

City of Big Sandy

Big Sandy, Texas 75755

MINUTES TO MEETING

Tuesday, May 15th, 2018, 6:00 p.m.

The City Council for the City of Big Sandy met in Regular Session on Tuesday, May 15th, 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. Pledge of Allegiance – Mr. Don Cochran
 - b. Invocation – Mr. Michael Baggett
 - c. **MEMBERS PRESENT:** Mayor Parsons, Michael Baggett, Cindy Bauter, Don Cochran, Becky Desborough, Chase Saxon, and Rex Rozell.
 - d. **STAFF PRESENT:** Laura Rex, Scott Rogers, Officer Jason Smith and Chief Tim Scott.
 - e. **OTHERS PRESENT:** Melvin Allen, Linda Baggett, Rickie & Debra Caughron, Greg Desborough, Jerome and Helen Ellard, Shaynee Hamberg, Volunteer Fire Chief Jeff Jones, Chaffin Smith, City Attorney Andy Tefteller, Todd Tefteller, and Lois & Terry Triebenbach.

Mayor Parsons opened the meeting with a one minute moment of silence in honor of the law enforcement officers who have lost their lives in the line of duty in honor of National Police Officer's Memorial Day being the same day as this council meeting.

City Secretary Laura Rex read a proclamation signed by Mayor Parsons honoring the Big Sandy Police Department during National Police Week May 13 - 19, 2018. Several members of the Big Sandy community were present to take part in this special moment and to show their support for the Big Sandy Police Department.

Mayor Parsons then presented Police Chief Tim Scott with a Certificate of Appreciation. Chief Scott was sworn in as Chief of Police by Mr. Parsons on May 16, 2006 and has served as Chief for 12 years, which makes him the longest serving Chief of Police in Big Sandy history. Mayor Parsons thanked Chief Scott for his continued leadership and service to the Big Sandy community.

2. **Citizen Participation:** None.

3. **Consent Agenda:**

- a. **Minutes:** Mr. Cochran moved to approve the minutes for the April 17 and April 29, 2018 meetings and Dr. Bauter seconded. Baggett, Bauter, Cochran, and Saxon voted aye. Motion carried 4-0-0.
- b. **Financial Reports:** Dr. Bauter moved to approve the April 2018 Financial Reports and Mr. Cochran seconded. Baggett, Bauter, Cochran, and Saxon voted aye. Motion carried 4-0-0.

4. **Discussion/Action Items:**

- a. **Resolution: Canvassing the results of votes of the General Election held on May 5, 2018:** Mr. Baggett moved to approve Resolution 2018-017 accepting the canvassed results as follows:

Candidate	Mail In Ballots	Early Voting	Election Day	Total Votes
Council members:				
Bauter, Cindy	9	29	22	60
Desborough, Becky	11	42	26	79
Hardwick, Bill	3	25	22	50
Rozell, Rex	10	45	30	85
TOTALS	14	56	40	110

Cindy Bauter is re-elected; Becky Desborough and Rex Rozell are elected to the city council.

Mr. Cochran seconded. Baggett, Bauter, Cochran and Saxon voted aye. Motion carried 4-0-0.

- b. **Certificates of Election:** At 6:10, Mayor Parsons presented the Certificate of Election to our 3 declared candidates elect: Cindy Bauter, Becky Desborough and Rex Rozell.
- c. **Statement of Elected Officials and Official Oaths:** At 6:15, City Secretary Laura Rex administered the statements of elected officials and swore in Cindy Bauter, Becky Desborough and Rex Rozell as aldermen.

The City council expressed their appreciation to outgoing aldermen Ronnie Norman and Chase Saxon by presenting them with Certificates of Appreciation and thanked them for their service to the city.

Dr. Bauter then returned to her council seat, while Ms. Desborough and Mr. Rozell took their seats at the council chambers.

- d. **Volunteer Fire Dept: Sale of Engine:** Vol. Fire Chief Jeff Jones asked the council for permission to sell the 1970's American LaFrance Chevy Fire Engine which is no longer in service. Mr. Baggett moved to allow the VFD to accept bids and Ms. Desborough seconded. Baggett, Bauter, Cochran, Desborough and Rozell voted aye. Motion carried 5-0-0.
- e. **Resolution appointing Mayor Pro Tem:** Cochran moved to adopt Resolution 2017 - 018 appointing Mr. Michael Baggett as the mayor pro tem for a one year term and Bauter seconded. Baggett, Bauter, Cochran, Desborough and Rozell voted aye. Motion carried 5-0-0.
- f. **Dorrel Lopez: Leash Law/Ordinance:** Sgt. Gilow addressed Mr. Lopez's concerns prior to the city council meeting. No council action taken.
- g. **Tony Driver: Building Permit:** Cochran moved to deny the building permit as presented since Mr. Driver is not the property owner of the proposed building site and Bauter seconded. Baggett, Bauter, Cochran, Desborough and Rozell voted aye. Motion carried 5-0-0.

- h. **H. L. Shirey: Women's Shelter:** Bauer moved to deny Mr. Shirey's request to convert the Church of Christ into a women's shelter as presented and Desborough seconded. Baggett, Bauter, Cochran, Desborough and Rozell voted aye. Motion carried 5-0-0.
- i. **Big Sandy Sports Complex:** Shaynee Hamberg and Chaffin Smith addressed the council about a possible sports complex for the City. They plan to do some research and return to a future council meeting with more information. No council action was taken.
- j. **Temporary Summer Help:** Mayor Parsons requested council approval to hire a small crew of temporary part-time summer help at an estimated cost of \$4,000. Cochran moved to approve the hiring of temporary summer help at an estimated cost of \$4,000 and Baggett seconded. Baggett, Bauter, Cochran, Desborough and Rozell voted aye. Motion carried 5-0-0.
- k. **Public Works:**
 - i. **Water Tank Repair Update:** Central Tank Coatings has reported they are 2 weeks away from completing their work on the tank on Boulder Drive. No council action taken.
 - ii. **Purchase of Bush Hog:** Cochran moved to approve purchase of a Bush Hog Cutter at a cost of \$2,990 from Kelly Tractor and Rozell seconded. Baggett, Bauter, Cochran, Desborough and Rozell voted aye. Motion carried 5-0-0.
- l. **American Tower Lease Extension Proposal:** Mr. Tefteller reported that American Tower wants to reduce the proposed cash incentive for the 30 year lease extension if we relocate the Upshur County repeater on this tower. After discussion, Cochran moved to delay action on this proposal until the Upshur County Sherriff's Office has upgraded their equipment to digital and Rozell seconded. Baggett, Bauter, Cochran, Desborough and Rozell voted aye. Motion carried 5-0-0.
- m. **Landmark Dividend Lease Proposal:** Mr. Tefteller reported that Landmark Dividend is offering to purchase the remaining 15 year lease on the American Tower Lease for a price of \$95,000. The City will collect approximately \$230,000 if they collect the lease revenue themselves. After discussion, Cochran moved to deny Landmark Dividend's offer and Desborough seconded. Baggett, Bauter, Cochran, Desborough and Rozell voted aye. Motion carried 5-0-0.

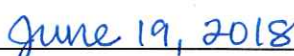
- 5. **Items from the Mayor:** Mayor Parsons reported that he and Mr. Rogers have met with the Upshur County Road & Bridge Department to discuss repairing some streets and will bring a proposal to the council at a future meeting.
- 6. **Items from the Council:** None.
- 7. **Adjourn:** There being no further posted business before this Council, Cochran moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:17 p.m. and Desborough seconded.



 Sonny Parsons, Mayor



 Laura M. Rex, City Secretary



 Date