

City of Big Sandy

Big Sandy, Texas 75755

MINUTES TO MEETING

Tuesday, November 21st, 2017, 6:00 p.m.

The City Council for the City of Big Sandy met in Regular Session on Tuesday, November 21st, 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 – Mr. Chase Saxon
 - b. Invocation – Mr. Don Cochran
 - c. **MEMBERS:** Mayor Sonny Parsons, Michael Baggett, Cindy Bauter by audio conference call, 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:** Troy Brown of Thacker|Davis Architects, Dwayne Canup, Ken Danapas, Mary Kay Thomas, and Volunteer Fire Chief Jeff Jones.
2. **Citizen Participation:** None.
3. **Consent Agenda:**
 - a. **Minutes:** Mr. Baggett moved to approve the minutes for the October 26, 2017 meeting and Mr. Norman seconded. Baggett, Bauter, Cochran, Norman and Saxon voted aye. Motion carried 5-0-0.
 - b. **Financial Reports:** Mr. Norman moved to approve the October 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. **Water Bill Adjustment: Mae Brown:** After discussion, Mr. Baggett moved to adjust Ms. Brown's water/ wastewater bill to her 6 month average & Mr. Norman seconded. Baggett, Bauter, Cochran, Norman and Saxon voted aye. Motion carried 5-0-0.
 - b. **VFD:** Vol. Fire Chief Jeff Jones reported that his department would like to purchase a fire engine from Pierce over LaToya of Iowa and Deep South of Mississippi. He plans to request an additional donation of \$2,500 to \$10,000 from the Upshur Co. Emergency Services District. He also announced that they are planning to burn the old house on Gilmer Street.
 - c. **Holiday Food Cards for City Employees and Volunteers:** After discussion, Mr. Saxon moved to approve the food cards as presented with the addition of George Eaton. Dr. Bauter asked that her name be removed from the list. Mr. Baggett seconded. Baggett, Bauter, Cochran, Norman and Saxon voted aye. Motion carried 5-0-0.

f. **Water Bill Adjustment: Chase Saxon:** Mr. Cochran moved to adjust Mr. Saxon's water bill to his 6 month average and Mr. Norman seconded. Baggett, Bauter, Cochran, and Norman voted aye. Saxon abstained. Motion carried 4-0-1.

f. **Review and/or Take Action on Bids for TxCDBG Grant #7215008 Enhancement Grant: Adult Education Center, Gilmer Street:** At 7:47 p.m., the council entered into executive session as authorized by Section 551.071 of the Texas Government Code (Consultation with Attorney).

At 8:35 p.m., the council returned to Open Session.

Mr. Cochran moved to reject the bids received for TxCDBG Grant #7215008, work with Troy Brown to have a revised plan by 12.06.2017 with the hopes of receiving bids closer to the grant award of \$276,000; and going back out for bids from 12.06.2017 through 12.21.2017 with a bid opening on 12.22.2017. Mr. Norman seconded. Baggett, Bauter, Cochran, Norman and Saxon voted aye. Motion carried 5-0-0.

Mr. Norman left the meeting at 9:00 p.m.

d. **Authorize Mayor Parsons to sign off on Project Completion Report for TxCDBG Grant #7215040 Water Improvements: T & P Avenue:** After discussion, Mr. Cochran moved to authorize the signing of the project completion report and Mr. Saxon seconded. Baggett, Bauter, Cochran, and Saxon voted aye. Motion carried 4-0-0.

h. **Community Center Use Policy:**

i. **Cost for City Employees:** After discussion, Mr. Baggett moved to charge city employees the same rental rates for use of the community center as all other renters and Mr. Saxon seconded. Baggett, Bauter, Cochran, and Saxon voted aye. Motion carried 4-0-0.

ii. **Cost for 501 (c) 3 Non Profit Organizations:** After discussion, Mr. Cochran moved to charge non-profit organizations a reduced rental rate of \$5 per meeting if they can provide articles of incorporation and Mr. Baggett seconded. Baggett, Bauter, Cochran, and Saxon voted aye. Motion carried 4-0-0.

g. **American Tower Lease Extension Proposal:** Mr. Cochran moved to approve Mayor Parsons to negotiate with American Tower and bring back an offer to the council and Mr. Baggett seconded. Baggett, Bauter, Cochran, and Saxon voted aye. Motion carried 4-0-0.

i. **Police Dept: Department Update:** Chief Scott presented the Monthly Activity Report for his department.

j. **Water/Wastewater:**

i. **Code Enforcement Update:** Scott Rogers is working with the City of Gladewater regarding their Code Enforcement Officer performing building inspections. After discussion, no council action was taken.

- ii. **Water Tank Repair Update:** Central Tank Coatings is still working on the tank on Wildcat Drive.
- iii. **Purchase of Chlorinator:** Mr. Cochran moved to approve the purchase of a new chlorinator for the College Street Well Yard from Underground Utility for a price of \$4,270.50. Mr. Baggett seconded. Baggett, Bauter, Cochran, and Saxon voted aye. Motion carried 4-0-0.
- iv. **Replace above ground electric service on water tank on Wildcat Drive:** Mr. Baggett moved to accept the bid from C & B Electric to replace the above ground electric service on the water tank on Wildcat Drive for a price of \$1,600 and Mr. Saxon seconded. Baggett, Bauter, Cochran, and Saxon voted aye. Motion carried 4-0-0.

k. **Date of December Regular City Council Meeting:** The regular city council meeting for December is December 19, 2017.

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

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 9:39 p.m. and Mr. Saxon seconded.



Sonny Parsons, Mayor



Laura M. Rex, City Secretary



Date