

City of Big Sandy

Big Sandy, Texas 75755

MINUTES TO PUBLIC HEARING & REGULAR MEETING

Tuesday, November 16, 2021, 6:00 p.m.

The City Council for the City of Big Sandy met in Regular Session on Tuesday, November 16, 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. Christine Jones
 - b. **Pledge of Allegiance** – Ms. Becky Desborough
 - c. **MEMBERS PRESENT:** Mayor Rex Rozell, Linda Baggett, Becky Desborough, David Fonteno, Christine Jones and Andrew McIver by video.
 - d. **STAFF PRESENT:** City Attorney Robert Davis, Chief David Easterling, Laura Rex and Scott Rogers.
 - e. **OTHERS PRESENT:** Mary Lingle, Sonny Parsons, Tony Pytlak, Curtis Williams, Michael Wilson and Stephen Winchell.
2. **PUBLIC HEARING: At 6:00 P.M. the Public Hearing on the Proposed Zoning of Property ID #19046 and #62681 on the Upshur Co. Appraisal District map was opened.**
 - i. Mayor Rozell asked if anyone in attendance wanted to address the Council. Tony Pytlak asked some questions regarding the B-2 Zoning designation.
 - ii. This Public Hearing was closed at 6:11.
3. **Citizen Participation:** None.
4. **Items of Community Interest:** Reminders of several community events were mentioned.
5. **Consent Agenda:**
 - a. Minutes from Oct. 19, 2021 and Oct. 27, 2021 meetings.
 - b. Financial Reports for October 2021Jones moved to approve the consent agenda as presented pending a review of agenda item #i (i) regarding a transfer from General Fund to General Fund Reserve and Desborough seconded. Baggett, Desborough, Fonteno, Jones, McIver voted aye. Motion carried 5-0-0.
6. **Discussion/Action Items:**
 - a. **Volunteer Fire Dept.: Monthly Report:** Acting Chief Winchell presented the monthly report.
 - b. **Water Bill Adjustment: Curtis Williams: 404 Lyles Street:** No action taken.
 - c. **Sewer Tap Permit: Kenneth Walton: 109 Mure Street:** Baggett moved to approve the tap at a cost of \$3,775 and Jones seconded. Baggett, Desborough, Fonteno, Jones and McIver voted aye. Motion carried 5-0-0.
 - d. **Police Department:** Chief Easterling gave the activity report for October 2021.
 - i. **Purchase of Bullet Proof Vests:** Desborough moved to approve the purchase of 2 vests at a cost of \$1,168.20 and Jones seconded. Baggett, Desborough, Fonteno, Jones and McIver voted aye. Motion carried 5-0-0.
 - e. **Public Works Department:** PWD Scott Rogers gave the activity report for October 2021.
 - i. **Purchase of electrical equipment for WW Treatment Plant:** Fonteno moved to approve the purchase at a cost of \$3,332.84 and Desborough seconded. Baggett, Desborough, Fonteno, Jones and McIver voted aye. Motion carried 5-0-0.
 - ii. **Purchase of supplies to repair hydrant break @ 110 W Gilmer intersection:** Jones moved to approve the purchase at a cost of \$3,553.83 and McIver seconded. Baggett, Desborough, Fonteno, Jones and McIver voted aye. Motion carried 5-0-0.
 - f. **Street Repairs:** PWD Rogers reported that L & L Asphalt has completed the resurfacing Peachtree Lane. No action taken.
 - g. **Zoning:** Fonteno moved to approve **Ordinance #2021-004:** 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 as B-2 and Desborough seconded. Baggett, Desborough, Fonteno, Jones and McIver voted aye. Motion carried 5-0-0.


h. **City Secretary:**

- i. **Change September 8, 2021 minutes Agenda Item 2(d)(ii): Name change from Wilson to Jones:** Desborough moved to change the minutes as indicated above and Baggett seconded. Baggett, Desborough, Fonteno, Jones and McIver voted aye. Motion carried 5-0-0.
- ii. **Ordinance amending Chapter 33 of the City of Big Sandy Ordinances: Officials and Employees:** No action taken.
- iii. **Resolution Casting Votes for Upshur Co. Appraisal Dist. Board of Directors:** Baggett moved to approve **Resolution #2021-032** casting 35 votes for David Fonteno and Jones seconded. Baggett, Desborough, Fonteno, Jones and McIver voted aye. Fonteno abstained. Motion carried 4-0-1.

i. **City Administrator:**

- i. **Civic Center: Internet Access:** No action taken.
 - ii. **Purchase of Turkeys for City Employees & Volunteers:** Baggett moved to approve the purchase of a turkey up to \$30 for all city employees and the volunteer fire department and Fonteno seconded. Baggett, Desborough, Fonteno, Jones and McIver voted aye. Motion carried 5-0-0.
 - iii. **204 E Gilmer Street:**
 1. **Approve Payment for Structural Engineer Report:** Fonteno moved to approve payment at a cost of \$1,100 and Desborough seconded. Baggett, Desborough, Fonteno, Jones and McIver voted aye. Motion carried 5-0-0.
 2. **Plan to stabilize building:** No action taken.
 - iv. **Relocation of building from 203 ½ Gilmer Street to Public Works Yard:** No action taken.
 - v. **Relocation of building from Applegate Park to 203 ½ Gilmer Street:** No action taken.
 - vi. **Construction Plans for relocation of City Hall to 119 E Gilmer Street:** No action taken.
 - vii. **viii, ix:** City Administrator Rex presented COVID-19 Update and the monthly reports for the Municipal Court, Nuisance Abatement and the Recycling Program for October. No action taken.
- j. **The Council entered into Executive Session at 7:38 p.m. to:** Discuss or deliberate the employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public officer or employee pursuant to: Texas Government Code §551.074: Assistant Prosecutor Madison Hood.
- k. **The Council returned to Open Session at 7:52 p.m.** Fonteno moved that the City Administrator and City Attorney should update the job description for the Assistant Prosecutor and post the job opening as soon as possible and Baggett seconded. Baggett, Desborough, Fonteno, Jones and McIver voted aye. Motion carried 5-0-0.
- l. **The Council entered into Executive Session at 7:53 p.m. to:** Discuss or deliberate the employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public officer or employee pursuant to: Texas Government Code §551.074: Chief of Police David Easterling.
- m. **The council returned to Open Session at 8:10 p.m.** Fonteno stated Chief Easterling's job performance has met the minimum standards of his job duties, has passed the 6 month probationary period and should receive the raise as outlined in his employment contract. Desborough seconded. Baggett, Desborough, Fonteno, Jones and McIver voted aye. Motion carried 5-0-0.

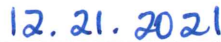
7. **Adjourn:** There being no further posted business before this Council, Jones moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:25p.m. and Baggett seconded.



Rex Rozell, Mayor



Laura M. Rex, City Secretary



Date