

City of Big Sandy

Big Sandy, Texas 75755

MINUTES TO MEETING August 1, 2023, 11:00 a.m.

The City Council for the City of Big Sandy met in Special Session on August 1, 2023, at 11:00 a.m., at the City of Big Sandy Heritage Center, 162 E. Gilmer Street, Big Sandy, Texas.

Call to Order: Mayor Baggett called the special session meeting to order at 11:00 a.m.

Invocation – Rex Rozell

Pledge of Allegiance – Linda Baggett

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Linda Baggett, Sally Allen, David Fonteno, Kerry Rickard, Rex Rozell and Chase Sheeley.

STAFF PRESENT: Chief David Easterling, Laura Rex, and Public Works Director Rocky Ware.

OTHERS PRESENT: None.

Public Comment: None.

Consent Agenda & Agenda Items:

1. **Fiscal Year Ending September 30, 2024 Budget Workshop:** Action was taken on this item after Agenda Item #4. See below.
2. **Street Repairs: Cotton Street and Wimberly Drive:** Mayor Baggett reported she had met with Upshur County regarding the repairs of these 2 streets. The estimated cost of repairs for Wimberly Drive is \$20,000 and unknown on Cotton Street. No action taken.
3. **Street Names: Hamil Street and Wimberly Drive:** Mayor Baggett has been notified of a possible error in the spelling of the streets as originally adopted and what the street signs say. She will provide additional information at the August 15, 2023 meeting. No action taken.
4. **Civic Center Rental: Anthony Fail:** Rickard made a motion to continue the existing agreement with The Refuge church (Anthony Fail, pastor). No second. Rickard moved to withdraw this motion.

Rickard moved to enter into a month-to-month rental with The Refuge church for the use of the Civic Center auditorium at a rate of \$200 per week; the City will rent The Refuge's sound system at a rate of \$50 per week. Fonteno seconded. Allen, Fonteno, Rickard, Rozell and Sheeley voted aye. Motion carried 5-0-0.

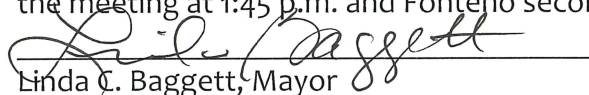
1. **Fiscal Year Ending September 30, 2024 Budget:** After discussion, Rozell moved to adopt a proposed property tax rate of \$0.438162 and Sheeley seconded. Allen, Fonteno, Rickard, Rozell and Sheeley voted aye. Motion carried 5-0-0.

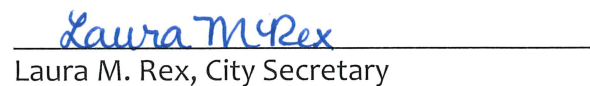
Rickard moved to set the budget and tax rate hearing and budget and tax rate adoption for August 28, 2023. Fonteno seconded. Allen, Fonteno, Rickard, Rozell & Sheeley voted aye. Motion carried 5-0-0.

5. **Executive Session:** The council entered into executive session at 12:53 p.m. to discuss the salaries for the Chief of Police, City Administrator and Public Works Director for FYE 09.30.24.
6. **Return to Open Session:** The council returned to open session at 1:41 p.m. Sheeley moved to increase the salary line item by \$15,000 for both the Police Dept. and the Public Works Dept. to cover a possible salary increase for the Chief of Police & the Public Works Director.

Rickard seconded. Allen, Fonteno, Rickard, Rozell & Sheeley voted aye. Motion carried 5-0-0.

Adjourn: There being no further posted business before this Council, Rickard moved to adjourn the meeting at 1:45 p.m. and Fonteno seconded.


Linda C. Baggett, Mayor


Laura M. Rex, City Secretary

08.15.2023
Date