

City of Big Sandy

Big Sandy, Texas 75755

MINUTES TO PUBLIC HEARINGS & SPECIAL MEETING

September 8th 2021, 6:00 P.M.

The City Council for the City of Big Sandy met in Special Session on September 8, 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 Rozell called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M.
 - a. **Invocation** – Mayor Rozell
 - b. **Pledge of Allegiance** – Mayor Rozell
 - c. **MEMBERS PRESENT:** Mayor Rex Rozell, Linda Baggett, Becky Desborough, David Fonteno, Christine Jones, and Andrew McIver.
 - d. **STAFF PRESENT:** Chief David Easterling, Laura Rex and Scott Rogers.
 - e. **OTHERS PRESENT:** Joanne & Lupe Gonzalez and Sonny Parsons.

2. **Special Agenda:**
 - a. **PUBLIC HEARING: At 6:03 P.M. the Public Hearing on the Proposed Budget for the 2021/2022 Year was opened.**
 - i. Mayor Rozell asked if anyone in attendance wanted to address the Council regarding the proposed budget for the Oct. 1, 2021-Sep. 30, 2022 Fiscal Year. No one responded.
 - ii. This Public Hearing was closed at 6:13.

 - b. **PUBLIC HEARING: at 6:13 P.M. the Public Hearing on the Proposed Tax Rate and Tax Rate Increase for 2021/2022 Year was opened.**
 - i. Mayor Rozell asked if anyone in attendance wanted to address the Council regarding the proposed tax rate and tax rate increase for the Oct. 1, 2021-Sep. 30, 2022 Fiscal Year. Councilmember Jones stated she did not think the City should increase taxes. Joanne Gonzalez asked if taxes could be lowered since the City had budgeted for grant revenue. City Administrator Rex explained that we have applied and budgeted for grant revenue, but have not been awarded. Rex also explained that even if the City is awarded grant revenue, it cannot be used to lower taxes because state law prevents the use of grant revenue for maintenance and operations.
 - ii. After comments were concluded, this Public Hearing was closed at 6:21 p.m.

 - c. City Administrator Rex reviewed the City of Big Sandy Proposed Budget for the 2021/2022 Year (October 1, 2021 - September 30, 2022) for all City Departments, including: General Fund, Police Department, Sanitation Department, Volunteer Fire Department, Public Works Department, and the Municipal Dev. District.

 - d. **City Secretary:**
 - i. Baggett moved to approve **Resolution 2021-015** approving the proposed Budget for the October 1, 2021 – September 30, 2022 Fiscal Year and Desborough seconded. In a roll call vote, Baggett, Desborough, Fonteno, Jones and McIver voted aye. Motion carried 5-0-0.

- ii. Wilson moved to levy property taxes at a rate of \$.053 per \$100 valuation. Motion died for lack of a second. Fonteno moved to approve **Resolution 2021-016** to levy taxes at a rate of \$0.56 per \$100 valuation for the use & support of the general government for the 10.01.2021 - 09.30.2022 budget year and Baggett seconded. In a roll call vote, Baggett, Desborough, Fonteno, and McIver voted aye. Jones voted nay. Motion carried 4-1-0.
- iii. McIver moved to approve **Resolution 2021-017** to ratify the property tax revenue increase reflected in the tax rate and city's operating budget for 10.01.2021 - 09.30.2022 and Fonteno seconded. In a roll call vote, Baggett, Desborough, Fonteno, Jones and McIver voted aye. Motion carried 5-0-0.
- iv. Jones moved to approve **Resolution 2021-018** approving the AEP Swepco Lease Extension for 12 months with a monthly lease payment of \$500 and Desborough seconded. Baggett, Desborough, Fonteno, Jones and McIver voted aye. Motion carried 5-0-0.
- v. Desborough moved to approve **Resolution 2021-019** approving a joint election agreement with Upshur County for the November 2, 2021 election and McIver seconded. Baggett, Desborough, Fonteno, Jones and McIver voted aye. Motion carried 5-0-0.

e. Building Permits:

- i. Joanne Gonzalez: 657 N Pearl Street: No action taken.
- ii. Rex Rozell: 101 E College Street: Fonteno moved to approve this garage demolition permit and Baggett seconded. Baggett, Desborough, Fonteno, Jones and McIver voted aye. Motion carried 5-0-0.

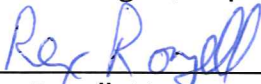
f. Water Bill Adjustments:

- i. David Adams Jr: 230 Davis Drive: Baggett moved to approve an adjustment of \$881.25 and Jones seconded. Baggett, Desborough, Fonteno, Jones and McIver voted aye. Motion carried 5-0-0.
- ii. Judy Carpenter: 807 N Pearl: Fonteno moved to approve an adjustment of \$181.25 and Desborough seconded. Baggett, Desborough, Fonteno, Jones and McIver voted aye. Motion carried 5-0-0.
- iii. Billy Poor: 105 E College Street: Fonteno moved to approve an adjustment of \$240.98 and Jones seconded. Baggett, Desborough, Fonteno, Jones and McIver voted aye. Motion carried 5-0-0.
- iv. Willie Williams: 404 Lyles Street: Jones moved to approve an adjustment of \$101.44 and Fonteno seconded. Baggett, Desborough, Fonteno, Jones and McIver voted aye. Motion carried 5-0-0.


g. Manufactured Home District Site Plan: Upshur County Appraisal District property ID #18853 currently owned by Scedwicq Pippins: No action taken.

h. Police Department: Peace Officer Mental Health Leave Policy: Chief Easterling presented the proposed policy. Fonteno moved to table this item until it can be reviewed by the city attorney and Jones seconded. Baggett, Desborough, Fonteno, Jones and McIver voted aye. Motion carried 5-0-0.

3. Adjourn: There being no further posted business before this Council, Baggett moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:10 p.m. and Jones seconded.


 Rex Rozell, Mayor


 Laura M. Rex, City Secretary


 Date