

City of Big Sandy

Big Sandy, Texas 75755

MINUTES TO REGULAR MEETING Tuesday, October 16th, 2018, 6:00 p.m.

The City Council for the City of Big Sandy met for two public hearings and in Regular Session on Tuesday, October 16st, 2018, at 6:00 p.m., in the Council Chambers at City Hall.

1. **Call to Order:** Mayor Parsons called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.
 - a. Invocation – Mr. Michael Baggett
 - b. Pledge of Allegiance - Mr. Rex Rozell
 - c. **MEMBERS PRESENT:** Mayor Parsons, Michael Baggett, Becky Desborough, Don Cochran, and Rex Rozell.
 - d. **STAFF PRESENT:** Manfred Gilow, Laura Rex, Scott Rogers, and Chief Tim Scott.
 - e. **OTHERS PRESENT:** Linda Baggett, City Attorney Robert Davis, Stan Hayes of Hayes Engineering, Volunteer Fire Chief Jeff Jones, Luis M. Loera, Richard Prindle and Patrick Strub.
2. **Citizen Participation:** Richard Prindle addressed the council, stating he was interested in cleaning up the property located at 200 S Meason Street.
3. **Consent Agenda:**
 - a. **Minutes:** Baggett moved to approve the minutes for the Sep. 18 and Sep. 24, 2018 meetings and Desborough seconded. Baggett, Cochran, Desborough and Rozell voted aye. Motion carried 4-0-0.
 - b. **Financial Reports:** Desborough moved to approve the September 2018 Financial Reports and Baggett seconded. Baggett, Cochran, Desborough and Rozell voted aye. Motion carried 4-0-0.
4. **Discussion/Action Items:**
 - a. **Volunteer Fire Dept:**
 - i. Vol. Fire Dept. Chief Jones reported that the new Fire Engine will be delivered this week. After discussion, Cochran moved to approve **Resolution 2018-030** approving the financing for the engine with Austin Bank (amount of \$280,200 for 90 days at a rate of 4.7%) and Rozell seconded. Baggett, Cochran, Desborough and Rozell voted aye. Motion carried 4-0-0.
 - ii. Stephen Winchell addressed the council and requested they approve up to \$42,000 for the equipment needed for the new fire engine. Rozell moved to approve the purchase of additional equipment for the new fire engine capped at \$42,000 and Cochran seconded. Baggett, Cochran, Desborough and Rozell voted aye. Motion carried 4-0-0.
 - b. **Pecan Festival:** After discussion, Desborough moved to close Gilmer Street from the intersection of S. Tyler and Gilmer to the Community Center for the Pecan Festival on October 27, 2018 and Baggett seconded. Baggett, Cochran, Desborough and Rozell voted aye. Motion carried 4-0-0.

- c. **Water Bill Adjustment: Luis Loera @ 806 W Broadway:** After discussion, Rozell moved to adjust the September bill to his six month average, which is a reduction in the amount of \$316.25 and Desborough seconded. Baggett, Cochran, Desborough and Rozell voted aye. Motion carried 4-0-0.
- d. **Building Permit: Sarah Rich @ 204 N Tyler:** After discussion, Desborough moved to approve the building permit as presented and Rozell seconded. Baggett, Cochran, Desborough and Rozell voted aye. Motion carried 4-0-0.
- e. **City Parks Master Plan:** Stan Hayes addressed the council regarding a potential master plan to help with a future application to Texas Parks & Wildlife. After discussion, Cochran moved to table this item and Baggett seconded. Baggett, Cochran, Desborough and Rozell voted aye. Motion carried 4-0-0.
- f. **Resolution AEP Swepco Rate Decrease:** Rozell moved to approve **Resolution 2018-031** approving the AEP Swepco Rate Decrease and Cochran seconded. Baggett, Cochran, Desborough and Rozell voted aye. Motion carried 4-0-0.
- g. **Resolution designating Official City Newspaper:** Cochran moved to approve **Resolution 2018-03** approving the Journal as the official city newspaper and Desborough seconded. Baggett, Cochran, Desborough and Rozell voted aye. Motion carried 4-0-0.
- h. **Police Dept:** Chief Scott reported that he is still one officer short.
- i. **Public Works:**
 - i. **TCEQ Wastewater Plant Violations:** The City has sent in the first payment and is waiting to hear if the Judge agrees to let the City the \$10,160 penalty on a 36 month payment plan of approximately \$290 per month. No council action taken.
 - ii. **Water Storage Tank Loan Financing:** After discussion, Baggett moved to approve **Resolution 2018-033** approving the re-financing of the loan with Austin Bank for a 7 year fixed rate mortgage at 4.75% (buying out the remaining 12 year loan with Austin Bank with an adjustable rate mortgage at 5.5%). Rozell seconded. Baggett, Cochran, Desborough and Rozell voted aye. Motion carried 4-0-0.
 - iii. **Lake Lift Station Check Valve Replacement:** Rozell moved to approve the purchase of the replacement check valve for \$1,553 and Baggett seconded. Baggett, Cochran, Desborough and Rozell voted aye. Motion carried 4-0-0.
 - iv. **Public Works Maintenance Worker Position:** Mr. Rogers suggested using a temporary employment agency to fill his maintenance worker position. Desborough moved to approve and Rozell seconded. Baggett, Cochran, Desborough and Rozell voted aye. Motion carried 4-0-0.
 - v. **Multiple Residents Water Meter:** After discussion, Cochran moved to approve **Ordinance 2018-003** updating the water/wastewater procedures and Desborough seconded. Baggett, Cochran, Desborough and Rozell voted aye. Motion carried 4-0-0.
- j. **TXCDBG Grant #7215008: Heritage Bldg:**
 - i. **Resolution adopting policies and procedures including rental fees & guidelines:** Cochran moved to table this item and Baggett seconded. Baggett, Cochran, Desborough and Rozell voted aye. Motion carried 4-0-0.

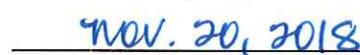
- ii. **Sidewalk Extension:** Baggett moved to approve the extension of the sidewalks on the south side of the Heritage Center at a cost of \$1,500 and Desborough seconded. Baggett, Cochran, Desborough and Rozell voted aye. Motion carried 4-0-0.
 - iii. **Additional Expenses:** Mayor Parsons presented a list of additional expenses for the Heritage Center, including a sound system, table and chairs, and more. After discussion, Cochran moved to approve the purchase of additional items for the Heritage Center not to exceed \$4,500 and Desborough seconded. Baggett, Cochran, Desborough and Rozell voted aye. Motion carried 4-0-0.
- k. **Community Center Sign:** Ms. Rex presented a quote to replace the wooden community center sign and to install a new graphic on the front door. After discussion, Cochran moved to approve the quote of \$665 and Baggett seconded. Baggett, Cochran, Desborough and Rozell voted aye. Motion carried 4-0-0.
 - l. **Lake Big Sandy Fountains:** City Attorney Davis reported that he has contacted Jack Phillips and Union Pacific regarding the possible placement of colorful fountains in Lake Big Sandy. No council action taken.
 - m. **Franchise Tax Renewal: CenterPoint Energy:** This item was approved at the Sept. 18, 2018 meeting but CenterPoint Energy's attorney is questioning the resolution. City Attorney Robert Davis will contact CenterPoint Energy's attorney. No council action taken.
 - n. **Road of Remembrance (Wildcat Drive) Project:** Mr. Parsons addressed the council regarding a proposed Road of Remembrance along Wildcat Drive that will include the installation of sidewalks at an estimated cost of \$18,000 and benches. No council action taken.
 - o. **Upcoming Events: City Calendar:** Nov. 18 is the community Thanksgiving, and Dec. 13th is the Christmas Parade.
 - p. The Council **DID NOT** enter into Executive Session to: deliberate about real property according to Texas Government Code §551.072.
 - k. The Council stayed in open Session for the duration of the meeting. No council action taken.
5. **Items from the Mayor:** Mayor Parsons addressed the council regarding his vision for Lake Big Sandy on the Highway 80 corridor.
 6. **Items from the Council:** None.
 7. **Adjourn:** There being no further posted business before this Council, Cochran moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:58 p.m. and Desborough seconded.



 Sonny Parsons, Mayor



 Laura M. Rex, City Secretary



 Date