

City of Big Sandy

Big Sandy, Texas 75755

MINUTES TO REGULAR MEETING Tuesday, June 18th, 2019, 6:00 p.m.

The City Council for the City of Big Sandy met in Regular Session on Tuesday, June 18th, 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** – Mr. Jerome Ellard
 - b. **Pledge of Allegiance** - Mr. Doug Strub
 - c. **MEMBERS PRESENT:** Mayor Parsons, Michael Baggett, Becky Desborough, Andrew McIver and Rex Rozell.
 - d. **STAFF PRESENT:** Laura Rex, Scott Rogers, and Chief Tim Scott.
 - e. **OTHERS PRESENT:** Ivirne Allen, Joy Lanham Clark, George Eaton, Helen Ellard, Jerome Ellard, Greg Ellison, Marc Nichols, Jimmy Nielsen, Herman Shaw and Doug Strub.
2. **Citizen Participation:** Jimmy Nielsen addressed submitted an Public Information Act request to the City Secretary.
3. **Consent Agenda:**
 - a. **Minutes:** Desborough moved to approve the minutes for the May 21, 2019 meeting and McIver seconded. Baggett, Desborough, McIver and Rozell voted aye. Motion carried 4-0-0.
 - b. **Financial Reports:** Baggett moved to approve the May 2019 Financial Reports and Rozell seconded. Baggett, Desborough, McIver and Rozell voted aye. Motion carried 4-0-0.
4. **Discussion/Action Items:**
 - a. **Resignation of Councilmember Don Cochran:** Rozell moved to accept Cochran's letter of resignation from the City Council and the MDD Board of Directors dated June 3, 2019 and Baggett seconded. Baggett, Desborough, McIver and Rozell voted aye. Motion carried 4-0-0.
 - b. **Volunteer Fire Dept:** Chief Jeff Jones was not present. No council action taken.
 - c. **Water Bill Adjustments:** Baggett moved to adjust Matilde Blount's water bill to her six month average of a minimum bill, including a \$78 water adjustment and a \$72 wastewater adjustment. McIver seconded. Baggett, Desborough, McIver and Rozell voted aye. Motion carried 4-0-0.
 - d. **119 E Gilmer Street:** After reviewing the bids, Baggett moved to have Rozell request an updated bid from Hill Electric and Desborough seconded. Baggett, Desborough, McIver and Rozell voted aye. Motion carried 4-0-0.

- e. **City Park Restroom Repairs:** Jerome Ellard, pastor of New Beginnings Christian Fellowship, addressed the council and presented the City Council with a donation letter designating \$3,000 to be used for the repair of the restrooms at the City Park on Wildcat Drive.

After discussion, Rozell moved to approve the cost of repair to the restrooms at the City Park on Wildcat Drive, including installation of stainless steel toilets and sinks with costs not to exceed \$5,000 and Baggett seconded. Baggett, Desborough, McIver and Rozell voted aye. Motion carried 4-0-0.

- f. **612 N Tyler Street Property:**

- i. **Marc Nichols: Disaster Relief Center Designation:** Marc Nichols addressed the council and recommended working with the American Red Cross to determine if the City wants to seek a disaster relief center designation for the Civic Center. He will email his contact information for the American Red Cross to the City Secretary.
- ii. **Rental Request: Big Sandy Ex Students Aug 3, 2019:** Desborough moved to approve this rental at a price of \$250 and Baggett seconded. Baggett, Desborough, McIver and Rozell voted aye. Motion carried 4-0-0.
- iii. **Repairs:**
 - 1. **Replacement of water heaters:** Baggett moved to accept a bid from K & G Plumbing for the installation of two 40 gallon stainless steel water heaters for \$2,300 and Rozell seconded. Baggett, Desborough, McIver and Rozell voted aye. Motion carried 4-0-0.
 - 2. **Repair/replacement of air conditioning units in gym:** Rozell moved to acquire bids for the repair/replacement for the units and Baggett seconded. Baggett, Desborough, McIver and Rozell voted aye. Motion carried 4-0-0.
- iv. **Resolution: Policies & Procedures & Price for Rental:** After discussion, Mayor Parsons asked Rozell to appoint a committee to prepare a draft lease agreement and rental rates for the July 2019 meeting. No council action taken.

- g. **Municipal Development District:**

- i. **Vacancy on Board of Directors:** Baggett moved to post notice of accepting applications to fill the vacancy until July 25, 2019 and Desborough seconded. Baggett, Desborough, McIver and Rozell voted aye. Motion carried 4-0-0.
- ii. **Approve \$3,000 Donation to Chamber of Commerce:** Baggett moved to approve this MDD donation and McIver seconded. Baggett, Desborough, McIver and Rozell voted aye. Motion carried 4-0-0.

- iii. **Approve \$2,500 for Business Park Fountain:** Desborough moved to approve this expense and McIver seconded. Baggett, Desborough, McIver and Rozell voted aye. Motion carried 4-0-0.

- h. **Municipal Judge Reappointment:** Desborough moved to reappoint Donna Blalock as Big Sandy Municipal Judge through June 2021 and Baggett seconded. Baggett, Desborough, McIver and Rozell voted aye. Motion carried 4-0-0.

- i. **Water/Wastewater:**
 - i. **TCEQ Docket #2018-0839 Agreed Order:** TCEQ has approved this agreed order, including paying the \$9,870 penalty in monthly installments of \$282. No action taken.

 - ii. **Hamil Street Drainage:** Rozell reported we have filled in a few holes for the Hanson's and he and Rogers will be meeting with Upshur County Road & Bridge to discuss possible solutions to the drainage problem. Mayor Parsons asked for an updated report @ the July 2019 meeting. No action taken.

 - iii. **Groves/Pearl Street Drain Repair:** Rozell moved to award the bid to Jams Concrete for \$3,000 and Baggett seconded. Baggett, Desborough, McIver and Rozell voted aye. Motion carried 4-0-0.

 - iv. **College Street Wellyard Chlorine Room Repairs:** Desborough moved to award the bid to Certified Electrical for \$1,970 and McIver seconded. Baggett, Desborough, McIver and Rozell voted aye. Motion carried 4-0-0.

 - v. **Smith Pump: Wastewater Treatment Plant Oiler Repair:** McIver moved to approve the repair at a cost of \$1,070 and Baggett seconded. Baggett, Desborough, McIver and Rozell voted aye. Motion carried 4-0-0.

 - vi. **Water Ground Storage Tanks Sediment Removal:** Baggett moved to remove the sediment in the Ground Storage Tanks at a cost of \$2,800 and Desborough seconded. Baggett, Desborough, McIver and Rozell voted aye. Motion carried 4-0-0.

 - vii. **Water Treatment Plant Check Valves for Blowers:** Rozell moved to approve the replacement of the check valves at a cost of \$2,837.56 and McIver seconded. Baggett, Desborough, McIver and Rozell voted aye. Motion carried 4-0-0.

- j. **2019-2020 Budget Meetings:** The next budget meeting is scheduled for July 1st from 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

- k. **2019-2020 TML Health Insurance Rerate:** Rozell moved to approve the rerate with a nominal increase of \$14.50 per employee per month and Desborough seconded. Baggett, Desborough, McIver and Rozell voted aye. Motion carried 4-0-0.

- l. **Resolution: Designating Signatories for the City:** Baggett moved to approve **Resolution 2019-013** designating signatories for the City and McIver seconded. Baggett, Desborough, McIver and Rozell voted aye. Motion carried 4-0-0.

- m. **Sales Tax Repayment to Texas Comptroller:** In late May, the Comptroller's office notified Secretary Rex that the City needed to return \$54,141.13 to the state from an audit payment in September 2018 that was later adjusted and reduced from \$157,293.43 to \$103,152.30. Rozell moved to repay the \$54,141.13 in a single lump sum payment with a 2% discount, making the repayment \$53,058.31 and Desborough seconded. Baggett, Desborough, McIver and Rozell voted aye. Motion carried 4-0-0.

- n. **Memorial Park: Mayor Parsons:** Mayor Parsons reported the ribbon cutting for the Veterans Memorial would be on July 4, 2019 at 11:00 a.m. Linda Baggett suggested a ribbon cutting on Veteran's Day, Nov. 11, 2019. Mayor Parsons and the committee of Linda Baggett and Becky Desborough will be bringing more plans to the city council in future months.

- o. **Upcoming Events:**
 - i. Heritage Center Events: Anna Peterson updated the council with the current events at the Heritage Center: CPR classes on June 27, 2019 and July 25, 2019 and a possible License to Carry class.

 - ii. City Events: City offices will be closed July 4th for Independence Day and July 16th is the next regular city council meeting.

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

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


7. **Adjourn:** There being no further posted business before this Council, Desborough moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:39 p.m. and Baggett seconded.



 Sonny Parsons, Mayor



 Laura M. Rex, City Secretary



 Date