

# City of Big Sandy

Big Sandy, Texas 75755

## MINUTES TO MEETING

Tuesday, March 21<sup>st</sup>, 2017, 6:00 p.m.

The City Council for the City of Big Sandy met in Regular Session on Tuesday, March 21<sup>st</sup>, 2017, at 6:00 p.m., in the Council Chambers at City Hall.

1. **Call to Order:** Mayor Church called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.
  - a. Pledge of Allegiance – Chief Tim Scott
  - b. Invocation – Mr. Sonny Parsons
  - c. MEMBERS: Mayor Nancy Church, Michael Baggett, Sue Jones, Ronnie Norman, Sonny Parsons and John Worden.
  - d. STAFF PRESENT: Everett McWilliams, Laura Rex, and Chief Tim Scott.
  - e. OTHERS PRESENT: Linda Bowie, Zach Briscoe from Republic Services, Bradlee Decuir, Chad Decuir, Ken Danapas, Wayne Davis, Michael Harman, Fire Chief Jeff Jones, Jose Rios and Frank Stec.
  
4. **Citizen Participation:** None.
  
5. **Discussion/Action Items:**
  - a. **Allied Waste: Donation Presentation:** Mr. Zack Briscoe of Allied Waste presented Chief Tim Scott with a \$500 donation towards the purchase of bullet proof vests.
  
  - i. **Charges on Water/Sewer Bills: Fire Opt Out Charge:** Mr. Worden addressed the council and asked several questions about the Fire Opt Out Fee of \$2 that is currently on the monthly utility bills sent out by the City. Mr. Worden asked for clarification on whether the \$2 was a donation or a fee. Mr. Norman said the fee was added to the monthly utility bills in 2003 while he was a city employee and believed it was intended to be a donation.

After discussion, Mr. Worden moved to remove the \$2 Fire Opt Out Fee from the monthly utility bills. There was no second. Therefore, the motion died for lack of a second.

Mr. Parsons then moved to continue with the \$2 Fire Opt Out Fee on the monthly utility bills until the City Attorney can review the fee and provide the council with his legal opinion. Ms. Jones seconded. Baggett, Jones, Norman and Parsons voted aye. Worden voted nay. Motion carried 4-1-0.
  
  - b. **VFD: Update on SKID Grant:** Chief Jeff Jones reported that the tank and all the other parts needed to complete the grant have been received.
  
  - d. **Wayne Davis: Railroad Blocking City Streets:** Mr. Davis expressed his concern about the railroad blocking the access on S. Tyler Street and reported they are now pulling trains up to two miles long. He mentioned that he and a few other city representatives would be meeting with a railroad representative on March 28th @ 1:30 p.m. to discuss

the problems we are experiencing and will return to the April 18th, 2017 meeting with a report to the city council.

- c. **Safe Routes to School Application:** Mary Kay Thomas was not present to address the council.
- e. **Pauline Green: Railroad Blocking City Streets:** Ms. Green was not present to address the council.
- f. **Frank Stec: Lead & Copper Rule Monitoring & Reporting Violation:** Mr. Stec stated that he feels water is one of the most important elements of life and would like assurance that the water provided by the city is safe. He asked the council to answer the following 5 questions at the April 18, 2017 meeting:
  - i. Why has this water monitoring and reporting not yet been resolved?
  - ii. What is the cost associated with these violations?
  - iii. What action plan and timeframe will be put in place to keep this from happening again?
  - iv. What will be the accountability process? and who will be held responsible?
  - v. What action will be taken for another violation occurrence?
- g. **Frank Stec: Authority:** Mr. Stec passed out a form asking the Mayor and each of the council members, "Who is in charge in making the ultimate decisions regarding the Big Sandy Community." Baggett, Jones, Norman, Parsons, Worden and Mayor Church all indicated that it is the City Council.
- h. **Big Sandy Economic Dev. Corporation: Interviews for applicants:** Ms. Rex, Big Sandy CDC Secretary, reported that there has been another applicant and that as of March 31, 2017, there will only be 3 appointed board members. After discussion, Ms. Jones moved to table the appointment of any new board members until after the May 6, 2017 election and Mr. Baggett seconded. Baggett, Jones, Norman, Parsons and Worden voted aye. Motion carried 5-0-0.
- i. **Mosquito Control: Chemical Purchase:** Mr. Norman moved to approve the purchase of 2 (two) 55 gallon drums of mosquito chemical for \$2,477.68 and Mr. Worden seconded. Baggett, Jones, Norman, Parsons and Worden voted aye. Motion carried 5-0-0.
- k. **Police:**
  - i. **Grant Update:** Chief Scott has received notice that Texas Governor's Criminal Justice Division has funded the grant for the software purchase to upgrade from Summary Based reporting to Incident Based reporting within the National Incident Based Reporting System (NIBRS).
  - ii. **Interceptor Update:** Chief Scott reported that the transmission case on Unit 04 has been replaced and the unit is back in service.
- l. **Water/Sewer:**
  - i. **Road bore under FM 2911** to tie water line running up 2911 from 155 to increase water pressure to homes to be in compliance: Mr. McWilliams suggested this

as a solution for the 6 houses that currently have water pressure lower than 25 PSI. Mr. Wayne Davis offered the use of his equipment to complete the project. Mr. McWilliams will bring quotes to the April 18, 2017 meeting.

- ii. **Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) Enforcement Action Letter/Proposed Agreed Judgment:** Mayor Church and Mr. McWilliams will work on an action plan to present to the council at the April 18, 2017 meeting.
- iii. Review and/or award bids for maintenance and repair for elevated water storage tanks (50,000 gallon on Wildcat Drive and 200,000 gallon on Boulder Street): Mr. Norman moved to accept the low bid of \$354,000 less the \$3,500 line item for painting the logo for a total bid of \$350,500 and Mr. Parsons seconded. Baggett, Jones, Norman, Parsons and Worden voted aye. Motion carried 5-0-0.
- iv. **Public Works Director Applications:** No action taken.

- m. **Proclamation: Poison Prevention Week:** Ms. Jones moved to proclaim March 19-25, 2017 as Poison Prevention Week and Mr. Parsons seconded. Baggett, Jones, Norman, Parsons and Worden voted aye. Motion carried 5-0-0.
- n. **Resolution: Creation of General Fund Reserve Account:** No action taken.
- o. **Resolution: Creation of Water/Sewer Fund Reserve Account:** No action taken.
- p. **Spring Clean Up: April 21-23, 2017:** No action taken.

6. **Items from the Mayor:** Nothing.

7. **Items from the Council:** Ms. Jones asked about the appointment of election judges and requested that any proposed changes to the Personnel Policy be submitted to her no later than March 27, 2017. She also asked Mr. McWilliams about the status of the water/sewer antenna that has loose guywires. Mr. McWilliams replied that they are watching the tower and are seeking bids to have it taken down.

2. **Consent Agenda:**

a. **Minutes:** No action taken.

b. **Financial Reports:** Ms. Jones moved to accept the February 2017 financials as presented and Mr. Baggett seconded. Baggett, Jones, Norman, Parsons and Worden voted aye. Motion carried 5-0-0.

8. **Adjourn:** There being no further posted business before this Council, Ms. Jones moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:46 p.m. and Mr. Parsons seconded.

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Nancy Church, Mayor

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Laura M. Rex, City Secretary

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Date