

City of Big Sandy

Big Sandy, Texas 75755

MINUTES TO MEETING

May 16, 2023, 6:00 p.m.

The City Council for the City of Big Sandy met in Regular Session on May 16, 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** – Rocky Ware
- c. **MEMBERS PRESENT:** Mayor Rex Rozell, Sally Allen, Linda Baggett, David Fonteno, Christine Jones, Kerry Rickard and Chase Sheeley by videoconference from 6:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.
- d. **STAFF PRESENT:** Sergeant Tray Anderson, Chief David Easterling, Laura Rex and Rocky Ware.
- e. **OTHERS PRESENT:** Ivirne Allen, Melven Allen, Janet Beahm, Trey Beahm, Will Brahic, Rickey Caughron, Noe De La Cruz, Demetreck Derrick, Becky Desborough, James French, Texanna Greene, Jack Hetzel, Tony Pytlak, George Strub, Elijah Vincent, Kate Vincent, Bill Weaver and Michael Wilson.

Public Comment: None.

Consent Agenda & Agenda Items:

1. **City Secretary: Financial Reports for April 2023:** Jones moved to not approve the financial reports for April 2023. Motion died for lack of a second. Baggett moved to approve the April 2023 financials and Rickard seconded. Baggett, Fonteno, Rickard, and Sheeley voted aye. Jones voted nay. Motion carried 4-1-0.
2. **Minutes of Meeting: April 18, 2023:** Jones moved to approve the minutes for April 18, 2023 and Baggett seconded. Baggett, Fonteno, Jones, Rickard and Sheeley voted aye. Motion carried 5-0-0.
3. **Resolution canvassing Election Returns & Declaring Results of May 6, 2023 Election:** Jones moved to approve **Resolution 2023-005** canvassing the May 6, 2023 election returns and declaring the following results:

Choice	Party	Absentee Voting	Early Voting	Election Day Voting	Total
REX ROZELL		0 0.00%	26 37.68%	31 31.63%	57 34.33%
COLLETTE W. STEC		0 0.00%	10 14.49%	21 21.43%	31 18.56%
SALLY ALLEN		0 0.00%	33 47.83%	45 46.94%	79 47.31%
Cast Votes:		0 0.00%	69 100.00%	98 100.00%	167 100.00%
Undervotes:		0	13	34	47
Overvotes:		0	0	0	0

Choice	Party	Absentee Voting	Early Voting	Election Day Voting	Total
FOR		0 0.00%	28 70.00%	36 55.38%	64 60.55%
AGAINST		0 0.00%	12 30.00%	29 44.62%	41 39.05%
Cast Votes:		0 0.00%	40 100.00%	65 100.00%	105 100.00%
Undervotes:		0	1	1	2
Overvotes:		0	0	0	0

- Sally Allen and Rex Rozell are elected as councilmembers with terms ending in May of 2025.
- Linda Baggett, an unopposed candidate, declared elected Mayor with a term ending in May of 2025.
- The legal sale of mixed beverages in the corporate city limits has been approved.

4. **Present Certificate of Election to the declared candidates elect:** Mayor Rozell presented the Certificate of Election to the declared candidates elect: Sally Allen, Linda Baggett and Rex Rozell.
5. **City Secretary: Administer the Statement of Elected Officials & Official Oaths to elected officials:** City Secretary Rex administered the statements of elected officials & swore in the declared candidates elect. Baggett took her seat as Mayor; and Allen and Rozell took their seats at the council table.
6. **Volunteer Fire Department: Monthly Report:** Mayor Baggett presented the monthly report on behalf of Chief Stephen Winchell.
7. **Noe De La Cruz: Applegate Softball Field:** De La Cruz proposed improvements to the field totaling \$22,310, including \$20,500 for fencing and \$1,810 for benches. Fonteno moved to approve the proposal for improvements and Rickard seconded. Allen, Fonteno, Rickard, Rozell and Sheeley voted aye. Motion carried 5-0-0.
8. **Special Event Permit: Vanessa Ervin: June 17, 2023:** Rozell moved to approve the permit as presented and Fonteno seconded. Allen, Fonteno, Rickard, Rozell and Sheeley voted aye. Motion carried 5-0-0.

Chase Sheeley lost videoconference contact at 6:30 p.m.

9. **Utility Bill Adjustment: Texanna Greene: 802 W Broadway:** Fonteno moved to make an adjustment of \$54.50 and Rickard seconded. Allen, Fonteno, Rickard and Rozell voted aye. Motion carried 4-0-0.
10. **Police Department: Monthly Report:** Chief Easterling presented the monthly report.
11. **Police Department: Increase in purchase of 2022 Ford Interceptor:** At the February 15, 2022, the city council voted to lease a 2022 Ford Interceptor from American National Leasing. The vehicle took much longer than anticipated to be delivered, April of 2023. At the April 18, 2023 meeting, the city council approved the purchase of the 2022 Ford Interceptor from American National Leasing at a cost of \$52,228. After this meeting, Chief Easterling learned the total cost for the vehicle is \$52,714.50. Rickard moved to approve the increase of \$486.50 for a total purchase and financing cost of \$52,714.50 and Fonteno seconded. Allen, Fonteno, Rickard and Rozell voted aye. Motion carried 4-0-0.
12. **Police Department: Purchase of Premium Care 5 year warranty on 2023 Ford Interceptor:** Fonteno moved to approve the extended warranty at a cost of \$2,755 and Rickard seconded. Allen, Fonteno, Rickard and Rozell voted aye. Motion carried 4-0-0.
13. **Police Department: Sale of 2019 Ford Interceptor Unit #31:** Fonteno moved to declare this equipment surplus pending the method of sale from Chief Easterling. Fonteno amended his motion to include a minimum sale price of \$18,000 as is. Rozell seconded. Allen, Fonteno, Rickard and Rozell voted aye. Motion carried 4-0-0.
14. **Public Works Department: Monthly Report:** Rocky Ware presented the monthly report.

15. **City Secretary: Resolutions for 2022 TxCDBG Grant #CDV21-0067:**
- a. Resolution #2023-006 Designating authorized signatories
 - b. Resolution #2023-007 Resolution regarding civil rights
 - c. Resolution #2023-008 Citizen Participation Plan
 - d. Resolution #2023-009 Excessive Force Policy
 - e. Resolution #2023-010 Section 504 Policy
 - f. Resolution #2023-011 Code of Conduct Policy
 - g. Resolution #2023-012 Fair Housing Policy

Fonteno moved to approve these resolutions and Rickard seconded. Allen, Fonteno, Rickard and Rozell voted aye. Motion carried 4-0-0.

16. **City Secretary: Proclaim April as Fair Housing Month:** Rickard moved to proclaim April as Fair Housing Month and Fonteno seconded. Allen, Fonteno, Rickard and Rozell voted aye. Motion carried 4-0-0.

17. **City Administrator Report:** Administrator Rex presented her monthly reports and updates.

18. **Mayor: Mayor's Report & Updates:** Mayor Baggett briefly addressed the council regarding her plan for upcoming town hall meetings, council assignments and working together to improve the Big Sandy community.

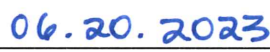
Adjourn: There being no further posted business before this Council, Fonteno moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:32 p.m. and Rickard and Rozell seconded.



Rex Rozell, Mayor



Laura M. Rex, City Secretary



Date