

# City of Big Sandy

Big Sandy, Texas 75755

## MINUTES TO MEETING

November 21, 2023, 6:00 p.m.

The City Council for the City of Big Sandy met in Regular Session on November 21, 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** – David Fonteno
- b. **Pledge of Allegiance** – Rex Rozell
- c. **MEMBERS PRESENT:** Mayor Linda Baggett, David Fonteno, Kerry Rickard and Rex Rozell.
- d. **STAFF PRESENT:** Chief David Easterling, City Administrator/City Secretary Laura Rex and Utility Clerk Sarah Strub. Public Works Director Rocky Ware was working on a leak on Hamil Boulevard and could not attend.
- e. **OTHERS PRESENT:** Elden Baker and Tony Wilson with the N. TX Chapter of the National Railway Historical Society, Troy & Janet Beahm, Bernice Burson, Alasdair Duke, Mary Lingle, Mike Mosley with the Vol. Fire Dept, James Peterson, Lois Peterson, George Strub and Shirley West.

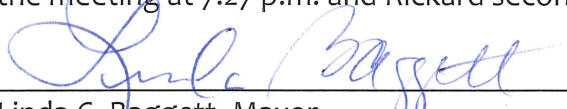
**Public Comment:** None.

### Agenda Items:

1. **Tony Wilson and Elden Baker** donated a framed copy of a painting by John Winfield, “Meeting the Future, Big Sandy, Texas, 1950” to the City. The painting depicts Cotton Belt & T & P engines waiting for a passenger train to depart the Big Sandy depot in the spring of 1950, capturing the future of train transport by diesel engines as the steam engines fade into the past. The City graciously accepted the generous donation.
2. **Volunteer Fire Department: Monthly Report:** Mike Mosley presented the monthly report.
3. **Vol. Fire Dept.: Texas A & M Forestry Service Grant:** The department will be bringing more information to next month’s meeting regarding the \$20,000 reimbursable equipment grant they received.
4. **Utility Bill Adjustment: Bill Linnstaedter: 822 FM 2911:** Rickard moved to approve an adjustment of \$1,161.03 and Rozell seconded. Fonteno, Rickard and Rozell voted aye. Motion carried 3-0-0.
5. **Utility Bill Adjustment: LaTonya Ross: 203 Old Water Bluff Road:** Rozell moved to approve an adjustment of \$590.87 and Fonteno seconded. Fonteno, Rickard and Rozell voted aye. Motion carried 3-0-0.
6. **Police Department: Monthly Report:** Chief Easterling presented the monthly report.
7. **Public Works Department: Monthly Report:** Administrator Rex presented the monthly report on behalf of Director Ware.

8. **Purchase of Upshur Co. Appraisal District Property ID's #18330 & 20105:** Rozell moved to approve the purchase of these two lots for \$24,000 which includes closing costs, plus up to \$300 for a title policy if the current owner (Laura Kelley) is not willing to pay for it; this also includes 2 designated parking spots for Laura Kelley as long as she owns the neighboring property at 117 E Gilmer Street. Rickard seconded. Fonteno, Rickard and Rozell voted aye. Motion carried 3-0-0.
9. **Mayor: Sound Equipment for Civic Center @ 612 N Tyler:** Mayor Baggett is working on securing bids for the sound equipment. No action taken.
10. **Financial Reports for October 2023:** Rickard moved to approve the October 2023 financials and Fonteno seconded. Fonteno, Rickard and Rozell voted aye. Motion carried 3-0-0.
11. **Minutes of Meeting: October 17, 2023:** Rickard moved to approve the October 17, 2023 minutes and Fonteno seconded. Fonteno, Rickard and Rozell voted aye. Motion carried 3-0-0.
12. **Resolution Appraisal District Board of Director Votes:** Fonteno moved to approve **Resolution #2023-030** casting all 40 votes for Sally Allen and Rickard seconded. Fonteno, Rickard and Rozell voted aye. Motion carried 3-0-0.
13. **City Secretary: Ordinance Recodification Update:** Ms. Rex provided an update and will help schedule a workshop in early 2024 to work on the recodification.
14. **City Administrator Report:** Administrator Rex presented her monthly reports and updates.
15. **Executive Session:** The council entered into executive session at 7:13 p.m. to discuss the real estate located at 100 & 102 N Tyler Street.
16. **Open Session:** The council returned to open session at 7:25 p.m. Rickard moved to accept an offer from Brian Morgan to purchase 100 N Tyler Street for \$141,000 with a monthly leaseback of \$1600; Mayor Baggett and City Secretary Rex are authorized to sign all contractual documents on behalf of the city. Rozell seconded. Fonteno, Rickard and Rozell voted aye. Motion carried 3-0-0.
17. **Mayor's Report & Updates:** Mayor Baggett gave several updates.

**Adjourn:** There being no further posted business before this Council, Rozell moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:27 p.m. and Rickard seconded.

  
Linda C. Baggett, Mayor

  
Laura M. Rex, City Secretary

12.19.2023  
Date