

# City of Big Sandy

Big Sandy, Texas 75755

## MINUTES TO MEETING August 28, 2023, 6:00 p.m.

The City Council for the City of Big Sandy met in Special Session on August 28, 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 special session meeting and public hearing to order at 6:00 p.m.

- a. **Invocation** – George Strub
- b. **Pledge of Allegiance** – George Strub
- c. **MEMBERS PRESENT:** Mayor Linda Baggett, Sally Allen, David Fonteno, Kerry Rickard, Rex Rozell and Chase Sheeley.
- d. **STAFF PRESENT:** Chief David Easterling, Laura Rex, and Public Works Director Rocky Ware.
- e. **OTHERS PRESENT:** James Peterson, Tony Pytlak, George Strub, and Sarah Strub.

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

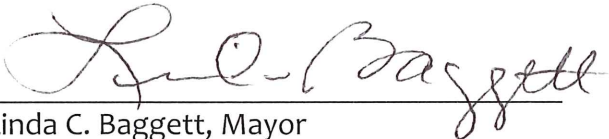
Mayor Baggett asked if anyone in attendance wanted to address the Council regarding the proposed tax rate for the October 1, 2023 - September 30, 2024 Fiscal Year. The Public Hearing was closed at 6:27 p.m.

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


1. **Special Event: Circle M Crawfish: September 23, 2023:** Rickard moved to approve the permit and Fonteno seconded. Allen, Fonteno, Rickard, Rozell and Sheeley voted aye. Motion carried 5-0-0.
2. **Councilmember Sheeley: Parking for Applegate Park:** Sheeley would like to see a parking lot built for Applegate. He reported a quote from Preston Dozier for the parking lot as follows: \$20,000 for gravel, \$42,000 for asphalt, and estimated labor costs of \$30,000 to \$52,000. No action taken.
3. **Police Department: Sale of 2019 Ford Interceptor Unit #31:** Chief Easterling reported that he has had very little interest in Unit #31. Rozell moved to reduce the minimum price to \$15,000 with Chief Easterling contacting American National Leasing to see if they are interested in a buyback. Fonteno seconded. Allen, Fonteno, Rickard, Rozell and Sheeley voted aye. Motion carried 5-0-0.
4. **Mayor: Sale or Lease of 100 & 102 N Tyler Street Properties:** Fonteno moved to hire Daniel Shipman to list these properties for sale at the following prices: 100 N Tyler – reduced from \$175,000 to \$141,000; 102 N Tyler – reduced from \$75,000 to \$61,000. Rickard seconded. Allen, Fonteno, Rickard, Rozell and Sheeley voted aye. Motion carried 5-0-0.

5. **Mayor: Street Repairs:** Mayor Baggett reported that Wimberly Drive should be repaired by Upshur Co. Road & Bridge by the end of September. The City received a quote for asphalt replacement of W. Cotton Street of \$163,890.00. No action taken.
6. **Mayor's Report & Updates:** Mayor Baggett gave updates.
7. **City Secretary: Resolution approving the proposed Budget for October 1, 2023 – September 30, 2024:** Rickard moved to approve **Resolution #2023-021** approving the proposed budget for October 1, 2023 – September 30, 2024 and Sheeley seconded. Allen, Fonteno, Rickard, Rozell and Sheeley voted aye. Motion carried 5-0-0.
8. **City Secretary: Resolution levying the proposed tax rate for October 1, 2023 – September 30, 2024:** Rozell moved to approve **Resolution #2023-022** levying a tax rate of \$.438162 per \$100 valuation and Fonteno. Allen, Fonteno, Rickard, Rozell and Sheeley voted aye. Motion carried 5-0-0.
9. **City Secretary: Resolution to ratify the property tax revenue increase:** Rickard moved to approve **Resolution #2023-023** ratifying the property tax revenue increase and Sheeley seconded. Allen, Fonteno, Rickard, Rozell and 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 7:13 p.m. and Fonteno seconded.

  
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Linda C. Baggett, Mayor

  
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Laura M. Rex, City Secretary

  
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