

# City of Big Sandy

Big Sandy, Texas 75755

## MINUTES TO REGULAR MEETING Tuesday, January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2019, 6:00 p.m.

The City Council for the City of Big Sandy met in Regular Session on Tuesday, January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2019, at 6:00 p.m., in the Council Chambers at City Hall.


1. **Work Session:** The Council discussed strategic planning for the City, as well as the council agenda items posted for this meeting.
2. **Call to Order:** Mayor Parsons called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.
  - a. Invocation – Mr. Don Cochran
  - b. Pledge of Allegiance - Ms. Becky Desborough
  - c. **MEMBERS PRESENT:** Mayor Parsons, Michael Baggett by videoconference, Don Cochran, Becky Desborough and Rex Rozell.
  - d. **STAFF PRESENT:** Sergeant David Easterling, Laura Rex, Scott Rogers, and Chief Tim Scott.
  - e. **OTHERS PRESENT:** Anna McIver, Andrew McIver, James Peterson, Lois Peterson, Rick Peterson, VFD Chief Jeff Jones, Ken Danapas, Mike Mosley and Stephen Winchell of the City Volunteer Fire Department and Dortha Willis.
3. **Citizen Participation:** None.
4. **Consent Agenda:**
  - a. **Minutes:** Cochran moved to approve the minutes for the December 18, 2018 meeting and Desborough seconded. Baggett, Cochran, Desborough and Rozell voted aye. Motion carried 4-0-0.
  - b. **Financial Reports:** Desborough moved to approve the December 2018 Financial Reports and Rozell seconded. Baggett, Cochran, Desborough and Rozell voted aye. Motion carried 4-0-0.
5. **Discussion/Action Items:**
  - a. **Volunteer Fire Dept:** Vol. Fire Dept. Chief Jones reported that the Volunteer Fire Department has received a \$15,000 Grant that they will be using to purchase bunker gear for the top officers of the department.
    - i. After discussion, Cochran moved to approve the purchase of 10 (ten) sets of bunker gear for the top officers from Delta Industries for a total cost of \$18,697.73, which will be paid by \$15,000 grant funds, \$1,500 to be expended from the Big Sandy Fire Dept. Inc. 501(c)3 account and the remainder from the VFD Operating account. Rozell seconded. Baggett, Cochran, Desborough and Rozell voted aye. Motion carried 4-0-0.

- ii. Cochran moved to approve **Resolution 2019-001** approving the financing of the 2018 Deep South Fire Truck Tanker with Austin Bank for a 5 years at a rate of 5.5% for the balance due of \$57,496.29 and Desborough seconded. Baggett, Cochran, Desborough and Rozell voted aye. Motion carried 4-0-0.
- m. **Executive Session:** The Council entered into Executive Session at 6:09 p.m. to: Discuss or deliberate the employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public officer or employee pursuant to: Texas Government Code §551.074 [Personnel Related Matters]: Vacancy on city council as a result of Dr. Cindy Bauter's resignation as alderman pursuant to Local Government Code §22.010
- n. **Open Session:** The Council closed the Executive Session at 6:15 p.m. and returned to Open Session and took the following action: Desborough moved to appoint Andrew McIver to fill the vacancy on the city council as a result of Dr. Cindy Bauter's resignation in July of 2018. Cochran seconded. Baggett, Cochran, Desborough and Rozell voted aye. Motion carried 4-0-0.
- b. **Water Bill Adjustment: Dortha Willis: 612 N Pearl Street:** Cochran moved to make an adjustment of \$179.25 and Rozell seconded. Baggett, Cochran, Desborough and Rozell voted aye. Motion carried 4-0-0.
- c. **Water Tap Permit: Sit Em Down Cowboy Church: 721 Dial Road:** After discussion, Cochran moved to table this item to the February 2019 meeting and Desborough seconded. Baggett, Cochran, Desborough and Rozell voted aye. Motion carried 4-0-0.
- d. **Building Permit: Richard Prindle: 306 W Gilmer Street:** Rozell moved to approve the building permit as presented and Cochran seconded. Baggett, Cochran, Desborough and Rozell voted aye. Motion carried 4-0-0.
- e. **Police:**
  - i. **Department Update:** Chief Scott reported he is back to full staff with is department.
- f. **Water/Wastewater:**
  - ii. **Replacement Hose for Sewer Machine:** Desborough moved to approve the purchase of replacement hose for the Sewer Machine at a cost not to exceed \$1,765 and Rozell seconded. Baggett, Desborough, Cochran and Rozell voted aye. Motion carried 4-0-0.
  - iii. **Bulk Water Price & Procedures:** Cochran moved to table this item to the February 2019 meeting and Rozell seconded. Baggett, Desborough, Cochran and Rozell voted aye. Motion carried 4-0-0.
- g. **Appraisal of 119 E Gilmer Street Property:** Rozell reported that the survey for the property (formerly referred to as 117 E Gilmer Street Property) has been completed and that we are in the processing of closing on the property. No council action taken.
- h. **Appraisal of 612 N Tyler Street Property:** Rozell reported that this survey has been ordered but not completed. No council action taken.

- i. **Resolution adopting Policies & Procedures for Big Sandy Heritage Center:** After discussion, Cochran moved to approve **Resolution 2019-002** adopting Policies & Procedures for the Big Sandy Heritage Center and Desborough seconded. Baggett, Cochran, Desborough and Rozell voted aye. Motion carried 4-0-0.
  - j. **Resolution: AEP Swepco Distribution Cost Recovery Factor:** After discussion, Desborough moved to approve the recovery factor and Rozell seconded. Baggett, Cochran, Desborough and Rozell voted aye. Motion carried 4-0-0.
  - k. **Resolution: Ordering May 4, 2019 General & Special Election:** Cochran moved to approve **Resolution 2019-003** ordering the May 4, 2019 General & Special Election and Desborough seconded. Baggett, Cochran, Desborough and Rozell voted aye. Motion carried 4-0-0.
  - l. **Resolution: Upshur County Appraisal District Board of Directors Vacancy:** No council action taken.
  - m. **Executive Session:** See Item (m.) above.
  - n. **Open Session:** See Item (n.) above.
  - o. **Upcoming Events: City Calendar:** None
6. **Items from the Mayor:** Mayor Parsons addressed the council, thanking them for their service and encouraged everyone to continue to support the local community and businesses.
7. **Items from the Council:** None.
8. **Adjourn:** There being no further posted business before this Council, Rozell moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:12 p.m. and Desborough seconded.

  
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Sonny Parsons, Mayor

  
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Laura M. Rex, City Secretary

  
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