

# City of Big Sandy

Big Sandy, Texas 75755

## MINUTES TO MEETING

Tuesday, October 17<sup>th</sup>, 2017, 6:00 p.m.

The City Council for the City of Big Sandy met in Regular Session on Tuesday, October 17<sup>th</sup>, 2017, 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 – Dr. Cindy Bauter
  - b. Invocation – Mr. Don Cochran
  - c. MEMBERS: Mayor Sonny Parsons, Michael Baggett, Cindy Bauter, Don Cochran, Ronnie Norman and Chase Saxon.
  - d. STAFF PRESENT: Deborah Giles, Laura Rex, Scott Rogers, Chief Tim Scott and Andy Tefteller.
  - e. OTHERS PRESENT: Dwayne Canup, Ken Danapas, Volunteer Fire Chief Jeff Jones.
2. **Citizen Participation:** None.
3. **Consent Agenda:**
  - a. **Minutes:** Mr. Baggett moved to approve the minutes for the Sep. 17, Sep. 19, and Sep. 29 meetings and Dr. Bauter seconded. Baggett, Bauter, Cochran, Norman and Saxon voted aye. Motion carried 5-0-0.
  - b. **Financial Reports:** Mr. Cochran moved to approve the September 2017 Financial Reports and Mr. Baggett seconded. Baggett, Bauter, Cochran, Norman and Saxon voted aye. Motion carried 5-0-0.
4. **Discussion/Action Items:**
  - a. **VFD:** Vol. Fire Chief Jeff Jones reported that the repeater and antenna on the water tank on Wildcat Drive is damaged (apparently due to the sandblasting), but functional. City Secretary Rex requested that Mr. Jones take pictures of the damage that could be sent to Central Tank Coatings so repairs can be made.  
  
Chief Jones and his officers are working on building the fire engine they plan to purchase with the grant funds they have been awarded.
  - b. **Big Sandy Comm. Dev. Corp.: Repairs to Business Park Sign:** The electrical feed to the sign at the Business Park has been damaged. After discussion, Mr. Cochran moved to delay the repair of the sign until the Municipal Development District goes into effect Jan. 1, 2018 and Mr. Baggett seconded. Baggett, Bauter, Cochran, Norman and Saxon voted aye. Motion carried 5-0-0.
  - c. **Code Enforcement Update:** Scott Rogers has contacted the City of Gladewater regarding their Code Enforcement Officer performing building inspections. After discussion, no council action was taken.

**d. Ordinance 2017-005: Small Cell Nodes**

- i. Adopt a design manual**
- ii. Create an attachment agreement**
- iii. Create design districts**

After discussion, Mr. Cochran moved to table this item and Mr. Norman seconded. Baggett, Bauter, Cochran, Norman and Saxon voted aye. Motion carried 5-0-0.

**e. Ordinance: Utility (Water/Wastewater/Sanitation) Services:** After discussion, no council action taken.

**f. Resolution: Adopt Community Center Rules/Rental Agreement:** Mr. Norman moved to approve Resolution 2017-031 adopting the Community Center Rules/Rental Agreement and Dr. Bauter seconded. Baggett, Bauter, Cochran, Norman and Saxon voted aye. Motion carried 5-0-0.

**g. Resolution: Rate Intervention: AEP Swepco:** After discussion, Mr. Norman moved to approve Resolution 2017-032 approving the rate intervention with AEP Swepco and Mr. Baggett seconded. Baggett, Bauter, Cochran, Norman and Saxon voted aye. Motion carried 5-0-0.

**h. Resolution: Contract with Upshur Co. for Fire Fighting Services:** Mr. Cochran moved to approve Resolution 2017-033 the annual contract with the Upshur County Emergency Services District as presented and Mr. Baggett seconded. Baggett, Bauter, Cochran, Norman and Saxon voted aye. Motion carried 5-0-0.

**i. Resolution: Mobilite Agreement:** After discussion, Mr. Norman moved to reject the resolution with Mobilite and Mr. Cochran seconded. Baggett, Bauter, Cochran, Norman and Saxon voted aye. Motion carried 5-0-0.

**j. Resolution: Tower Alliance Lease Agreement:** Dr. Bauter moved to have Mayor Parsons make a counteroffer to Tower Alliance for a 30 year lease agreement for \$1 million plus 30% of leases and Mr. Norman seconded. Baggett, Bauter, Cochran, Norman and Saxon voted aye. Motion carried 5-0-0.

**k. Police Dept: Department Update:** Chief Scott announced the hiring of Tony (Anthony) Pradia as a full-time officer and Jared Wilson as a reserve officer.

**l. Water/Wastewater:**

**i. Water Tank Repair Update:** Central Tank Coatings is still working on the tank on Wildcat Drive.

**ii. Big Sandy ISD Baseball Field:** City Secretary Rex informed the council that the Big Sandy ISD has not been billed for water usage on this meter since early 2000. During the past 17 years, this meter has had 119 million gallons go through it. Since it is against state law to give water away for anyone, and the billing error was just discovered, billing for their actual water/wastewater usage will resume with the September 20, 2017 billing due on October 1st.

**iii. Fencing Installation for College Street Well Yard:** After reviewing the 3 bids received, Mr. Cochran moved to award the bid for installing the fence to Just Fences (Marshall Newsom) once it is confirmed as a bid. Mr. Norman seconded. Baggett, Bauter, Cochran, Norman and Saxon voted aye. Motion carried 5-0-0.

**iv. Past Due Utility Accounts** City Secretary Rex discussed the past due utility accounts with the council and will be seeking further direction from the Auditors. No council action taken.

**v. Purchase of Well Meter for College Street Well Yard:** After discussion, Dr. Bauter moved to approve the purchase of a new meter for the College Street Well Yard from Underground Utility for a price of \$3,100. Mr. Norman seconded. Baggett, Bauter, Cochran, Norman and Saxon voted aye. Motion carried 5-0-0.

**5. Items from the Mayor:**


**a. Enhancement Grant Update:** Mr. Parsons reminded the council of the bid opening on October 26, 2017 @ 2:00 p.m. at City Hall for the Enhancement Grant.

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

**7. Adjourn:** There being no further posted business before this Council, Mr. Cochran moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:25 p.m. and Mr. Baggett seconded.

  
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Sonny Parsons, Mayor

  
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Laura M. Rex, City Secretary

  
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