

City of Big Sandy

Big Sandy, Texas 75755

MINUTES TO MEETING

April 19, 2022, 6:00 p.m.

The City Council for the City of Big Sandy met in Regular Session on April 19, 2022, at 6:00 p.m., at the City of Big Sandy Heritage Center, 162 E. Gilmer Street, Big Sandy, Texas.

Call to Order: Mayor Rozell called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

- a. **Invocation** – Rex Rozell
- b. **Pledge of Allegiance** – Linda Baggett
- c. **MEMBERS PRESENT:** Mayor Rex Rozell, Linda Baggett, Becky Desborough, David Fonteno, Christine Jones and Andrew McIver.
- d. **STAFF PRESENT:** Robert Davis by phone, David Easterling, Laura Rex and Scott Rogers.
- e. **OTHERS PRESENT:** Shalom Abrams, Vanessa Ervin, Anthony & Juanita Fail, Mary Lingle, Kerry Rickard, Iva Strickland, Rocky Ware, Phillip Williams, Michael Wilson & VFD Chief Stephen Winchell.

Citizen Comment: None.

Items of Community Interest: None.

Consent Agenda & Agenda Items:

3. **Volunteer Fire Department: Monthly Report:** Chief Winchell presented the monthly report, the department responded to 12 calls in March including 5 wildland fires.
4. **Utility Bill Adjustment: Robert Cobb: 106 E Kay:** Jones moved to adjust the utility bill by \$163.94 and Baggett seconded. Baggett, Desborough, Fonteno, Jones & McIver voted aye. Motion carried 5-0-0.
5. **Utility Bill Adjustment: Zack Davenport: 101 West College:** Baggett moved to adjust the bill by \$225.45; Jones seconded. Baggett, Desborough, Fonteno, Jones and McIver voted aye. Motion carried 5-0-0.
6. **Utility Bill Adjustment: Kristin Ferguson: 908 Tyler:** Fonteno moved to adjust the utility bill by \$40.00; Jones seconded. Baggett, Desborough, Fonteno, Jones and McIver voted aye. Motion carried 5-0-0.
7. **Utility Bill Adjustment: La Vida Wesley: 205 Quitman:** Jones moved to adjust the utility bill by \$471.15 and Baggett seconded. Baggett, Desborough, Jones and McIver voted aye. Fonteno voted nay. Motion carried 4-1-0.
8. **Water & Sewer Tap Permit: Iva Strickland: 400 Roberts St:** Fonteno moved to approve the permits pending a letter from the wife of Johnny Brown (who is deceased) giving her approval for the applications. Desborough seconded. Baggett, Desborough, Fonteno, Jones and McIver voted aye. Motion carried 5-0-0.
9. **Water & Sewer Tap Permit: Carolyn Derrick: Roberts St:** This request was withdrawn.
10. **Sewer Tap Permit: Dwayne Stanton: 235 W Gilmer:** Desborough moved to approve the tap permit & Fonteno seconded. Baggett, Desborough, Fonteno, Jones & McIver voted aye. Motion carried 5-0-0.

11. **Installation of Water Well: Shalom Abrams:** Fonteno moved to take this item from the table and Baggett seconded; Baggett, Desborough, Fonteno, Jones and McIver voted aye. Motion to take this item from the table carried 5-0-0. PWD Rogers stated that the installation of water wells is prohibited by the city's ordinances.
12. **Anthony Fail: Civic Center Rental Proposal:** Fonteno moved to take this item from the table, Baggett seconded; Baggett, Desborough, Fonteno, Jones and McIver voted aye. Motion to take this item from the table carried 5-0-0. After discussion, Fonteno moved to approve a 6 month lease with the Refuge Church to lease the Civic Center on available Sundays pending Mr. Davis' review of the lease and approval by the Mayor & City Administrator. Baggett seconded. Baggett, Desborough, Fonteno, Jones & McIver voted aye. Motion carried 5-0-0.
13. **David Fonteno: BS Area Lions Club Beautification Plan for City Park & Civic Center:** Dr. Fonteno, President of the BS Area Lions Club, asked for permission to create a beautification program. Desborough moved to grant permission to create the plan and Baggett seconded. Baggett, Desborough, Fonteno and Jones voted aye. McIver abstained. Motion carried 4-0-1.
14. **Police Department: Monthly Report:** Chief Easterling presented the monthly report.
15. **Police Dept.: Purchase of DVD Duplicator:** McIver moved to approve the purchase of the duplicator at a cost not to exceed \$800 including shipping and warranty and Fonteno seconded. Baggett, Desborough, Fonteno, Jones & McIver voted aye. Motion carried 5-0-0.
16. **Public Works Department: Monthly Report:** Mr. Rogers presented the monthly report.
17. **Public Works: Installation of 200 amp manual transfer switches:** McIver moved to accept the bid from Hill Electric for \$4525 and Desborough seconded. Baggett, Desborough, Fonteno, Jones & McIver voted aye. Motion carried 5-0-0.
18. **Nuisance Abatement: 200 S Meason:** Baggett moved to accept the demolition and cleanup of the property by AGLYN at a cost of \$8,500 and Fonteno seconded. Baggett, Desborough, Fonteno, Jones & McIver voted aye. Motion carried 5-0-0.
19. **Traffic Control at intersection of Wimberly/College/Meason:** Desborough moved to install a stop sign at this intersection immediately and McIver seconded. Baggett, Desborough, Fonteno, Jones & McIver voted aye. Motion carried 5-0-0.
20. **Truck Route for the City of Big Sandy:** Baggett moved to authorize Mayor Rozell to research a possible truck route for the S Tyler, E Gilmer and Wildcat Drive and Desborough seconded. Baggett, Desborough, Fonteno, Jones & McIver voted aye. Motion carried 5-0-0.
21. **Resolution nominating candidate to the Upshur Co. Appraisal Dist. Board:** No action taken.
22. **Ordinance: Outdoor Siren Policy:** The city does not currently have a siren policy. The council will work on drafting a policy to be adopted at a future meeting. No action taken.
23. **Resolution authorizing relocation of City Hall:** Baggett moved to approve **Resolution #2022-006** authorizing the relocation of City Hall to 119 E Gilmer, approving the proposed floor plan & hiring Arlon Tomes as the general contractor for the project at a cost not to exceed \$150,000; Desborough seconded. Baggett, Desborough, Fonteno, Jones & McIver voted aye. Motion carried 5-0-0.
24. **City Administrator Monthly Report:** Administrator Rex presented the monthly reports.

1. **Minutes of Meeting(s): March 15, 2022; November 24, 2021:** After discussion, McIver moved to approve the March 15, 2022 minutes as presented and the November 24, 2021 minutes as changed by the council. Desborough seconded. Baggett, Desborough, Fonteno, Jones & McIver voted aye. Motion carried 5-0-0.
2. **Financial Reports for March 2022:** Fonteno moved to approve the March 2022 financial reports as presented and Baggett seconded. Baggett, Desborough, Fonteno, Jones & McIver voted aye. Motion carried 5-0-0.

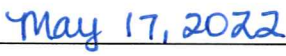
Adjourn: There being no further posted business before this Council, Baggett moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:56 p.m. and Desborough seconded.



Rex Rozell, Mayor



Laura M. Rex, City Secretary



Date