

# City of Big Sandy

Big Sandy, Texas 75755

## MINUTES TO PUBLIC HEARINGS & REGULAR MEETING

Tuesday, September 19<sup>th</sup>, 2017, 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 19<sup>th</sup>, 2017, at 5:30 p.m., in the Council Chambers at City Hall.

### 1. **Public Hearing: Adoption of the 2017-2018 Departmental Budgets:**

- a. The Public Hearing was opened at 5:30 p.m.
- b. Comments from the public RE: the 2017-2018 Departmental Budgets: There were no comments from the public regarding the 2017-2018 departmental budgets.
  - i. Community Development 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 5:33 p.m. and Dr. Bauter seconded. Baggett, Bauter, Cochran and Saxon voted aye. Motion carried 4-0-0.

### 2. **Public Hearing: Proposed Tax Rate for FYE 09.30.18:**

- a. The Public Hearing was opened at 5:35 p.m.
- b. Comments from the public RE: the proposed tax rate for FYE 09.30.18: There were no comments from the public regarding the proposed tax rate for FYE 09.30.18.
- c. Mr. Cochran moved to close the public hearing at 5:38 p.m. and Dr. Bauter seconded. Baggett, Bauter, Cochran and Saxon voted aye. Motion carried 4-0-0.

### 3. **Call to Order:** Mayor Parsons called the regular meeting to order at 5:39 p.m.

- a. Pledge of Allegiance – Mr. Don Cochran
- b. Invocation – Dr. Cindy Bauter
- c. MEMBERS: Mayor Sonny Parsons, Michael Baggett, Cindy Bauter, Don Cochran, and Chase Saxon.
- d. STAFF PRESENT: Deborah Giles, Officer Ryan Ludvigson, Laura Rex, Scott Rogers, and Chief Tim Scott. Andy Tefteller arrived at 6:05 p.m.
- e. OTHERS PRESENT: Dwayne Canup, Ken Danapas, Joanne Gonzalez, Stan Hayes of Hayes Engineering, Felicia Hollenbeck, Volunteer Fire Chief Jeff Jones, Annette Rios, Jose Rios, and Gerri Thompson.

### 4. **Citizen Participation:** None.

### 5. **Consent Agenda:**

- a. **Minutes:** Mr. Baggett moved to approve the minutes for the July 18, 2017, Aug. 4, 2017, Aug. 15, 2017 and Aug. 25, 2017 meetings and Mr. Cochran seconded. Baggett, Bauter, Cochran and Saxon voted aye. Motion carried 4-0-0.
- b. **Financial Reports:** Mr. Baggett moved to approve the August 2017 Financials as presented and Dr. Bauter seconded. Baggett, Bauter, Cochran and Saxon voted aye. Motion carried 4-0-0.

**6. Discussion/Action Items:**

- e. **Thompson, Gerri:** Ms. Thompson addressed the city council regarding some water-line relocation and driveway issues on her property at 314 W Broadway. No council action taken.

Andy Tefteller arrived at 6:05 p.m.

- a. **Craft, John:** Mr. Craft was not present to address the council. No council action taken.
- b. **Gennings, Rebecca:** Ms. Gennings was not present to address the council. No council action.
- c. **Gonzalez, Joanne:** Ms. Gonzalez addressed the council and asked for reimbursement and compensation for toilet repairs at her residence at 706 N. Tyler and water heater repairs at her rental property at 661 N. Pearl.
- d. **Rios, Annette:** Ms. Rios addressed the council and asked for reimbursement for expenses related to a water heater replacement at her residence at 216 W. Gilmer.

**The Council entered into Executive Session** pursuant to Texas Government Code §551.071 [Consultation with Attorney]: **regarding items b., c., and d.**

**The Council returned to Open Session** at 7:55 p.m.

Mayor Parsons read a statement addressing the recent change in pressure levels in the water system due to the Wildcat Tank being taken out of service for painting and repairs, and expressing compassion for the Gonzalez's and Rios,' who both experienced plumbing issues.

- c. **Gonzalez, Joanne:** Dr. Bauter moved to adjust the Gonzalez's water bill by \$3.25 and Mr. Cochran seconded. Baggett, Bauter, Cochran and Saxon voted aye. Motion carried 4-0-0.
- d. **Rios, Annette:** Mr. Baggett moved to adjust the Rios' water bill by \$35.75 and Mr. Saxon seconded. Baggett, Bauter, Cochran and Saxon voted aye. Motion carried 4-0-0.
- e. **Thompson, Gerri:** See item above.
- f. **Big Sandy Comm. Dev. Corp.:** Mr. Cochran moved to approve two payments to Hayes Engineering from Big Sandy CDC funds (Invoice #8930 for \$4000 and Invoice #8974 for \$3000) and Mr. Saxon seconded. Baggett, Bauter, Cochran and Saxon voted aye. Motion carried 4-0-0.
- g. **Janitorial Services:** Mr. Cochran moved to authorize Ms. Rex to hire janitorial services up to the same rate Ms. Tannja Hammonds was being paid for cleaning City Hall, the Fire Dept., the Police Dept., and the Water Dept. Dr. Bauter seconded. Baggett, Bauter, Cochran and Saxon voted aye. Motion carried 4-0-0.

- h. **National Night Out:** Mayor Parsons announced 2 locations for National Night Out on October 3, 2017: The City Park, hosted by council members Baggett, Bauter and Cochran; and 206 Robinson, hosted by council members Norman and Saxon. No council action taken.
- i. **Juvenile Curfew Ordinance:** After a brief review of the juvenile curfew ordinance and the necessity of it for the community, Mr. Cochran moved to approve **Ordinance 2017-006** adopting a juvenile curfew ordinance and Dr. Bauter seconded. Baggett, Bauter, Cochran and Saxon voted aye. Motion carried 4-0-0.
- j. **Small Cell Nodes Ordinance:** Mr. Saxon moved to table this item to the Oct. 17, 2017 meeting and Dr. Bauter seconded. Baggett, Bauter, Cochran and Saxon voted aye. Motion carried 4-0-0.
- k. **Personnel Policy: Cell Phones:** No council action taken.
- l. **Ordinance 2017-007: Utility Services:** No council action taken.
- m. **Ordinance 2017-008: Utility Rates:** This ordinance was approved on Sep. 17, 2017, so no council action was taken at this meeting.
- n. **Ordinance 2017-009: Utility Connections:** No council action taken.
- o. **Ordinance 2017-010: Utility Policies:** This ordinance was approved on Sep. 17, 2017, so no council action was taken at this meeting.
- p. **Resolution: Building Permit Application:** After discussion, Dr. Bauter moved to approve **Resolution 2017-024** approving a new Building Permit Application and Mr. Saxon seconded. Baggett, Bauter, Cochran and Saxon voted aye. Motion carried 4-0-0.
- q. **Resolution: Casting Votes for Upshur Co. Appraisal Dist Board of Directors:** Dr. Bauter moved to approve **Resolution 2017-025** nominating Don Cochran and Mr. Saxon seconded. Baggett, Bauter and Saxon voted aye. Cochran abstained. Motion carried 3-0-1.
- r. **Resolution: Contract with ETCOG for 9-1-1 Addressing:** Mr. Cochran moved to approve **Resolution 2017-026** approving a one year contract with East Texas Council of Governments for 9-1-1 addressing at a cost of \$660.10 and Dr. Bauter seconded. Baggett, Bauter, Cochran and Saxon voted aye. Motion carried 4-0-0.
- s. **Resolution: Authorizing ETCOG Creation of Piney Woods 9-1-1 District:** No council action taken.
- t. **Resolution: Ratification of 2017-2018 Tax Rate of \$0.50/\$100.00 valuation:** Mr. Cochran moved to approve **Resolution 2017-027** approving the ratification of the 2017-2018 Tax Rate of \$0.50/\$100.00 valuation and Dr. Bauter seconded. Baggett, Bauter, Cochran and Saxon voted aye. Motion carried 4-0-0.
- u. **Resolution: Approving the 2017-2018 City of Big Sandy Departmental Budgets:** Dr. Bauter moved to approve **Resolution 2017-028** approving the 2017-2018 City of Big

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

v. **Resolution: Approving the 2017-2018 City of Big Sandy Tax Rate:** Mr. Cochran moved to approve **Resolution 2017-029** approving the 2017-2018 City of Big Sandy Tax Rate of \$.050/\$100.00 valuation and Dr. Bauter seconded. Baggett, Bauter, Cochran and Saxon voted aye. Motion carried 4-0-0.

w. **Water/Wastewater:**

- i. **Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) Enforcement Action Letter/Proposed Agreed Judgment: Status Report:** No council action taken.
- ii. **Water Tank Repair: Wildcat & Boulder:** No council action taken.
- iii. **City-issued Cell Phones:** No council action taken.

7. **Items from the Mayor:**

- a. **Enhancement Grant Update:** The Enhancement Grant committee has met with Troy Brown, the grant architect, who is working on developing a new floor plan for the proposed building on Gilmer Street.
- b. **Fall Clean Up: October 6-8, 2017:** Mr. Parsons announced the fall clean up dates.

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

9. **Recognition of Peace Officer Ryan Ludvigson:** Chief Scott presented Officer Ryan Ludvigson with a certificate of appreciation, who is resigning from the Big Sandy Police Department on September 30, 2017 to take a position with the Nashville, TN Police Force.

10. **Adjourn:** There being no further posted business before this Council, Mr. Cochran moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:58 p.m. and Dr. Bauter seconded.

  
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Sonny Parsons, Mayor

  
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Laura M. Rex, City Secretary

  
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