

# City of Big Sandy

Big Sandy, Texas 75755

## MINUTES TO MEETING

August 15, 2023, 6:00 p.m.

The City Council for the City of Big Sandy met in Regular Session on August 15, 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 Baggett called the regular session meeting and public hearing to order at 6:00 p.m.

- a. **Invocation** – Dennis Mumm
- b. **Pledge of Allegiance** – George Strub
- c. **MEMBERS PRESENT:** Mayor Linda Baggett, Sally Allen, Kerry Rickard, and Rex Rozell.
- d. **STAFF PRESENT:** Chief David Easterling, Laura Rex, and Public Works Director Rocky Ware.
- e. **OTHERS PRESENT:** Derrick Morgan, Dennis Mumm, Sherry Perry, Daniel Shipman, George Strub, Sarah Strub and Yvette Youman.

**PUBLIC HEARING: At 6:02 P.M. the Public Hearing on the Proposed Budget for the 2023-2024 year was opened.**

Mayor Baggett asked if anyone in attendance wanted to address the Council regarding the proposed budget for the October 1, 2023 - September 30, 2024 Fiscal Year. The Public Hearing was closed at 6:10.

**Public Comment:** Dennis Mumm addressed the council regarding development concerns at 106 W T & P Avenue. Derrick Morgan addressed the council regarding mowing in his neighborhood.

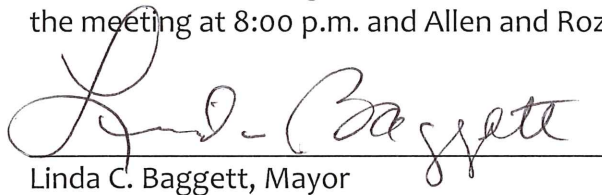
### **Consent Agenda & Agenda Items:**

1. **Volunteer Fire Department: Monthly Report:** Fire Chief Stephen Winchell was not present.
2. **VFD: Opening of bids for 1986 International S1900 Tanker Truck:** Mayor Baggett opened 1 bid from Scott Hammer (Vital Earth Resources) for \$5,500.
3. **VFD: Action on bids for 1986 International S1900 Tanker Truck:** After receiving a text message from Fire Chief Winchell, Rickard moved to accept the single bid of \$5,500 from Scott Hammer and Allen seconded. Allen, Rickard and Rozell voted aye. Motion carried 3-0-0.
4. **Samantha Futschik: Cat Population:** Ms. Futschik was not present. No action taken.
5. **Building Permit: Ed Williams: 810 Cotton Street:** Rickard moved to approve the permit as presented and Allen seconded. Allen, Rickard and Rozell voted aye. Motion carried 3-0-0.
6. **Building Permit: William Heaton: 602 W Cotton Street:** Rozell moved to approve the permit and Rickard seconded. Allen, Rickard and Rozell voted aye. Motion carried 3-0-0.

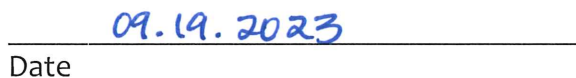
7. **Building Permit: Linda Humber: 106 W T & P Avenue:** Rozell moved to approve the permit and Allen seconded. Allen, Rickard and Rozell voted aye. Motion carried 3-0-0.
8. **Utility Bill Adjustment: Gary Hegar: 122 Shady Grove Street:** Rozell moved to approve an adjustment of \$240.00 and Rickard seconded. Allen, Rickard and Rozell voted aye. Motion carried 3-0-0.
9. **Special Event: Gerald Williams: Micro Wrestling: October 10, 2023:** Rickard moved to approve the permit and Allen seconded. Allen, Rickard and Rozell voted aye. Motion carried 3-0-0.
10. **Police Department: Monthly Report:** Chief Easterling presented the monthly report.
11. **Police Department: Juvenile Curfew:** Chief Easterling reported that the juvenile curfew will expire on September 15<sup>th</sup>, and is not eligible for reinstatement due to a new law passed by the Texas legislature. No action taken.
12. **Public Works Department: Monthly Report:** Director Ware presented the monthly report.
13. **Public Works Department: Purchase of Mower:** Rickard moved to approve the purchase of a 60" BlackHawk mower from Grass Pro Outdoors, with the purchase paid for by 50% Street Maintenance Fund and 50% Parks. Allen seconded. Allen, Rickard and Rozell voted aye. Motion carried 3-0-0.
14. **Public Works Department: Fencing for College Street Well yard:** Rozell requested a second bid from A1 Fencing. Rozell moved to table this item until additional bids were secured and Allen seconded. Allen, Rickard and Rozell voted aye. Motion carried 3-0-0.
15. **Public Works Department: Fencing for Circle Drive Lift Station:** Rozell requested a second bid from A1 Fencing. Rozell moved to table this item until additional bids were secured and Allen seconded. Allen, Rickard and Rozell voted aye. Motion carried 3-0-0.
16. **Public Works Department: Tank Inspections & Cleaning:** Rickard moved to approve the inspections and cleaning by Texas Tank Services up to \$6,900 and Allen seconded. Motion carried 3-0-0.
17. **Public Works Department: Repair of Fire Hydrant on N Tyler & Lexington Streets:** Rozell moved to approve the repair of the hydrant on N Tyler at a cost not to exceed \$6,765.92 and Rickard seconded. Allen, Rickard and Rozell voted aye. Motion carried 3-0-0.
18. **Public Works Department: Relocation of Brush Site:** Rickard moved to temporarily relocate a brush dump site at the old city dump site on Dial Road and Rozell seconded. Allen, Rickard and Rozell voted aye. Motion carried 3-0-0.
19. **City Secretary: Resolution regarding Upshur Co. Appraisal District Property ID #65638 (7.72 acres) of property:** Rozell moved to approve **Resolution #2023-019** affirming the ownership of this property by the City of Big Sandy and Allen seconded. Allen, Rickard and Rozell voted aye. Motion carried 3-0-0.

20. **Financial Reports for July 2023:** Rickard moved to approve the July 2023 financials and Rozell seconded. Allen, Rickard and Rozell voted aye. Motion carried 3-0-0.
21. **Minutes of Meeting: July 11 and August 1, 2023:** Rozell moved to approve the July 11 and August 1, 2023 minutes and Rickard seconded. Allen, Rickard and Rozell voted aye. Motion carried 3-0-0.
22. **Fiscal Year Ending September 30, 2024 Budget:** No action taken.
23. **City Secretary: Set Dates for Adoption of 09.30.24 Budget & Tax Rate:** Allen moved to set a tax rate hearing and proposed adoption date for the budget and tax rate of August 28<sup>th</sup>, 2023 and Rickard seconded. Allen, Rickard and Rozell voted aye. Motion carried 3-0-0.
24. **City Secretary: Resolution: 9-1-1 Database Maintenance with ETCOG:** Rickard moved to approve **Resolution #2023-020** approving the 9-1-1 database maintenance agreement with ETCOG through September 30, 2024 and Rozell seconded. Allen, Rickard and Rozell voted aye. Motion carried 3-0-0.
25. **City Administrator Report:** Administrator Rex presented her monthly reports and updates.
26. **Mayor: Sale or Lease of 100 & 102 N Tyler Street Properties:** Rozell moved to authorize the Mayor to secure proposals from realtors for the sale of these properties and Allen seconded. Allen, Rickard and Rozell voted aye. Motion carried 3-0-0.
27. **Mayor: Street Repairs:** Rickard moved to approve the repair of Wimberly Drive by Upshur Co. Road & Bridge at a cost not to exceed \$25,000 and Rozell seconded. Allen, Rickard and Rozell voted aye. Motion carried 3-0-0.
28. **Mayor: Update on alley between Gilmer and Broadway Streets:** Mayor Baggett provided an update. No action taken.
29. **Mayor's Report & Updates:** Mayor Baggett gave several updates.

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

  
Linda C. Baggett, Mayor

  
Laura M. Rex, City Secretary

  
Date