

City of Big Sandy

Big Sandy, Texas 75755

MINUTES TO MEETING

October 17, 2023, 6:00 p.m.

The City Council for the City of Big Sandy met in Regular Session on October 17, 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 to order at 6:00 p.m.

- a. **Invocation** – Kerry Rickard
- b. **Pledge of Allegiance** – Rex Rozell
- c. **MEMBERS PRESENT:** Mayor Linda Baggett, Sally Allen, David Fonteno, Kerry Rickard, Rex Rozell and Chase Sheeley.
- d. **STAFF PRESENT:** Chief David Easterling, City Administrator/City Secretary Laura Rex, Utility Clerk Sarah Strub and Public Works Director Rocky Ware.
- e. **OTHERS PRESENT:** Daniel Shipman, George Strub, Mike and Makenah Ward.

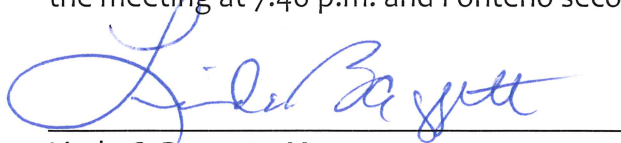
Public Comment: None.

Agenda Items:

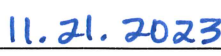
1. **Volunteer Fire Department: Monthly Report:** The monthly report was not presented.
2. **Mike Ward: Review of Fiscal Year Ending 09.30.2022 Audit:** Mike Ward presented the audit for fiscal year ending 09.30.2022.
3. **Accept Fiscal Year Ending 09.30.2022 Audit:** Rozell moved to accept the audit as presented and Rickard seconded. Allen, Fonteno, Rickard, Rozell and Sheeley voted aye. Motion carried 5-0-0.
4. **Engagement for Fiscal Year Ending 09.30.023 Audit:** Mike Ward is willing to engage with the city for this audit at a cost of \$12,000. Fonteno moved to accept the letter of engagement with Mike Ward for the fiscal year ending 09.30.2023 audit at a cost of \$12,000 and Allen seconded. Allen, Fonteno, Rickard, Rozell and Sheeley voted aye. Motion carried 5-0-0.
5. **Executive Session:** The council entered into executive session at 6:18 p.m. to discuss the real estate located at 100 & 102 N Tyler Street.
6. **Open Session:** The council returned to open session at 6:30 p.m. Rickard moved to deny the letter of intent from Raglin regarding the purchase of these properties and to make a counter-offer of \$203,000 firm with a non-refundable consideration fee of \$1,500. Fonteno seconded. Allen, Fonteno, Rickard, Rozell and Sheeley voted aye. Motion carried 5-0-0.
7. **Utility Bill Adjustment: CW Crabtree: 445 River Oak Road:** Fonteno moved to approve an adjustment of \$620.94 and Rickard seconded. Allen, Fonteno, Rickard, Rozell and Sheeley voted aye. Motion carried 5-0-0.
8. **Utility Bill Adjustment: Nancy Harris: 354 FM 2911:** Rickard moved to approve an adjustment of \$180.31 and Allen seconded. Allen, Fonteno, Rickard, Rozell and Sheeley voted aye. Motion carried 5-0-0.
9. **Utility Bill Adjustment: Carol Hegar: 122 Shady Grove Street:** Rozell moved to approve an adjustment of \$607.50 and Rickard seconded. Allen, Fonteno, Rickard, Rozell and Sheeley voted aye. Motion carried 5-0-0.

10. **Utility Bill Adjustment: LaTonya Ross: 203 Old Water Bluff Road:** Sheeley moved to approve an adjustment of \$625.47 and Rickard and Rozell seconded. Allen, Fonteno, Rickard, Rozell and Sheeley voted aye. Motion carried 5-0-0.
11. **Police Department: Monthly Report:** Chief Easterling presented the monthly report.
12. **Public Works Department: Monthly Report:** Director Ware presented the monthly report.
13. **Public Works Department: Boulder Street Tank Light Repair:** Director Ware has a quote for the light installation of \$2,800 but will present this agenda item in the future when he has located an electrician willing to climb the tower. No action taken.
14. **Public Works Department: Electrical wiring for storage building @ 201 S Meason:** No action taken.
15. **Public Works Department: Tank Inspections:** This item was skipped. No action taken.
16. **Purchase of Upshur Co. Appraisal District Property ID's #18330 & 20105:** Mayor Baggett is still working with an attorney to draft a contract for the purchase of these lots for \$23,000 plus up to \$1,000 in closing costs. No action taken.
17. **Executive Session:** The council entered into executive session at 7:01 p.m. to discuss Chief of Police David Easterling's salary.
18. **Open Session:** The council returned to open session at 7:24 p.m. Rickard moved to increase Chief David Easterling's salary by \$15,000 from \$53,200 (which includes the cost of living raise of \$1,200 given on October 1, 2023) annually to \$68,200 annually effective November 1, 2023. Rozell and Sheeley seconded. Allen, Fonteno, Rickard, Rozell and Sheeley voted aye. Motion carried 5-0-0.
19. **Financial Reports for September 2023:** Fonteno moved to approve the September 2023 financials and Rickard seconded. Allen, Fonteno, Rickard, Rozell and Sheeley voted aye. Motion carried 5-0-0.
20. **Minutes of Meeting: September 19 and October 5, 2023:** Rickard moved to approve the September 19 and October 5, 2023 minutes and Fonteno seconded. Allen, Fonteno, Rickard, Rozell and Sheeley voted aye. Motion carried 5-0-0.
21. **Resolution Designating Official Newspaper:** Fonteno moved to approve **Resolution #2023-029** designating the Gilmer Mirror as the official newspaper of the city and Rickard seconded. Allen, Fonteno, Rickard, Rozell and Sheeley voted aye. Motion carried 5-0-0.
22. **City Administrator Report:** Administrator Rex presented her monthly reports and updates.
23. **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 7:46 p.m. and Fonteno seconded.


 Linda C. Baggett, Mayor


 Laura M. Rex, City Secretary


 Date