

City of Big Sandy

Big Sandy, Texas 75755

MINUTES TO MEETING

Tuesday, August 27th 2019, 6:00 p.m.

The City Council for the City of Big Sandy met in Special Session on Tuesday, August 27, 2019, at 6:00 p.m., in the Council Chambers at City Hall.

1. **Public Hearing: Proposed Tax Rate for Fiscal Year Ending 09.30.2020:**

- a. Mayor Parsons opened the public hearing at 6:00 p.m. and asked for comments from the audience regarding the proposed tax rate of \$.53 per \$100 valuation. **This tax rate will raise more taxes for maintenance and operations than last year's tax rate.**

City Secretary Rex briefly reviewed history of the tax rate in Big Sandy. The tax rate of \$.50 adopted in September of 2018 is the same tax rate the City has adopted for at least the previous 10 years. The proposed tax rate for this year, if adopted, will create additional tax revenue of approximately \$18,000. The City of Big Sandy proposes to use the increase in total tax revenue for the purpose of maintenance and operations of City-owned properties.

The City Council is scheduled to vote on the tax rate that will result in this tax increase at a public meeting to be held on September 3, 2019 at City Hall, 100 N Tyler Street, Big Sandy, at 6:00 p.m.

- b. Comments from the public: None.
- c. Mayor Parsons closed the public hearing at 6:15 p.m.

2. **Call to Order:** Mayor Parsons called the meeting to order at 6:15 p.m.

- a. Invocation – Mayor Sonny Parsons
- b. Pledge of Allegiance - Mayor Sonny Parsons
- c. **MEMBERS PRESENT:** Mayor Parsons, Michael Baggett, Becky Desborough, Andrew McIver and Rex Rozell.
- d. **STAFF PRESENT:** David Easterling, Cole Hudson, Laura Rex, Scott Rogers, and Chief Tim Scott.
- e. **OTHERS PRESENT:** Ivirne Allen, Linda Baggett, Christina Jones, Randy Jones, Gene Keenon of Republic Services, and Sterling Sable.

2. **Discussion/Action Items:**

- a. **Resolution: Contract with ETEX for Internet/Telephone Service:** After discussion, Rozell moved to approve **Resolution 2019-015**, a 3 year contract with ETEX for internet and telephone service for City Hall (100 N Tyler Street) and the Police Department (203 E Gilmer Street) at a monthly cost of \$381.90. Desborough seconded. Baggett, Desborough, McIver and Rozell voted aye. Motion carried 4-0-0.

b. Police:

1. **Body Cameras:** Sgt Easterling presented a proposal to purchase 3 body cameras at an approximate cost of \$2,000. After discussion, Baggett moved to approve the purchase and McIver seconded. Baggett, Desborough, McIver and Rozell voted aye. Motion carried 4-0-0.

Gene Keenon addressed the council and offered to donate \$600 towards the purchase of the body cameras.

- c. **2019-2020 Department Budgets:** City Secretary Rex presented the proposed 2019-2020 budgets, including the additional tax revenue that will be raised (approximately \$18,000) from the proposed tax rate.

The council reviewed the budgets for General Fund (including the Police Department), the Municipal Development District, Sanitation Department, Volunteer Fire Department, and the Public Works (Water/Wastewater) Department.

The next public hearing on the proposed tax rate and city budgets will be September 3, 2019.

The City Council is scheduled to vote on the proposed tax rate and proposed City of Big Sandy budget at a public meeting to be held on September 3, 2019 at City Hall, 100 N Tyler Street, Big Sandy, at 6:00 p.m.


3. **Adjourn:** There being no further posted business before this Council, McIver moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:04 p.m. and Desborough seconded.



Sonny Parsons, Mayor



Laura M. Rex, City Secretary



Date