

# City of Big Sandy

Big Sandy, Texas 75755

## MINUTES TO REGULAR MEETING Tuesday, January 21<sup>st</sup>, 2020, 5:00 p.m.

The City Council for the City of Big Sandy met in Regular Session on Tuesday, January 21<sup>st</sup>, 2020, at 5:00 p.m., in the Council Chambers at City Hall.

1. **Call to Order:** Mayor Parsons called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.
  - a. **Invocation** – Mr. Rex Rozell
  - b. **Pledge of Allegiance** - Ms. Becky Desborough
  - c. **MEMBERS PRESENT:** Mayor Parsons, Becky Desborough, Andrew McIver and Rex Rozell.
  - d. **STAFF PRESENT:** Deborah Giles, Ryan Ludvigson, Laura Rex, Scott Rogers, and Chief Tim Scott.
  - e. **OTHERS PRESENT:** Ken Danapas, David and Julie Fonteno, David Fonteno III, Volunteer Fire Chief Jeff Jones, Anna McIver, Larry Minter, James Peterson, Chaffin Smith, Christen Sumner, Willie Strickland, Andrew Watson and Stephen Winchell.
2. **Citizen Participation:** Chaffin Smith and Larry Minter addressed the council regarding youth sports in Big Sandy.
3. **Consent Agenda:**
  - a. Minutes of December 17, 2019 City Council Meeting
  - b. Financial Reports for December 2019Rozell moved to approve the consent agenda as presented and Desborough seconded. Desborough, McIver and Rozell voted aye. Motion carried 3-0-0.
4. **Discussion/Action Items:**
  - z. **Upcoming Events:**
    - i. Heritage Center Events: Anna McIver announced the following events:  
Feb 13, 2020: Cookie Decorating                      Feb 27, 2020: Wellapolooza  
March 14, 2020: License to Carry Class
    - ii. Next regular city council meeting: February 18, 2020.
  - a. **Volunteer Fire Dept:**
    - i. Rozell moved to approve the cost of training (\$1,200) for Thomas Stephenson to attend the Kilgore Fire Academy and Desborough seconded. Desborough, McIver and Rozell voted aye. Motion carried 3-0-0.
    - ii. At 5:09 p.m., the Council went into executive session to discuss or deliberate the employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public officer or employee pursuant to Texas Government Code 551.074: Volunteer Fire Department Chief.
    - iii. At 5:47 p.m., the Council returned to open session.
    - iv. McIver moved to approve the purchase of radios at a total approximate cost not to exceed \$6,575 and Rozell seconded. Desborough, McIver and Rozell voted aye. Motion carried 3-0-0.

b. **Request to address the council:**

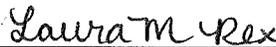
- i. **Rhonda Noel @ 308 E Groves Street:** Noel was not present. Hayes Engineering has reviewed the property and has issued an opinion about the cause of the erosion. Rozell moved to have City Attorney Davis prepare a response for Noel based on the on-site review and McIver seconded. Desborough, McIver and Rozell voted aye. Motion carried 3-0-0.
- ii. **Kimberly Archa: Water Bill Adjustment @ 107 N Robinson:** McIver moved to adjust her bill by \$96.46 to a balance of \$70 and Desborough seconded. Desborough and McIver voted aye. Rozell abstained. Motion carried 2-0-1.
- iii. **Big Sandy Post Office: Water Bill Adjustment @ 210 E Broadway:** Desborough moved to deny the adjustment of the late fee of \$9.10 and McIver seconded. Desborough, McIver and Rozell voted aye. Motion carried 3-0-0.
- iv. **Willie Strickland: Water Bill Adjustment @ 205 Water Bluff Road:** McIver moved to adjust his bill by \$88.83 to a balance of \$58 and Rozell seconded. Desborough, McIver and Rozell voted aye. Motion carried 3-0-0.
- v. **Shirley Wood: Water Bill Adjustment @ 2202 W Broadway:** Rozell moved to adjust her bill by \$63.76 to a balance of \$75 and Desborough seconded. Desborough, McIver and Rozell voted aye. Motion carried 3-0-0.

c. **Building Permits:**

- i. **Jennifer Gregory @ 307 W Gilmer:** McIver moved to approve the building permit as submitted and Desborough seconded. Desborough, McIver and Rozell voted aye. Motion carried 3-0-0.
  - ii. **Buzz Payne @ 199 Peachtree:** Rozell moved to approve the building permit as submitted and McIver seconded. Desborough, McIver and Rozell voted aye. Motion carried 3-0-0.
- d. **Water Tap Permit: Buzz Payne:** McIver moved to approve the water tap permit as submitted and Desborough seconded. Desborough, McIver and Rozell voted aye. Motion carried 3-0-0.
- e. **City Dump: Funding for Cleanup:** No council action taken.
- f. **City Dump Lease Proposal from Josh Childress:** Josh Childress has presented a lease proposal to: keep the fences in working order and the land secure, mow or spray the pasture no less than once per year, and do no building or excavating on the property. No council action taken.
- g. **Economic Development Plan:** City Secretary Rex has initiated contact with ETCOG to update the City's Economic Development Plan. They have informed her there is funding available and will work with the City to apply for the funding. No action taken.
- h. **Fountains @ Lake Big Sandy:** Mayor Parsons is continuing to pursue this. No council action taken.
- i. **HGTV Home Town Makeover Proposal:** City Secretary Rex presented an opportunity to submit a short video requesting HGTV to help us restore some of the City's historical buildings. After discussion, the council recommended making the application.
- j. **Municipal Court: Monthly Report:** Administrator Rex gave the monthly report, including that the change in court dates has started and is going well. No council action taken.
- k. **Parks Master Plan Update:** Joey Scott is planning to present cost estimates and proposals for the projects ranked highest on survey at the February 18, 2020 meeting. No council action taken.
- l. **Police Department: Monthly Report:** Chief Scott gave the activity report for December. He also reported that Sergeant Easterling has resigned his position effective Jan. 31, 2020.

- m. **Public Works Department: Monthly Report:** Scott Rogers reviewed the monthly report. He reported the repair of a major water line break and the completion on the repairs to the public restrooms.
- n. **Resolutions: City Secretary:**
- i. **Ordering May 2, 2020 General Election:** Rozell moved to approve Resolution 2020-001 as presented and McIver seconded. Desborough, McIver and Rozell voted aye. Motion carried 3-0-0.
  - ii. **Ordering May 2, 2020 Special Election:** McIver moved to approve Resolution 2020-002 as presented and Desborough seconded. Desborough, McIver and Rozell voted aye. Motion carried 3-0-0.
  - iii. **Contract with Upshur County for May 2, 2020 Election:** No council action taken.
- o. **Street Repairs: City Council:** The growing hole on the South Side of FM 2911 near the Highway 155 intersection to TX Dept of Transportation has been repaired. The fire hydrants on Hamil are almost buried. No action taken.
- p. **Union Pacific Railroad Siding Extension: Public Works Director:** Union Pacific is planning a siding extension near the railroad at the Business Park. No council action taken.
- q. **Resignation of Councilmember Michael Baggett: Mayor Parsons:** Rozell moved to accept the resignation effective December 31, 2019 and Desborough seconded. Desborough, McIver and Rozell voted aye. Motion carried 3-0-0.
- r. **s. t. u. v. w. x. The Council entered into Executive Session at 7:14 p.m. to:**
- i. Discuss or deliberate regarding the possible purchase of real estate pursuant to: Texas Government Code §551.072 [Deliberations about Real Property] Big Sandy Municipal Development District Purchase of Property
  - ii. Texas Government Code §551.074 [Personnel Related Matters]: Vacancy on city council as a result of Michael Baggett's resignation as alderman
  - iii. Texas Government Code §551.074 [Personnel Related Matters] City Attorney
  - iv. Discuss or deliberate the employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public officer or employee pursuant to: Texas Government Code §551.074 [Personnel Related Matters] Municipal Judge
- y. **The council returned to Open Session at 7:58 p.m. and took the following action:**
- Agenda Item (s):** Rozell moved to approve the MDD purchase of 60 acres for \$100,000 and McIver seconded. Desborough, McIver and Rozell voted aye. Motion carried 3-0-0.
- Agenda Item (u):** Desborough moved to appoint David Fonteno until the May 2, 2020 election and McIver seconded. Desborough, McIver and Rozell voted aye. Motion carried 3-0-0.
- Agenda Item (v):** No action taken.
- Agenda Item (x):** Rozell moved to change the Municipal Judge's salary from \$1,200 per month to \$400 for each court night held. Desborough seconded. Desborough, McIver and Rozell voted aye. Motion carried 3-0-0.
- z. **Upcoming Events:** Mayor Parsons moved this agenda item to the beginning of the meeting. See agenda item (z) earlier in the minutes.
5. **Adjourn:** There being no further posted business before this Council, Desborough moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:03 p.m. and Rozell seconded.

  
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 Sonny Parsons, Mayor

  
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 Laura M. Rex, City Secretary  
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