

City of Big Sandy

Big Sandy, Texas 75755

MINUTES TO MEETING

October 15, 2024, 6:00 p.m.

The City Council for the City of Big Sandy met in Regular Session on October 15, 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** – Vanessa Ervin
- b. **Pledge of Allegiance** –David Fonteno
- c. **MEMBERS PRESENT:** Mayor Linda Baggett, Sally Allen, David Fonteno and Rex Rozell.
- d. **STAFF PRESENT:** Chief of Police David Easterling, City Administrator/City Secretary Laura Rex, Sarah Strub and Rocky Ware with Public Works.
- e. **OTHERS PRESENT:** Melissa Bejang, Ophelia Else, Vanessa Ervin, Angie Harper, Evangeline Hordge, Sherri Knox, Tony Pytlak, Zelma Stevenson, Steve Still, Iva Jewel Strickland, George Strub, Rebecca Strub, Sarah Strub and Samuel Vanderford.

Public Comment: Steve Still, who lives at 315 E Groves Street in Big Sandy, addressed the council regarding a request for reimbursement for repairs at a property he owns at 355 E T & P Street. George Strub, Big Sandy ISD School Board member, announced that the School Resource Officer for Big Sandy ISD would be in place the week of October 21st. Vanessa Ervin addressed the council regarding the annual audit.

Agenda Items:

1. **Vol. Fire Department: Monthly Report:** The report was presented by Samuel Vanderford.
2. **Contract with Upshur Co. Emergency Services District #1 for firefighting services:** Rozell moved to adopt **Resolution #2024-016** approving the contract and Fonteno seconded. Allen, Fonteno and Rozell voted aye. Motion carried 3-0-0.
3. **Police Department: Monthly Report:** Chief Easterling presented the monthly report.
4. **Police Department: Sale of 2019 Ford Interceptor Unit #31:** Rozell moved to lower the selling price for this unit to \$12,000 and authorized Chief Easterling to accept bids as low as \$10,000. Fonteno seconded. Allen, Fonteno and Rozell voted aye. Motion carried 3-0-0.
5. **Public Works: Monthly Report:** Rocky Ware presented the monthly report and Rebecca Strub gave an update on the Utility Locating Project.
6. **Public Works: Purchase of replacement pump for Peachtree Lift Station:** Rozell moved to approve the replacement of the pump at a cost of up to \$4,800 with the provision that Mr. Ware secure a second bid and he awards to the lowest bidder. Fonteno seconded. Allen, Fonteno and Rozell voted aye. Motion carried 3-0-0.
7. **Financial Reports for September 2024:** Fonteno moved to approve the financials as presented and Allen seconded. Allen, Fonteno and Rozell voted aye. Motion carried 3-0-0.
8. **Minutes for September 24th, 2024 Meeting:** Allen moved to approve the minutes as presented and Rozell seconded. Allen, Fonteno and Rozell voted aye. Motion carried 3-0-0.
9. **Sanitation Rate Increase:** Fonteno moved to approve **Ordinance #2024-001** increasing the monthly sanitation rate for all trash cart customers by \$2. This rate increase is a pass-through

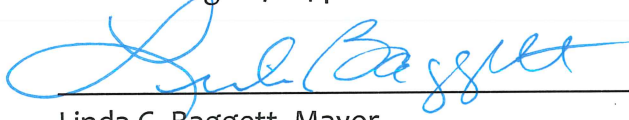
increase, a result of rising costs for Allied Waste since October of 2023. Allen seconded. Allen, Fonteno and Rozell voted aye. Motion carried 3-0-0.



10. City Administrator Report: Administrator Rex presented her monthly reports and updates, including the filing of the required Lead Service Line Inventory on October 15th.

11. Recodification of Ordinances: No action taken.

12. Mayor's Report & Updates: Mayor Baggett mentioned the dates of several upcoming community events.

Adjourn: There being no further posted business before this Council, Fonteno moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:24 p.m. and Allen seconded.


Linda C. Baggett, Mayor


Laura M. Rex, City Secretary

Date