heritage Center, 162 E Gilmer Street**, Big Sandy, Texas 75755, for the purpose of considering the following agenda items.

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Invocation, Pledge of Allegiance to Flags, Roll Call
2. **CITIZEN/VISITOR PARTICIPATION:** At this time, any person not scheduled on the agenda may speak to the Council. No formal action may be taken.
3. **ITEMS OF COMMUNITY INTEREST:** Special Presentation by Rebecca Strub Mayor, Council and Department Reports on Items of Community Interest pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.0415 may report on the following items: (1) Expression of thanks, congratulations or condolences, (2) information about holiday schedules, (3) recognition of individuals, (4) reminders about upcoming City Council events, (5) information about community events, and (6) announcements involving imminent threat to public health and safety.
4. **CONSENT AGENDA:** All items on the Consent Agenda will be enacted by one motion and there will be no separate discussion of these items unless requested by a member of the City Council. The item may subsequently be removed from the Consent Agenda to be considered separately.
  - a. Minutes of Meetings: July 20, 2021
  - b. Financial Reports for July 2021

## 5. AGENDA ITEMS:

- a. Volunteer Fire Department: Monthly Report
  - i. Request to ESD for additional funding
  - ii. Purchase 4 sets of bunker gear: TX Forestry Service PPE Grant Funds
  - iii. Purchase 16 pairs of boots: TX Forestry Service PPE Grant Funds
- b. Improvements at Applegate Park: Chaffin Smith
- c. Consultation with attorney regarding pending or contemplated litigation: the Council may enter into Executive Session to: Consult with attorney pursuant to Texas Government Code §551.071
- d. Return to Open Session and take action as a result of discussions in preceding: Agenda Item No. (c) pursuant to Texas Government Code §551.071: Consultation with attorney regarding pending or contemplated litigation
- e. Building Permit:
  - i. Circle M Partners:
    - 1. 800 Cotton Street: Stage
    - 2. 14449 Hwy 155 S: House
  - ii. Jackie Davis: 105 N Pearl: Electrical Service Upgrade
  - iii. Joanne Gonzalez: 657 N Pearl Street
- f. Water Bill Adjustment:
  - i. Judy Carpenter: 807 N Pearl
  - ii. Billy Poor: 105 E College Street
- g. Water & Sewer Tap Permits: Carla Ocampo: 102 E Broadway
- h. Joanne Gonzalez: Zoning for 706 N Tyler, 708 N Tyler, 710 N Tyler, 657 N Pearl and 669 N Pearl
- i. Police Department: Monthly Report
  - i. Ordinance regulating special events
- j. Public Works Department: Monthly Report
  - i. Backhoe Repairs ASCO
  - ii. Meter Certification
  - iii. Hydrant Repairs
  - iv. Radio Read Master Meters funded by American Rescue Plan Act
- k. Street Repairs: Update
- l. City Secretary:
  - i. Payment of Fees to Flower Davis for real estate counsel
  - ii. Ordinance updating Article 10 of the Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance from Mobile Home Park to Manufactured Housing District and approving updated Zoning Map
  - iii. Resolution appointing Upshur County Tax Assessor to calculate the no-new revenue tax rate (NNR) and voter approval rate (VAT) as required by Texas Tax Code 26.04
  - iv. Resolution approving contract with ETCOG for 9-1-1 addressing
  - v. Resolution approving AEP Swepco Lease Extension
  - vi. Resolution designating an administration/project delivery service provider to complete project implementation for the American Rescue Plan Act funding

- vii. October 1, 2021 - September 30, 2022 Budget for all City Departments:
  - 1. Present Proposed Tax Rate
  - 2. Vote on Proposed Tax Rate
  - 3. Set date for Tax Rate Hearing
  - 4. Set date to Publish Notice for Tax Rate Hearing
  - 5. Set date for Budget Hearing
  - 6. Set date to Publish Notice for Budget Hearing
  - 7. Set date to Adopt Budget
  - 8. Set date to Adopt Tax Rate
  - 9. Set date to Adopt Tax Rate Increase
- m. City Administrator:
  - i. American Rescue Plan Act Expenditures
    - 1. Premium Pay for Essential Employees
    - 2. Purchase of IPAD's for city council
  - ii. Civic Center:
    - 1. Internet Access
    - 2. Thermostat Upgrade
  - iii. COVID-19 Update
  - iv. Municipal Court Report
  - v. Nuisance Abatement Report
  - vi. Recycling Program Report

**6. ADJOURNMENT**

**The City of Big Sandy reserves the right to realign the order of the agenda at any time prior to adjournment.**

If during the course of the meeting covered by this notice, the Council should determine that a Closed or Executive Session of the Council is required, then such Closed or Executive Session is authorized by Sections 551.071-551.084 of the Texas Government Code, and will be held by the Council at the date, hour, and place given in this notice.

**CERTIFICATION**

I certify that this Notice of Meeting and Agenda was posted on August 13, 2021, before 6:00 p.m. as required by law in accordance with Section 551.042 of the Texas Local Government Code and that the appropriate news media was contacted.

*Laura M Rex*

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 Laura M. Rex, City Administrator/City Secretary

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 Date & Time Notice Removed

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