

City of Big Sandy

Big Sandy, Texas 75755

MINUTES TO SPECIAL MEETING

March 23rd 2021, 1:30 p.m.

The City Council for the City of Big Sandy met in Special Session on March 23rd 2021, at 1:30 p.m., at the City of Big Sandy Heritage Center, 162 E. Gilmer Street, Big Sandy, Texas.

1. **Call to Order:** Mayor Parsons called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.
 - a. **Invocation** – Mayor Parsons
 - b. **Pledge of Allegiance** - Andrew McIver
 - c. **MEMBERS PRESENT:** Mayor Sonny Parsons, Becky Desborough, Bill Hardwick, Christine Jones, Andrew McIver and Rex Rozell. Bill Hardwick left the meeting at 2:45 p.m.
 - d. **STAFF PRESENT:** Lieutenant Ludvigson and Laura Rex.
 - e. **OTHERS PRESENT:** The following 3 applicants were present for interviews: Charles Easterling, Ryan Ludvigson, and Barry Roberts by telephone.
2. **Citizen/Visitor Participation:** None
3. **Items of Community Interest:** City Administrator Rex announced a COVID-19 Vaccine Clinic at the Big Sandy Civic Center on April 7, 2021.

4. **Agenda:**

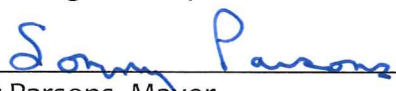
- a. **and c.: The Council entered into executive session at 1:37 p.m.** to discuss or deliberate the employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public officer or employee pursuant to Texas Government Code §551.074 [Personnel Related Matters]: Chief of Police Applicant Interviews and Chief of Police Appointment.
- b. **and d.: The Council returned from executive session at 4:11 p.m.** and took the following action:

Jones moved to hire Lieutenant Ludvigson as the Chief of Police with a 1 year contract including six months probationary period for \$48,000 a year. This motion died for lack of a second.

Rozell moved to hire David Easterling as the Chief of Police with a 1 year contract including six months probationary period for \$50,000 a year, with an increase to \$52,000 after successful completion of the probationary period. Desborough seconded. Desborough, McIver and Rozell voted aye. Jones voted nay. Hardwick was absent. Motion carried 3-1-0.

The council called Easterling and offered him the position as outlined above. Easterling agreed, and requested the renegotiation of the contract at the end of the 1 year contract and health insurance benefits that would start with his date of hire.

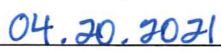
5. **Adjourn:** There being no further posted business before this Council, Jones moved to adjourn the meeting at 4:26 p.m. and McIver seconded.



Sonny Parsons, Mayor



Laura M. Rex, City Secretary



Date