

City of Big Sandy

Big Sandy, Texas 75755

MINUTES TO MEETING

March 19, 2024, 6:00 p.m.

The City Council for the City of Big Sandy met in Regular Session on March 19, 2024 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** – Bill Weaver
- b. **Pledge of Allegiance** – Samuel Vanderford
- c. **MEMBERS PRESENT:** Mayor Linda Baggett, Sally Allen, David Fonteno, Kerry Rickard and Rex Rozell.
- d. **STAFF PRESENT:** Police Chief David Easterling, City Administrator/City Secretary Laura Rex, Utility Clerk Sarah Strub and Public Works Director Rocky Ware.
- e. **OTHERS PRESENT:** Bryan McMenamy, Christine Jones, Mikasa Construction, Buzz Payne, Justin & Jessica Sommers, George Strub, Rebecca Strub and Bill & Margie Weaver.

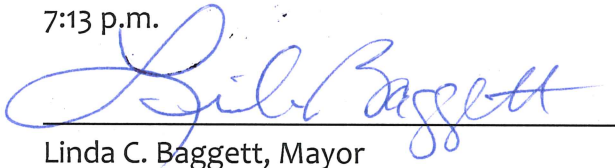
Public Comment: Mayor Baggett mentioned the dates of several upcoming community events.

Agenda Items:


- 1. **Vol. Fire Department: Monthly Report:** The monthly report was presented by Samuel Vanderford.
- 2. **Building Permit: Lavidia Wesley: 205 FM 2911:** Fonteno moved to approve the building permit as presented and Rickard seconded. Allen, Fonteno, Rickard and Rozell voted aye. Motion carried 4-0-0.
- 3. **Bryan McMenamy: Zoning at Upshur Co. Appraisal District ID #18257:** Mr. McMenamy withdrew his request to change the zoning permit at this location.
- 4. **Justin Sommers: Zoning at Upshur Co. Appraisal District ID #18326:** Mr. Sommers reported that he has been living in a Recreational Vehicle on this property since April of 2020. Mr. Sommers also reported that he and his family do not intend to live in the RV long term, that it is not a permanent thing. Rickard moved to declare the Sommers' as "grandfathered in," allowing them to continue living in their recreational vehicle at this location since they stated they occupied the property prior to the adoption of Ordinance 2020-003 on August 18, 2020 that prohibits living in an RV. Allen seconded. Allen, Fonteno, Rickard and Rozell voted aye. Motion carried 4-0-0.
- 5. **Police Department: Monthly Report:** Chief Easterling presented the monthly report.

6. **Public Works Department: Monthly Report:** Public Works Director Rocky Ware presented the monthly report.
7. **Public Works Department: Part-time contract: Rebecca Strub:** Rozell moved to approve the part-time contract pending the City Attorney's approval and Rickard seconded. Allen, Fonteno, Rickard and Rozell voted aye. Motion carried 4-0-0.
8. **Financial Reports for February 2024:** Fonteno moved to approve the financials as presented and Allen seconded. Allen, Fonteno, Rickard and Rozell voted aye. Motion carried 4-0-0.
9. **Minutes of Meetings: February 20 and March 4, 2024 meetings:** Rickard moved to approve the minutes as presented and Rozell seconded. Allen, Fonteno, Rickard and Rozell voted aye. Motion carried 4-0-0.
10. **City Administrator: Ordinance: Franchise Agreement with SWEPCO:** Rickard moved to table this item until the city council can meet with SWEPCO Representative Mark Robinson to negotiate some changes in the proposed agreement and Allen seconded. Allen, Fonteno, Rickard and Rozell voted aye. Motion carried 4-0-0.
11. **City Administrator Report:** Administrator Rex presented her monthly reports and updates.
12. **Mayor's Report & Updates:** Mayor Baggett gave several updates.

Adjourn: There being no further posted business before this Council, the meeting adjourned at 7:13 p.m.


Linda C. Baggett, Mayor


Laura M. Rex, City Secretary


Date