

# City of Big Sandy

Big Sandy, Texas 75755

## MINUTES TO REGULAR MEETING Tuesday, October 19, 2021, 6:00 p.m.

The City Council for the City of Big Sandy met in Regular Session on Tuesday, October 19, 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** – Ms. Linda Baggett
  - b. **Pledge of Allegiance** – Ms. Christine Jones
  - c. **MEMBERS PRESENT:** Mayor Rex Rozell, Linda Baggett, Becky Desborough, David Fonteno arrived at 6:33, Christine Jones and Andrew McIver.
  - d. **STAFF PRESENT:** City Attorney Robert Davis, Chief David Easterling, Laura Rex and Scott Rogers.
  - e. **OTHERS PRESENT:** Mary Lingle, Sonny Parsons, Curtis Williams and Michael Wilson.
2. **Citizen Participation:** Curtis Williams addressed the council regarding the water bill at 404 Lyles Street.
3. **Items of Community Interest:** Reminders of several community events were mentioned.
4. **Consent Agenda:**
  - a. Minutes from Sep. 21, 2021 and Oct. 13, 2021 meetings.
  - b. Financial Reports for September 2021  
McIver moved to approve the consent agenda and Baggett seconded. Baggett, Desborough, Jones and McIver voted aye. Motion carried 4-0-0.
5. **Discussion/Action Items:**
  - a. **Volunteer Fire Dept.: Monthly Report:** Acting Chief Winchell was not present to give the monthly report.
  - b. **Water Bill Adjustment: Kenneth Weese: 306 N Pearl:** Desborough moved to approve a water bill adjustment for Kenneth Weese for \$171.17 and Jones seconded. Baggett, Desborough, Jones and McIver voted aye. Motion carried 4-0-0.
  - c. **Sewer Tap Permit: Kenneth Walton: 109 Mure Street:** Baggett moved to table this item until a cost estimate for the tap (including boring under the road) is received. Desborough seconded. Baggett, Desborough, Jones and McIver voted aye. Motion carried 4-0-0.
  - d. **Joanne Gonzalez: Building Inspector and Zoning Board of Adjustments:** Gonzalez submitted a written request to withdraw this agenda item after the agenda was posted.
  - e. **Police Department:** Chief Easterling gave the activity report for September 2021
    - i. **Emergency Fuel Tank Replacement for Patrol Unit #30:** Desborough moved to approve the repairs at a cost of \$1,780.03 and Baggett seconded. Baggett, Desborough, Jones and McIver voted aye. Motion carried 4-0-0.
  - f. **Public Works Department:** PWD Scott Rogers gave the activity report for September 2021.

- i. **Purchase of Pump from Smith Pumps:** Jones moved to approve the purchase of two pumps at a cost of \$3,552.45 and Desborough seconded. Baggett, Desborough, Jones and McIver voted aye. Motion carried 4-0-0.
- ii. **Radio Read Master Meters funded by the American Rescue Plan Act:** PWD Rogers reported that 4 of the 365 new meters have been installed.

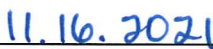
Councilmember Fonteno arrived at 6:33 p.m.

- g. **Street Repairs:** PWD Rogers reported that L & L Asphalt will be coming to resurface Peachtree Lane in late early November. No action taken.
- h. **Zoning:** Baggett moved to proceed with a public hearing on November 16, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. regarding the proposed zoning for Upshur Co. Appraisal District Property ID #'s: 19046 and 62681 currently owned by the Big Sandy Municipal Dev. District previously known as the Big Sandy Comm. Dev. Corporation and Jones seconded. Baggett, Desborough, Fonteno, Jones and McIver voted aye. Motion carried 5-0-0.
- i. **City Secretary:**
  - i. **Resolution Designating Official City Newspaper:** Baggett moved approve **Resolution #2021-027** designating the Big Sandy Hawkins Journal and Desborough seconded. Baggett, Desborough, Fonteno, Jones and McIver voted aye. Motion carried 5-0-0.
  - ii. **Transfer of funds to General Fund Reserve Account:** Fonteno moved to approve **Resolution #2021-028** authorizing the transfer of \$150,000 from General Fund to General Fund Reserve and Jones seconded. Baggett, Desborough, Fonteno, Jones and McIver voted aye. Motion carried 5-0-0.
  - iii. **Transfer of funds to Water/Sewer Fund Reserve Account:** Jones moved to approve **Resolution #2021-029** authorizing the transfer of \$75,000 from Water/Sewer Fund to Water/Sewer Fund Reserve Account and Desborough seconded. Baggett, Desborough, Fonteno, Jones and McIver voted aye. Motion carried 5-0-0.
- k. **City Administrator:**
  - i. **Relocation of City Hall to 119 E Gilmer Street:** No action taken.
  - ii. **American Rescue Plan Act Expenditures Update:** City Administrator Rex gave an update on the expenses to date. No action taken.
  - iii. **Civic Center: Internet Access:** No action taken.
  - iv. **v, vi:** City Administrator Rex presented COVID-19 Update and the monthly reports for the Municipal Court, Nuisance Abatement and the Recycling Program for October.

6. **Adjourn:** There being no further posted business before this Council, Baggett moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:00p.m. and Desborough seconded.

  
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 Rex Rozell, Mayor

  
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 Laura M. Rex, City Secretary

  
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