

# City of Big Sandy

Big Sandy, Texas 75755

## MINUTES TO MEETING

February 21, 2023, 6:00 p.m.

The City Council for the City of Big Sandy met in Regular Session on February 21, 2023, 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 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, Kayla Sartor and Rocky Ware.
- e. **OTHERS PRESENT:** Sally Allen, Frank Bence, Trey Beahm, Nancy Church, Billy Hunt, Joy Lanham-Clark, Mary Lingle, Theresa Olson, Nanette Piccione, Tony Pytlak, Cole Rushing, Sarah Rushing, Collette Stec, John Verzyl, Michael Wilson, BSVFD Chief Stephen Winchell, Perry Worthen and Sheila York.

### **Citizen Comment:**

- a. Tiffany Lawrence addressed the council regarding the 1 year anniversary of the United States Naval Cadet Corp being in Big Sandy.
- b. Joy Lanham-Clark addressed the council regarding the USNCC's use of the civic center.
- c. Frank Stec addressed the council and requested the removal of the modular home at 209 Peachtree Lane.

**Items of Community Interest:** Ms. Baggett reported on two upcoming events: the Black History Event and the Big Sandy Museum Fundraiser; both are on February 25, 2023.

### **Consent Agenda & Agenda Items:**

1. **Volunteer Fire Department:**
  - a. **Monthly Report:** Chief Winchell presented the monthly report.
  - b. **1986 International S1900 1,500 gallon tanker:** Rickard moved to declare this tanker as surplus and gave permission for the acceptance of bids for its sale and Fonteno seconded. Baggett, Fonteno, Jones and Rickard voted aye. Motion carried 4-0-0.
2. **Collette Stec: Building Permit Approval Process:** Baggett moved to table this item for 2 months and Rickard seconded. Baggett, Fonteno, Jones and Rickard voted aye. Motion carried 4-0-0.
3. **Honorary Street Name:** Fonteno moved to approve the application for 1 honorary street sign to be placed at the intersection of Wildcat Drive and Highway 80 in honor of David Overstreet that was requested by Johnnie Overstreet. Baggett seconded. Baggett, Fonteno, Jones and Rickard voted aye. Motion carried 4-0-0.

4. **Special Event Permit: Circle M Partners: March 17, 2023:** Jones moved to approve the permit as presented and Baggett seconded. Baggett, Fonteno, Jones and Rickard voted aye. Motion carried 4-0-0.
5. **Special Event Permit: Circle M Partners: April 7<sup>th</sup> or 8<sup>th</sup>, 2023:** Fonteno moved to approve the permit as presented for April 7<sup>th</sup>, with April 8<sup>th</sup> as the inclement weather date and Rickard seconded. Baggett, Fonteno, Jones and Rickard voted aye. Motion carried 4-0-0.
6. **Utility Bill Adjustments:**
  - a. Kimberly Beam: 600 Border Street: \$155.00: Rickard moved to approve this adjustment, Jones seconded. Baggett, Fonteno, Jones and Rickard voted aye. Motion carried 4-0-0.
  - b. Felicia Davis: 239 River Road: \$198.01: Jones moved to approve this adjustment, Baggett seconded. Baggett, Fonteno, Jones and Rickard voted aye. Motion carried 4-0-0.
  - c. Sandra Davis: 1001 N Tyler #202: \$387.39: Rickard moved to approve this adjustment, Jones seconded. Baggett, Fonteno, Jones and Rickard voted aye. Motion carried 4-0-0.
  - d. Phil Hollier: 524 N Pearl: \$42.05: Fonteno moved to approve this adjustment, Rickard seconded. Baggett, Fonteno, Jones and Rickard voted aye. Motion carried 4-0-0.
  - e. Billy Hunt: 901 Wiley Blvd: Mr. Hunt addressed the council regarding his utility bill. No action taken.
  - f. FL Robinson: 208 Robinson: \$285.80: Jones moved to approve this adjustment, Rickard seconded. Baggett, Fonteno, Jones and Rickard voted aye. Motion carried 4-0-0.
  - g. LaTonya Ross: 203 Old Waters Bluff Road: \$16.55: Rickard moved to approve this adjustment, Fonteno seconded. Baggett, Fonteno, Jones and Rickard voted aye. Motion carried 4-0-0.
  - h. ED Willis: 612 N Pearl: \$187.50: Baggett moved to approve this adjustment, Rickard seconded. Baggett, Fonteno, Jones and Rickard voted aye. Motion carried 4-0-0.
  - i. Sheila York: 400 River Road: \$222.80: Jones moved to approve this adjustment, Fonteno seconded. Baggett, Fonteno, Jones and Rickard voted aye. Motion carried 4-0-0.
7. **Police Department: Monthly Report:** Chief Easterling presented the monthly report.
8. **Police Department: Extended Warranty on 2022 Ford Interceptor Lease with American National Leasing:** Fonteno moved to approve the purchase of the extended warranty at a cost of \$2,875 and Rickard seconded. Baggett, Fonteno, Jones and Rickard voted aye. Motion carried 4-0-0.
9. **Police Department: Resolution approving Body Worn Cameras Policy:** Rickard moved to approve **Resolution #2023-001** approving this policy and Fonteno seconded. Baggett, Fonteno, Jones and Rickard voted aye. Motion carried 4-0-0.
10. **Police Department: IT Infrastructure Upgrade:** After discussion, Fonteno moved to accept the bid for the upgrade from SysLogic Technology Services for \$11,512.87; the purchase of a desktop from B & H for \$1,300; and the monthly maintenance contract from SysLogic for \$500 per month. Jones seconded. Baggett, Fonteno, Jones and Rickard voted aye. Motion carried 4-0-0.

Fonteno moved to amend his original motion to award the monthly maintenance contract to Longview Computer Center for \$150 per month and Jones seconded. Baggett, Fonteno, Jones and Rickard voted aye. Motion carried 4-0-0.



11. **Public Works Department: Monthly Report:** Rocky Ware presented the monthly report.
12. **Public Works: TX Excavation Safety (811) Votes:** No action taken.
13. **Public Works: Purchase of Pump for Wastewater Treatment Plant:** Fonteno moved to approve the purchase of the pump from Smith Pump at a cost of \$8,917 plus shipping and Rickard seconded. Baggett, Fonteno, Jones, and Rickard voted aye. Motion carried 4-0-0.
14. **Resolution: Engineering Services for TXCDBG Grant CDV21-0500:** Rickard moved to approve **Resolution #2023-002** awarding this contract to Hayes Engineering and Baggett seconded. Baggett, Fonteno, Jones and Rickard voted aye. Motion carried 4-0-0.
15. **Resolution: May 6, 2023 Election:** Jones moved to approve **Resolution #2023-003** approving a contract with Upshur County for the May 6, 2023 election services and Rickard seconded. Baggett, Fonteno, Jones and Rickard voted aye. Motion carried 4-0-0.
16. **Financial Reports for January 2023:** Jones moved to table the financial reports and Rickard seconded. Baggett, Fonteno, Jones and Rickard voted aye. Motion carried 4-0-0.
17. **Minutes of Meeting: Jan. 17, 2023:** Rickard moved to approve the minutes and Jones seconded. Baggett, Fonteno, Jones and Rickard voted aye. Motion carried 4-0-0.
18. **City Administrator Report:** Administrator Rex presented her monthly reports and updates.

**Adjourn:** There being no further posted business before this Council, Rickard moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:59 p.m. and Baggett seconded.

Rex Rozell  
Rex Rozell, Mayor

Laura M Rex  
Laura M. Rex, City Secretary

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Date