

City of Big Sandy

Big Sandy, Texas 75755

MINUTES TO MEETING

September 20, 2022, 6:00 p.m.

The City Council for the City of Big Sandy met in Regular Session on September 20, 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** – Mayor Rozell
- b. **Pledge of Allegiance** – Linda Baggett
- c. **MEMBERS PRESENT:** Mayor Rex Rozell, Linda Baggett, David Fonteno, Christine Jones, Kerry Rickard and Chase Sheeley. David Fonteno arrived at 7:14 p.m. and remained until adjournment.
- d. **STAFF PRESENT:** David Easterling, Laura Rex and Rocky Ware.
- e. **OTHERS PRESENT:** Louise Almanza, Gregory Cuke, T Myszkiewicz and Eric Smith representing Songwriters Across Texas, Roy Newpane, Michael Wilson & VFD Chief Stephen Winchell.

Citizen Comment: None.

Items of Community Interest: None.


Consent Agenda & Agenda Items:

1. **Volunteer Fire Department: Monthly Report:** Chief Stephen Winchell presented the monthly report.
2. **Volunteer Fire Department: Attack1 Repairs:** Baggett moved to approve the repairs at an estimated cost of \$2,500 and Sheeley seconded. Baggett, Jones, Rickard and Sheeley voted aye. Motion carried 4-0-0.
19. **Resolution: Contract with Upshur Co. Emergency Services District #1:** Rickard moved to approve **Resolution #2022-017** approving the proposed annual contract and Sheeley seconded. Baggett, Jones, Rickard and Sheeley voted aye. Motion carried 4-0-0.
3. **Water & Sewer Tap Permits: Greg Cuke: 1001 N Tyler Street:** Baggett moved to approve 4 taps for a new duplex and Jones seconded. Baggett, Jones, Rickard and Sheeley voted aye. Motion carried 4-0-0.
4. **Roy Newpane: Game Room: 707 W Broadway:** Rickard moved to deny this request for a game room because it would be in violation of Ordinance #2014 001 and Baggett seconded. Baggett and Rickard voted aye. Jones and Sheeley voted nay. Mayor Rozell broke the tie by voting nay. Motion failed 2-3-0.
5. **Songwriters Across Texas: Operating Sweepstakes Software Equipment: 507 Hwy 155 S:** Baggett moved to table this item to the October 18th meeting until the city attorney could review the proposal and given an opinion and Rickard seconded. Baggett, Jones, Rickard and Sheeley voted aye. Motion carried 4-0-0.
6. **Building Permit: Judy Varner: 310 Wimberley Street:** Rickard moved to approve the permit and Sheeley seconded. Baggett, Jones, Rickard and Sheeley voted aye. Motion carried 4-0-0.
7. **Utility Bill Adjustment: Bennie West: 205 N Robinson:** Jones moved to reduce the bill by \$143.35 and Rickard seconded. Baggett, Jones, Rickard and Sheeley voted aye. Motion carried 4-0-0.
8. **Police Department: Monthly Report:** Chief Easterling presented the monthly report.

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9. **Police Department: Purchase of Vehicle #30 from American Nat. Leasing:** Rickard moved to purchase the vehicle at a cost of \$9,214 and Sheeley seconded. Baggett, Fonteno, Jones, Rickard and Sheeley voted aye. Motion carried 5-0-0
10. **Public Works Department: Monthly Report:** Rocky Ware presented the monthly report.
11. **Public Works Department: Purchase of Registers & Boxes:** No action taken.
12. **Mayor: Street Repairs:** Mayor Rozell reported that E Cotton and Groves Streets have had oil dirt applied. No action taken.
13. **Mayor: Building Repairs: 201 S Meason Wellyard:** Sheeley moved to accept a bid for the repair work at a cost of \$2,700 and Rickard seconded. Baggett, Fonteno, Jones, Rickard and Sheeley voted aye. Motion carried 5-0-0.
14. **City Secretary: Ordinance: Honorary Street Name(s):** Fonteno moved to adopt **Ordinance #2022-003** and Rickard seconded. Baggett, Fonteno, Jones, Rickard and Sheeley voted aye. Motion carried 5-0-0.
15. **City Secretary: Ordinance: Utility Service Rates:** After discussion, Rickard moved to adopt **Ordinance #2022-004** increasing the utility rates and changing the billing structure; Jones and Sheeley seconded. Baggett, Fonteno, Jones, Rickard and Sheeley voted aye. Motion carried 5-0-0.
16. **City Secretary: Ordinance: Amusement Redemption Machines:** No action taken.
17. **City Secretary: Resolution: Contract with ETCOG for 9-1-1 addressing:** Fonteno moved to approve **Resolution #2022-016** and Sheeley seconded. Baggett, Fonteno, Jones, Rickard and Sheeley voted aye. Motion carried 5-0-0.
18. **City Secretary: Resolution TML IRP Board of Trustees Election:** Jones moved not to cast votes and Rickard seconded. Baggett, Fonteno, Jones, Rickard and Sheeley voted aye. Motion carried 5-0-0.
19. **City Secretary: Resolution: Contract with Upshur Co. Emergency Services District #1:** This item was acted on earlier in the meeting (after Agenda Item 2).
20. **City Secretary: Resolution updating Personnel Policy Handbook #712 Cell Phones:** No action taken.
21. **City Secretary: Resolution Updating Utility Services Policies:** Jones moved to approve **Resolution #2022-018** and Fonteno seconded. Baggett, Fonteno, Jones, Rickard and Sheeley voted aye. Motion carried 5-0-0.
22. **City Secretary: Financial Reports for August 2022:** Sheeley moved to approve the financial reports as presented and Rickard seconded. Baggett, Fonteno, Jones, Rickard and Sheeley voted aye. Motion carried 5-0-0.
23. **City Secretary: Minutes of Meeting(s): Aug. 16, 2022; Aug. 22, 2022; and August 23, 2022:** Jones moved to approve the minutes as presented and Fonteno seconded. Baggett, Fonteno, Jones, Rickard and Sheeley voted aye. Motion carried 5-0-0.
24. **City Administrator Monthly Report:** Administrator Rex presented her monthly reports and updates.

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



Rex Rozell, Mayor



Laura M. Rex, City Secretary



Date