

# City of Big Sandy

Big Sandy, Texas 75755

## MINUTES TO REGULAR MEETING Tuesday, March 19<sup>th</sup>, 2019, 6:00 p.m.

The City Council for the City of Big Sandy met in Regular Session on Tuesday, March 19<sup>th</sup>, 2019, 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. Invocation – Mayor Sonny Parsons
  - b. Pledge of Allegiance - Mr. Don Cochran
  - c. **MEMBERS PRESENT:** Mayor Parsons, Don Cochran, Becky Desborough, Andrew McIver and Rex Rozell.
  - d. **STAFF PRESENT:** Laura Rex, Scott Rogers, and Chief Tim Scott.
  - e. **OTHERS PRESENT:** Linda Baggett, Dwayne Canup, Ken Danapas, City Attorney Robert Davis, Wayne Davis, Vol. Fire Dept. Chief Jeff Jones, Kate Kirby, Jimmy Nielsen, James Peterson, Rick Peterson, Haley Robinson, George Strub, Patrick Strub, and Maxey Swanner.
2. **Citizen Participation:** Patrick Strub addressed the city council regarding the difference between manufactured and modular homes.
3. **Consent Agenda:**
  - a. **Minutes:** Cochran moved to approve the minutes for the February 19, 2019 meeting and Desborough seconded. Cochran, Desborough, McIver and Rozell voted aye. Motion carried 4-0-0.
  - b. **Financial Reports:** McIver moved to approve the February 2019 Financial Reports and Cochran seconded. Cochran, Desborough, McIver and Rozell voted aye. Motion carried 4-0-0.
4. **Discussion/Action Items:**
  - a. **Volunteer Fire Dept:** Chief Jeff Jones reported that the new gear has arrived and reminded everyone about their annual fundraiser barbecue on April 6, 2019.
  - b. **Water Bill Adjustment:**
    - i. **Jeff Jones: 248 River Road:** Cochran moved to make an adjustment of \$890.92 and Rozell seconded. Cochran, Desborough, McIver and Rozell voted aye. Motion carried 4-0-0.
    - ii. **Masonic Lodge: 119 E Gilmer Street:** Rozell moved to make an adjustment of \$97.37 and disconnect the service until the City's purchase of the building is completed. Cochran seconded. Cochran, Desborough, McIver and Rozell voted aye. Motion carried 4-0-0.
  - c. **Wayne Davis: Future Plans of the City:** Mr. Davis addressed the council regarding the proposed plan for the 612 N Tyler building and opined it would be a good location for combined city offices.
  - d. **Maxey Swanner: Making Good Financial Decisions:** Mr. Swanner addressed the council regarding being wise stewards of the money they are responsible for managing.

- e. **Union Pacific: Big Sandy Lake Sale Application:** Secretary Rex informed the council about a possible option to purchase a portion of Lake Big Sandy from Union Pacific.
- f. **Wastewater Tap Permit: Sit Em Down Cowboy Church: 721 Dial Road:** No action taken.
- g. **April 20, 2019 Easter Egg Hunt Location:** Desborough moved to host the 2019 Chamber of Commerce Easter Egg Hunt at 612 N Tyler Street and Cochran seconded. Cochran, Desborough, McIver and Rozell voted aye. Motion carried 4-0-0.
- h. **612 N Tyler Street Property:**
  - i. Resolution: Adopting a name: Cochran moved to table this item and McIver seconded. Cochran, Desborough, McIver and Rozell voted aye. Motion carried 4-0-0.
  - ii. Purchase of Sign: Rozell moved to approve the installation of a double sided sign by Tyler Signs for a price of \$1,115 contingent on the name being added later and Desborough seconded. Cochran, Desborough, McIver and Rozell voted aye. Motion carried 4-0-0.
  - iii. Purchase of Flag Pole: Cochran moved to approve the purchase of a new flag pole and Desborough seconded. Cochran, Desborough, McIver and Rozell voted aye. Motion carried 4-0-0.
  - iv. Relief Center Designation: Cochran moved to designate 612 N Tyler as a disaster relief center and McIver seconded. Cochran moved to withdraw his motion to designate 612 N Tyler as a disaster relief center and McIver seconded. Cochran moved to table this item and Rozell seconded. Cochran, Desborough, McIver and Rozell voted aye. Motion carried 4-0-0.
  - v. Dedication/Ribbon Cutting Date: Rozell moved to set the ribbon cutting for this location for April 20th, 2019 @ 2 p.m. and Desborough seconded. Cochran, Desborough, McIver and Rozell voted aye. Motion carried 4-0-0.
- i. **American Tower Lease Extension Proposal:** Rozell moved to reject the proposal presented by American Tower and Desborough seconded. Cochran, Desborough, McIver and Rozell voted aye. Motion carried 4-0-0
- j. **Community Center:**
  - i. April 6, 2019 Reservation for VFD Fundraiser: Cochran moved to approve the reservation for this date as indicated and Rozell seconded. Cochran, Desborough, McIver and Rozell voted aye. Motion carried 4-0-0.
  - ii. Purchase of Replacement Generator: Desborough moved to approve the purchase of a replacement generator from C & B Electric at a cost of \$6,100 and Cochran seconded. Cochran, Desborough, McIver and Rozell voted aye. Motion carried 4-0-0.
- k. **Police:**
  - i. Lease Purchase Payment: 2019 Ford Explorers: Cochran moved to approve Resolution 2019-007 approving a lease agreement with American National Leasing for the purchase of 2 new Ford Interceptors for the department and Rozell seconded. Cochran, Desborough, McIver and Rozell voted aye. Motion carried 4-0-0.
  - ii. Racial Profile Report: Chief Scott reported that the 2018 Racial Profile Report was turned in to City Secretary Laura Rex in February of 2019.
- l. **Streets:**
  - i. Street Repairs List: the council members are tasked with continuing to develop a prioritized list of streets that are targeted for repair during the summer of 2019.

- ii. Repair of Guardrail on Pearl Street: After discussion, Mclver asked for additional bids and moved to table this item. Desborough seconded. Cochran, Desborough, Mclver and Rozell voted aye. Motion carried 4-0-0.


**m. Water/Wastewater:**

- i. Peachtree Lift Station: 2 Grinder Pumps: Rozell moved to approve the purchase of 2 new grinder pumps for this lift station at a total cost of \$2,994 from Smith Pump and Desborough seconded. Cochran, Desborough, Mclver and Rozell voted aye. Motion carried 4-0-0.
  - ii. Bulk Water Purchases: After discussion, Mclver moved to table this item and Cochran seconded. Cochran, Desborough, Mclver and Rozell voted aye. Motion carried 4-0-0.
  - iii. Resolution updating Policies & Procedures: Graduated Reconnection Fees: After discussion, Cochran moved to table this item and Desborough seconded. Cochran, Desborough, Mclver and Rozell voted aye. Motion carried 4-0-0.
- n. **Ordinance: Building Permit:** Cochran moved to table this item and Mclver seconded. Cochran, Desborough, Mclver and Rozell voted aye. Motion carried 4-0-0.
- o. **Ordinance: City Administrator:** this item was discussed after item #q.
- p. **Resolution: Purchasing Policy:** After discussion, Desborough moved to have the city attorney draft an updated purchasing policy and Cochran seconded. Cochran, Desborough, Mclver and Rozell voted aye. Motion carried 4-0-0.
- q. **Memorial Park: Mayor Parsons:** Mayor Parsons addressed the council regarding the possible development of a memorial park on the West and East sides of the Heritage Center. Rozell moved for Mayor Parsons and Linda Baggett to start investigating options to be brought before the council and Desborough seconded. Cochran, Desborough, Mclver and Rozell voted aye. Motion carried 4-0-0.
- r. **Upcoming Events:**
- i. Heritage Center Events: Anna Peterson updated the council with the current events at the Heritage Center.
  - ii. City Events: the annual Chamber of Commerce Easter Egg Hunt will be April 20. The Upshur County cleanup is March 30, 2019.
- o. **Ordinance: City Administrator:** After discussion, Desborough moved to appoint City Secretary Laura Rex as City Administrator. Motion died for lack of second. Cochran moved to review the city administrator ordinance and Desborough seconded. No roll call vote. Rozell suggested a committee review the ordinance with Mayor Parsons appointing the committee. Mayor Parsons declined to appoint the committee. Rozell agreed to appoint and chair the committee. Cochran moved to establish a 5 member committee to review the city administrator ordinance and Mclver seconded. Cochran, Desborough, Mclver and Rozell voted aye. Motion carried 4-0-0.

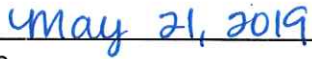
5. **Items from the Mayor:** None.

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

7. **Adjourn:** There being no further posted business before this Council, Cochran moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:49 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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