

City of Big Sandy

Big Sandy, Texas 75755

MINUTES TO MEETING October 18, 2022, 6:00 p.m.

The City Council for the City of Big Sandy met in Regular Session on October 18, 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** – Laura Rex
- b. **Pledge of Allegiance** – Linda Baggett
- c. **MEMBERS PRESENT:** Mayor Rex Rozell, Linda Baggett, David Fonteno, Christine Jones, Kerry Rickard and Chase Sheeley.
- d. **STAFF PRESENT:** David Easterling, Laura Rex and Rocky Ware.
- e. **OTHERS PRESENT:** Becky Desborough, George Strub, Michael Wilson & VFD Chief Stephen Winchell.

Citizen Comment: George Strub addressed the council, expressing his appreciation for their service.

Items of Community Interest: None.

Consent Agenda & Agenda Items:

1. **Volunteer Fire Department: Monthly Report:** Chief Winchell presented the monthly report.
2. **Water Tap Permit: Carla Ocampo: 102 E Broadway:** Jones moved to approve the water tap and Sheeley seconded. Baggett, Fonteno, Jones, Rickard and Sheeley voted aye. Motion carried 5-0-0.
3. **Water & Sewer Tap Permit: Larry Strickland: 202 Old Waters Bluff Road:** Fonteno moved to approve the water and sewer tap and Baggett seconded. Baggett, Fonteno, Jones, Rickard and Sheeley voted aye. Motion carried 5-0-0.
4. **Building Permit: Neil Hamilton: 209 Peachtree:** Baggett moved to approve the permit and Rickard seconded. Baggett, Fonteno, Jones, Rickard & Sheeley voted aye. Motion carried 5-0-0.
5. **Building Permit: Wendy Ramires: 705 N Tyler:** Sheeley moved to approve the permit and Rickard and Fonteno seconded. Baggett, Fonteno, Jones, Rickard and Sheeley voted aye. Motion carried 5-0-0.
6. **Building Permit: Larry Strickland: 202 Old Waters Bluff Road:** Rickard moved to approve this permit and Sheeley seconded. Baggett, Fonteno, Jones, Rickard and Sheeley voted aye. Motion carried 5-0-0.
7. **Utility Bill Adjustment: Charlie Davis: 721 Dial Road:** Baggett moved to reduce the bill by \$714.28 and Fonteno seconded. Baggett, Fonteno, Jones, Rickard and Sheeley voted aye. Motion carried 5-0-0.
8. **Honorary Street Sign Application: Bobby Mitchell:** Fonteno moved to rescind the motion made at the December 21, 2021 meeting giving Mr. Mitchell the choice between Bryan and Roberts Streets to be named in his honor and to approve the application for the honorary naming of College Street between Wildcat and Meason as Bobbie Mitchell Drive. Rickard seconded. Baggett, Fonteno, Jones, Rickard and Sheeley voted aye. Motion carried 5-0-0.
9. **Executive Session:** The council entered into executive session at 6:25 p.m. to consult with City Attorney Robert Davis on a matter in which the duty of the attorney to the governmental body under the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct of the State Bar of Texas pursuant to Texas Government Code § (b): Advice on legal matters that are not related to litigation or the settlement of litigation.

10. The council returned to open session at 6:43 p.m.
11. **Roy Newpane: Game Room: 707 W Broadway:** Fonteno moved to un-table Items #11 and 12 and Jones seconded. Baggett, Fonteno, Jones, Rickard and Sheeley voted aye. Motion to un-table carried 5-0-0. Rickard moved to deny this request for a game room because it could be in violation of Ordinance #2014-001 and the Texas Penal Code and Baggett seconded. Baggett, Fonteno, Jones, Rickard and Sheeley voted aye. Motion carried 5-0-0.
12. **Songwriters Across Texas: Operating Sweepstakes Software Equipment: 507 Hwy 155 S:** Rickard moved to deny this request because it could be a violation of Ordinance #2014-001 and the Texas Penal Code and Jones seconded. Baggett, Fonteno, Jones, Rickard and Sheeley voted aye. Motion carried 5-0-0.
13. **Police Department: Monthly Report:** Chief Easterling presented the monthly report.
14. **Public Works Department: Monthly Report:** Rocky Ware presented the monthly report.
15. **Public Works Department: Water Tank Inspections from July 2022:** No action taken.
16. **Proclamation:** Rickard moved to proclaim October 23-31 as Red Ribbon Week and Fonteno seconded. Baggett, Fonteno, Jones, Rickard and Sheeley voted aye. Motion carried 5-0-0.
17. **Mayor: AEP Swepco Lease:** Baggett moved to accept a request from AEP Swepco for a month-to-month extension of their lease at a price of \$500 per month, including any partial months. Rickard seconded. Baggett, Fonteno, Jones, Rickard and Sheeley voted aye. Motion carried 5-0-0.
18. **City Secretary: Ordinance: Utility Service Rates:** Jones moved to return to the previous water rates before **Ordinance #2022-004** was adopted. Sheeley seconded. After discussion, Jones requested that her motion be withdrawn. Sheeley requested that his second be withdrawn. In a roll call vote, Baggett, Fonteno, Jones, Rickard and Sheeley voted aye. The Motion and Second were withdrawn by a vote of 5-0-0. Jones moved to table this item to a future special meeting with each councilmember who desires to submit a rate proposal to submit them to the City Secretary no later than October 21, 2022 and Rickard seconded. Baggett, Fonteno, Jones, Rickard and Sheeley voted aye. Motion carried 5-0-0.
19. **City Secretary: Resolution: Designating Official City Newspaper:** Fonteno moved to approve **Resolution #2022-019** naming the Gilmer Mirror and Baggett seconded. Baggett, Fonteno, Jones, Rickard and Sheeley voted aye. Motion carried 5-0-0.
20. **City Secretary: Resolution updating Personnel Policy Handbook #712 Cell Phones:** No action taken.
21. **City Secretary: Financial Reports for September 2022:** Fonteno moved to approve the financial reports as presented and Rickard seconded. Baggett, Fonteno, Jones, Rickard and Sheeley voted aye. Motion carried 5-0-0.
22. **City Secretary: Minutes of Meeting: September 20, 2022:** Jones moved to approve the minutes with corrections and Fonteno seconded. Baggett, Fonteno, Jones, Rickard and Sheeley voted aye. Motion carried 5-0-0.
23. **City Administrator: City Hall Relocation Update: 119 E Gilmer Street:** No action taken.
24. **City Administrator Monthly Report:** Administrator Rex presented her monthly reports and updates.

Adjourn: There being no further posted business before this Council, Fonteno moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 p.m. and Rickard seconded.

Rex Rozell
Rex Rozell, Mayor

Laura M Rex
Laura M. Rex, City Secretary

11.15.2022
Date