

City of Big Sandy

Big Sandy, Texas 75755

MINUTES TO PUBLIC HEARINGS & REGULAR MEETING

Tuesday, September 18th, 2018, 5:30 p.m.

The City Council for the City of Big Sandy met for two public hearings and in Regular Session on Tuesday, September 18th, 2018, at 5:30 p.m., in the Council Chambers at City Hall.

1. **Public Hearing: Adoption of the 2018-2019 Departmental Budgets:**

- a. The Public Hearing was opened at 5:30 p.m.
- b. Comments from the public RE: the 2018-2019 Departmental Budgets: There were no comments from the public regarding the 2018-2019 departmental budgets.
 - i. Community Dev Corporation
 - ii. General Fund
 - iii. Sanitation Fund
 - iv. Volunteer Fire Department
 - v. Water/Sewer Fund
- c. Mr. Cochran moved to close the public hearing at 5:37 p.m. and Mr. Baggett seconded. Baggett, Cochran, Desborough and Rozell voted aye. Motion carried 4-0-0.

2. **Public Hearing: Proposed Tax Rate for FYE 09.30.19:**

- a. The Public Hearing was opened at 5:37 p.m.
- b. Comments from the public RE: the proposed tax rate for FYE 09.30.19: There were no comments from the public regarding the proposed tax rate for FYE 09.30.19.
- c. Mr. Cochran moved to close the public hearing at 5:41 p.m. and Mr. Baggett seconded. Baggett, Cochran, Desborough and Rozell voted aye. Motion carried 4-0-0.

3. **Call to Order:** Mayor Parsons called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

- a. Invocation – Mr. Sonny Parsons
- b. Pledge of Allegiance - Ms. Becky Desborough
- c. **MEMBERS PRESENT:** Mayor Parsons, Michael Baggett, Becky Desborough, Don Cochran, and Rex Rozell.
- d. **STAFF PRESENT:** Manfred Gilow, Laura Rex, Scott Rogers, and Chief Tim Scott.
- e. **OTHERS PRESENT:** Linda Baggett, Justin Baker, Carrie Campbell, Dwayne Canup, Debra Caughron, Rickey Caughron, Jackie Davis, City Attorney Robert Davis, David Fonteno, Rachel Hass, Volunteer Fire Chief Jeff Jones, Kate Kirby, Derrick Menefee, James Peterson, Rick Peterson, H. L. Shirey, William Stenger, Doug Strub, and Lois Triebenbach.

4. **Citizen Participation:** None.

5. **Mayor Parsons:** Future of Big Sandy: From 6:02 to 6:47, Mayor Parsons talked to the citizens and council members about the past, present and future plans for the City.

6. **Consent Agenda:**

- a. **Minutes:** Baggett moved to approve the minutes for the Aug. 21, Aug. 30 and Sep. 6, 2018 meetings and Cochran seconded. Baggett, Cochran, Desborough and Rozell voted aye. Motion carried 4-0-0.
- b. **Financial Reports:** Cochran moved to approve the August 2018 Financial Reports and Rozell seconded. Baggett, Cochran, Desborough and Rozell voted aye. Motion carried 4-0-0.

4. Discussion/Action Items:

- a. **Volunteer Fire Dept:** Vol. Fire Dept. Chief Jones reported that he had to put a new pump motor of the new tanker and the new Fire Engine has not been delivered yet.
- j. **Hawkins Mutual Aid Agreement:** Baggett moved to approve **Resolution 2018-025** approving a mutual aid agreement between the City of Big Sandy and the City of Hawkins. Desborough seconded. Baggett, Cochran, Desborough and Rozell voted aye. Motion carried 4-0-0.
- b. **Resolution: Authorizing 2017-2018 Budget Amendments:** Desborough moved to approve **Resolution 2018-020** amending the 2017-2018 Budget increasing the Water/Sewer Fund budget by \$450,000 and Baggett seconded. Baggett, Cochran, Desborough and Rozell voted aye. Motion carried 4-0-0.
- c. **Resolution: Ratification of 2018-2019 Tax Rate of \$0.50/\$100.00 valuation:** Rozell moved to approve **Resolution 2018-021** approving the ratification of the 2018-2019 Tax Rate of \$0.50/\$100.00 valuation and Baggett seconded. Baggett, Cochran, Desborough and Rozell voted aye. Motion carried 4-0-0.
- d. **Resolution: Approving the 2018-2019 City of Big Sandy Departmental Budgets:** Cochran moved to approve **Resolution 2018-022** approving the 2018-2019 City of Big Sandy Departmental Budgets and Desborough seconded. Baggett, Cochran, Desborough and Rozell voted aye. Motion carried 4-0-0.
- e. **Resolution: Approving the 2018-2019 City of Big Sandy Tax Rate:** Rozell moved to approve **Resolution 2018-023** approving the 2018-2019 City of Big Sandy Tax Rate of \$.050/\$100.00 valuation and Desborough seconded. Baggett, Cochran, Desborough and Rozell voted aye. Motion carried 4-0-0.
- f. **Water Bill Adjustment: Rachel Hass @ 105 S Tyler:** After discussion, Rozell moved to adjust the August bill to a minimum bill, which is a reduction in the amount of \$470.00 and Desborough seconded. Baggett, Cochran, Desborough and Rozell voted aye. Motion carried 4-0-0.
- g. **Water Bill Adjustment: Dusty Jones @ 701 W Broadway:** After discussion, Rozell moved to adjust the August bill to their six month average bill, which is a reduction in the amount of \$88.71 and Baggett seconded. Baggett, Cochran, Desborough and Rozell voted aye. Motion carried 4-0-0.
- h. **Relocation of building at Applegate Softball Field:** Rozell moved to table this item and Baggett seconded. Baggett, Cochran, Desborough and Rozell voted aye. Motion carried 4-0-0.
- i. **Resolution: Contract with ETCOG for 9-1-1 Addressing:** Rozell moved to approve **Resolution 2018-024** approving a one year contract with East Texas Council of Governments for 9-1-1 addressing at a cost of \$705.60 and Desborough seconded. Baggett, Cochran, Desborough and Rozell voted aye. Motion carried 4-0-0.
- j. See item j. after item a. above.
- k. **Police Dept:**
 - i. **Stalker Radar Lease:** Desborough moved to approve the 3 year lease with Stalker Radar for radar systems in the 2 patrol units at an annual cost of \$3,250 and Baggett seconded. Baggett, Cochran, Desborough and Rozell voted aye. Motion carried 4-0-0.
 - ii. **National Night Out: October 2, 2018:** Mayor Parsons announced one location for this year's event, the Community Center, hosted by the mayor and council members.

I. **Public Works:**

- a. **TCEQ Wastewater Plant Violations:** The City has sent in the first payment and is waiting to hear if the Judge agrees to let the City the \$10,160 penalty on a 36 month payment plan of approximately \$290 per month. No council action taken.
- b. **Water Storage Tank Loan Financing:** After discussion, Cochran moved to approve **Resolution 2018-026** approving the financing of the loan with First National Bank for a 7 year fixed rate mortgage at 4.75% (buying out the remaining 12 year loan with Austin Bank with an adjustable rate mortgage at 5.5%). Rozell seconded. Baggett, Cochran, Desborough and Rozell voted aye. Motion carried 4-0-0.
- c. **Ordinance 2018-002: Utility (Water/Wastewater) Rates:** After discussion, Desborough moved to approve **Ordinance 2018-002** adjusting the water/wastewater/sanitation rates and Rozell seconded. Baggett, Cochran, Desborough and Rozell voted aye. Motion carried 4-0-0.
- m. **TXCDBG Grant #7215008: Heritage Bldg:**
 - ii. **Resolution adopting name for building:** After discussion, Cochran moved to approve **Resolution 2018-027** designating the name of the building at 162 E Gilmer Street as the "Heritage Building" and Desborough seconded. Baggett, Cochran, Desborough and Rozell voted aye. Motion carried 4-0-0.
 - iii. **Resolution adopting policies and procedures including rental fees & guidelines:** No council action taken.
 - iv. **Purchase of appliances:** Rozell moved to approve the purchase of appliances (refrigerator, oven, microwave, dishwasher, vent hood) for the Heritage Center not to exceed \$3,000 and Cochran seconded. Baggett, Cochran, Desborough and Rozell voted aye. Motion carried 4-0-0.
- n. **Lake Big Sandy Fountains:** City Attorney Davis reported that he has contacted Jack Phillips and Union Pacific regarding the possible placement of colorful fountains in Lake Big Sandy.
- o. **American Tower Lease Extension Proposal:** Items (o) and (p) were discussed simultaneously. City Attorney Davis just received updated proposals and is reviewing them. Cochran moved to table and Desborough seconded. Baggett, Cochran, Desborough and Rozell voted aye. Motion carried 4-0-0.
- p. **Landmark Dividend Lease Proposal:** See item (o).
- q. **Franchise Tax Renewal: CenterPoint Energy:** After discussion, Baggett moved to approve **Resolution 2018-028** approving a new 25 year franchise tax agreement with CenterPoint Energy and Desborough seconded. Baggett, Cochran, Desborough and Rozell voted aye. Motion carried 4-0-0.
- r. **Gilmer Street Street Lights Hanging Basket Project:** Mr. Parsons reported that he is in the process of installing the hanging baskets on Gilmer Street. No council action taken.
- s. **Road of Remembrance (Wildcat Drive) Project:** Mr. Parsons addressed the council regarding a proposed Road of Remembrance along Wildcat Drive that will include the installation of sidewalks at an estimated cost of \$18,000 and benches.
 - i. **Approval of sidewalks:** No council action taken.
 - ii. **Approval of landscaping on Wildcat Drive:** No council action taken.
- t. The Council entered into Executive Session to: deliberate about real property according to Texas Government Code §551.072 at 8:36 p.m.

- u. The council closed the Executive Session at 9:18 p.m.
- v. The Council returned to Open Session at 9:19 p.m. No council action taken.

5. **Items from the Mayor:** None.

6. **Items from the Council:** None.

7. **Adjourn:** There being no further posted business before this Council, Rozell moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:20 p.m. and Desborough seconded.

Sonny Parsons
Sonny Parsons, Mayor

Laura M Rex
Laura M. Rex, City Secretary

10.16.2018
Date