

City of Big Sandy

Big Sandy, Texas 75755

MINUTES TO REGULAR MEETING Tuesday, November 17th, 2020, 6:00 p.m.

The City Council for the City of Big Sandy met in Regular Session on Tuesday, November 17th, 2020, at 6:00 p.m., at the City of Big Sandy Heritage Center, 162 E. Gilmer Street, Big Sandy, Texas.

1. **Call to Order:** Sonny Parsons called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.
 - a. **Invocation** – Mr. Andrew McIver
 - b. **Pledge of Allegiance** - Becky Desborough
 - c. **MEMBERS PRESENT:** Becky Desborough, David Fonteno, Andrew McIver and Rex Rozell.
 - d. **STAFF PRESENT:** Laura Rex, Scott Rogers, and Chief Tim Scott.
 - e. **OTHERS PRESENT:** Shalom Abrams, Shira Abrams, Linda Baggett, Bill Hardwick, Vol. Fire Dept. Chief Jeff Jones, Vol. Fire Dept. Christine Jones, Randy Jones, Joy Lanham and Michael Wilson.

2. **Citizen Participation:** Christine Jones addressed the council requesting the elections results be canvassed and the new council members sworn in at the beginning of the meeting. Shira Abrams addressed the council requesting that Peachtree Street be repaired.

3. **Items of Community Interest:** Mayor Parsons expressed his appreciation for outgoing council member Dr. David Fonteno.

4. **Consent Agenda:**
 - a. Minutes of October 20, 2020
 - b. Financial Reports for October 2020Desborough moved to approve the consent agenda and McIver seconded. Desborough, Fonteno, McIver and Rozell voted aye. Motion carried 4-0-0.

5. **Discussion/Action Items:**
 - a. **Volunteer Fire Dept:**
 - i. **Bids for 1979 Chevy LaFrance Pumper:** Mayor Pro Tem Rozell opened the 2 bids received, one from Lathan Pilcher for \$800 and a second from David Fisher for \$1,258. Fonteno moved to accept the high bid of \$1,258 from David Fisher and Desborough seconded. Desborough, Fonteno, McIver and Rozell voted aye. Motion carried 4-0-0.
 - ii. **Purchase of batteries/chargers for radios:** Jones explained this is the purchase of a second battery for existing radios. McIver moved to approve the purchase of 14 batteries and 3 microphones at a price not to exceed \$1,800 and Fonteno seconded. Desborough, Fonteno, McIver and Rozell voted aye. Motion carried 4-0-0.

 - b. **Shira Abrams:** Ms. Abrams addressed the council regarding the deteriorating condition of Peachtree Street. Rozell reported this street is on the current list of needed street repairs and would be prioritized early next year. No council action taken.

- c. **Wanda Bunn: No fee rental request for Civic Center:** Bunn was not present, but submitted a written request for use of the Civic Center at no charge on Dec. 12, 2020 for a Christmas event. Rozell moved to offer the non-profit organization Love Big Sandy a one-time rental of the Civic Center at half the current rate and McIver seconded. Desborough, Fonteno, McIver, & Rozell voted aye. Motion carried 4-0-0.
- d. **Building Permits:**
- i. **Fidel Romero: 723 Tyler Street:** Desborough moved to approve this permit and McIver seconded. Desborough, Fonteno, McIver, and Rozell voted aye. Motion carried 4-0-0.
 - ii. **Herman Shaw: 214 Lexington Street:** Fonteno moved to approve this permit and McIver seconded. Desborough, Fonteno, McIver, and Rozell voted aye. Motion carried 4-0-0.
 - iii. **Alexandria Crep: 517 & 519 N Tyler Street:** Desborough moved to approve this demolition permit and Fonteno seconded. Desborough, Fonteno, McIver, and Rozell voted aye. Motion carried 4-0-0.
- e. **Zoning: Site Plan for Circle M Crawfish:** Ed Williams presented a larger scale site plan for temporary housing at 14433 State Hwy 155 S. Rozell moved to accept the site plan as presented with 25' right-of-ways for the road between the rows of units and successful connection to the sanitary sewer system according to TCEQ regulations and Desborough seconded. Desborough, Fonteno, McIver and Rozell voted aye. Motion carried 4-0-0.
- f. **Civic Center:** PWD Rogers reported a repairman inspected the units and said no repairs are needed at this time. No council action taken.
- g. **Police Department:** Chief Scott gave the activity report for October.
- h. **Public Works Department:** PWD Scott Rogers gave the activity report for October.
- i. **Purchase of Turkeys for City Employees & Volunteers:** McIver moved to approve to approve the purchase of a \$25 turkey for each of the full-time city employees and volunteers from Two Rivers Grocery and Fonteno seconded. Desborough, Fonteno, McIver and Rozell voted aye. Motion carried 4-0-0.
- j. **Resolutions: City Secretary:**
- i. **Resolution adopting Anti-Abuse Policy:** Desborough moved to table this item and McIver seconded. Desborough, Fonteno, McIver and Rozell voted aye. Motion carried 4-0-0.
 - ii. **Resolution nominating candidates for Upshur County Appraisal District Vacancies:** Desborough moved to approve **Resolution 2020-034** nominating Dr. David Fonteno and Michael Wilson to be considered for the Upshur Co. Appraisal District Board vacancies and McIver seconded. Desborough, Fonteno, McIver and Rozell voted aye. Motion carried 4-0-0.
 - iii. **Resolution canvassing election returns:** Rozell moved to approve **Resolution 2020-035** accepting the canvassed results of the November 3, 2020 election:

Candidate	Mail In Ballots	Early Voting	Election Day	Total Votes
<u>Council members at Large, 1 Year Unexpired Term:</u>				
David Fonteno	11	91	53	155
Bill Hardwick	8	104	48	160
Christine Wilson Jones	19	106	49	174
<u>Council members at Large, 2 Year Terms Declared Elected</u>				
Becky Desborough				
Andrew McIver				
Rex Rozell				

McIver seconded. Desborough, McIver and Rozell voted aye. Fonteno abstained. Motion carried 3-0-1.

- k. **Certificates of Election to the declared candidates elect:** Mayor Parsons presented the Certificate of Election of all of the declared candidates elect.
- l. **Statement of Elected Officials and Official Oaths:** City Administrator/City Secretary Rex administered the statements of elected officials and swore in all of the declared candidates elect. Desborough, McIver and Rozell were already seated. Hardwick and Jones took their seats at the council table.
- m. **City Administrator:**
 - i. **COVID-19 Update:** City Hall remains open with preventative measures in place to keep all City employees and residents healthy & to slow the spread of COVID-19.
 - ii. **Municipal Court Report:** Ms. Rex gave the activity report for October 2020.
 - iii. **Nuisance Abatement Report:** Ms. Rex reported that the City is actively working on resolving abatement issues with 7 different properties.
 - iv. **December 15, 2020 regular council meeting time:** There is a conflict with the regular council meeting scheduled for December 15th the Chamber of Commerce Christmas Parade. In the event a meeting needs to be held, Rozell moved to have it on December 16, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. at the Big Sandy Heritage Center and Jones seconded. Desborough, Hardwick, Jones, McIver and Rozell voted aye. Motion carried 5-0-0.
- 6. **Adjourn:** There being no further posted business before this Council, Desborough moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:32 p.m. and Hardwick seconded.

Sonny Parsons, Mayor

Laura M. Rex, City Secretary

Date