

City of Big Sandy

Big Sandy, Texas 75755

MINUTES TO PUBLIC HEARING & MEETING

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

The City Council for the City of Big Sandy met for a Public Hearing and in Regular Session on December 20, 2022, at 6:00 p.m., at the City of Big Sandy Heritage Center, 162 E. Gilmer Street, Big Sandy, Texas.

Public Hearing: The City opened the public hearing regarding the possible submission of an application to the Texas Department of Agriculture for a Texas Community Development Block Grant Program (TxCDBG) grant. The purpose of this public hearing was to allow citizens an opportunity to discuss the citizen participation plan, the development of local housing and community development needs, the amount of TxCDBG funding available, all eligible TxCDBG activities, and the use of past TxCDBG funds.

After some input and comments, the public hearing was closed at 6:09 p.m.

Call to Order: Mayor Rozell called the regular session 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, and Kerry Rickard.
- d. **STAFF PRESENT:** David Easterling, Laura Rex and Rocky Ware.
- e. **OTHERS PRESENT:** Trey Beahm, Linda Cartwright, Kathy Fatheree, Michael Fogel, Randy Jones, Sherry Keele, Elizabeth Hartley Kitchen, George Strub, and Michael Wilson.

Citizen Comment: George Strub addressed the council regarding the next Big Sandy ISD Board meeting on January 9, 2023 at 6:30 p.m. Kathy Fatheree addressed the council regarding coyotes on Robinson Street. Elizabeth Kitchen and Sherry Keele also addressed the council regarding coyotes on Robinson Street.

Items of Community Interest: Mayor Rozell reminded citizens to prepare for the upcoming freezing temperatures.

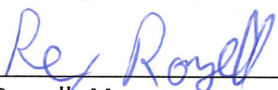
Mayor Rozell then presented a Certificate of Appreciation to City Administrator/City Secretary Laura Rex for her 10 years of service to the City.

Consent Agenda & Agenda Items:

1. **Volunteer Fire Department: Monthly Report:** Chief Winchell was not present.
8. **Resolution of support for redevelopment of Big Sandy Manor, 511 N Robinson Street:** Michael Fogel addressed the council regarding this resolution. Rickard moved to approve **Resolution #2022-022** and Baggett seconded. Baggett, Fonteno, Jones and Rickard voted aye. Motion carried 4-0-0.
2. **Tony Pytlak: Water Rate Increase:** Mayor Rozell read a written request from Mr. Pytlak asking the council if they have any plans to reconsider the water rate increase and what their timeline would be if they were. Mayor Rozell reported that the utility rates will be on the January 17, 2023 agenda. No action taken.

3. **Police Department: Monthly Report:** Chief Easterling presented the monthly report.
4. **Public Works Department: Monthly Report:** Rocky Ware presented the monthly report.
5. **Water Well Report & System Improvements:** Rocky presented reports from Stan Hayes regarding the repairs needed for the wastewater treatment system and from Precision Pump regarding the well on T & P Avenue. No action taken.
6. **Alderman Kerry Rickard: Code of Conduct/Ethics for Elected Officials:** Rickard would like the council to consider a code of conduct/ethics for the elected officials. No action taken.
7. **Ordinance: Change in the Municipal Contributions to the current service annuity reserve at Texas Retirement Municipal System (TMRS):** Fonteno moved to approve **Ordinance #2022-006** increasing the City contribution rate to 2:1 ratio and Rickard seconded. Baggett, Fonteno, Jones and Rickard voted aye. Motion carried 4-0-0.
9. **Resolution: Adopting 2023 Holidays for City:** Jones moved to approve **Resolution #2022-023** updating Personnel Policy Handbook #803 holidays and Rickard seconded. Baggett, Fonteno, Jones and Rickard voted aye. Motion carried 4-0-0.
10. **Resolution: Upshur Co Appraisal District Board of Directors Nomination:** No action taken.
11. **Resolution: Updating Personnel Policy Handbook #602 Introductory Evaluation Period:** Baggett moved to approve **Resolution #2022-024** updating Personnel Policy Handbook #602 increasing the probationary period for all city employees to 180 days and Fonteno seconded. Baggett, Fonteno, Jones and Rickard voted aye. Motion carried 4-0-0.
12. **Financial Reports for November 2022:** Rickard moved to approve the financial reports as presented and Baggett seconded. Baggett, Fonteno, Jones and Rickard voted aye. Motion carried 4-0-0.
13. **City Secretary: Minutes of Meeting: Nov. 15, 2022:** Jones moved to approve the minutes and Fonteno seconded. Baggett, Fonteno, Jones and Rickard voted aye. Motion carried 4-0-0.
14. **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 7:19 p.m. and Rickard seconded.



 Rex Rozell, Mayor



 Laura M. Rex, City Secretary



 Date