

City of Big Sandy

Big Sandy, Texas 75755

MINUTES TO MEETING

Tuesday, September 3rd 2019, 6:00 p.m.

The City Council for the City of Big Sandy met in Special Session on Tuesday, September 3, 2019, at 6:00 p.m., in the Council Chambers at City Hall.

1. **Public Hearing: Adoption of the City of Big Sandy Budget 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 adoption of the City of Big Sandy Budget for Fiscal Year 10.01.2019 through 09.30.2020.

2. **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.**
- b. Comments from the public:
 - i. Christina Jones addressed the council and opined she did not support the property tax rate increase.
 - ii. Sue Jones addressed the council and opined she did not support the property tax rate increase.

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.

- c. Mayor Parsons closed the public hearing at 6:40 p.m.

3. **Call to Order:** Mayor Parsons called the meeting to order at 6:41 p.m.

- a. Invocation – Rex Rozell
- b. Pledge of Allegiance - Andrew McIver
- 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:** Linda Baggett, Will Brahic, Christina Jones, Randy Jones, Sue Jones, James Peterson and Shirley West.

2. **Discussion/Action Items:**

- a. **Resolution: Approving the City of Big Sandy Budget for Fiscal Year 10.01.2019 through 09.30.2020:** After discussion and review of the proposed budget for the City, including General Fund, the Police Department, the Municipal Development District, Sanitation Department, Volunteer Fire Department, and the Public Works (Water/Wastewater) Department, McIver moved to approve **Resolution 2019-016**, approving the City of Big Sandy Budget for Fiscal Year 10.01.2019 through 09.30.2020.

Rozell seconded. In a roll call vote, Baggett, Desborough, McIver and Rozell voted aye. Motion carried 4-0-0.

- b. **Resolution: To levy taxes at a rate of \$0.53 per \$100 valuation for the use and support of the general government for Fiscal Year 10.01.2019 through 09.30.2020:** After discussion of the proposed tax rate for this year, which will create additional tax revenue of approximately \$18,000 and will be used for the purpose of maintenance and operations of City-owned properties, Rozell moved to approve **Resolution 2019-017**, levying taxes at a rate of \$0.53 per \$100 valuation for the use and support of the general government for Fiscal Year 10.01.2019 through 09.30.2020.

Desborough seconded. In a roll call vote, Baggett, Desborough, McIver and Rozell voted aye. Motion carried 4-0-0.

- c. **Resolution: To ratify the property tax revenue increase reflected in the City's Fiscal Year 10.01.2019 through 09.30.2020 operating budget:** After discussion, Baggett moved to approve **Resolution 2019-018**, ratifying the property tax revenue increase of approximately \$18,000 reflected in the City's Fiscal Year 10.01.2019 through 09.30.2020 operating budget.

Rozell seconded. In a roll call vote, Baggett, Desborough, McIver and Rozell voted aye. Motion carried 4-0-0.

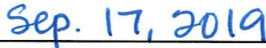
3. **Adjourn:** There being no further posted business before this Council, Desborough moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:51 p.m. and Rozell seconded.



Sonny Parsons, Mayor



Laura M. Rex, City Secretary



Date