

City of Big Sandy

Big Sandy, Texas 75755

MINUTES TO MEETING

May 14, 2024, 6:00 p.m.

The City Council for the City of Big Sandy met in Special Session on May 14, 2024 at 6:00 p.m., at the City of Big Sandy Heritage Center, 162 E. Gilmer Street, Big Sandy, Texas.

Call to Order: Mayor Baggett called the regular session meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

- a. **Invocation** – George Strub
- b. **Pledge of Allegiance** –David W. Fonteno
- c. **MEMBERS PRESENT:** Mayor Linda Baggett, Sally Allen, Trey Beahm, David Fonteno, Rex Rozell and Chase Sheeley.
- d. **STAFF PRESENT:** Police Chief David Easterling, City Administrator/City Secretary Laura Rex, Utility Clerk Sarah Strub and Rocky Ware.
- e. **OTHERS PRESENT:** Janet Beahm, George Strub and Rebecca Strub.

Public Comment: Mayor Baggett mentioned the dates of several upcoming community events. George Strub thanked Mayor Baggett and Rex Rozell for attending the May school board meeting.

Agenda Items:

1. **Financial Reports for April 2024:** Rozell moved to approve the financials as presented and Fonteno seconded. Allen, Fonteno, Rozell and Sheeley voted aye. Motion carried 4-0-0.
2. **Minutes of Meeting: March 19, 2024 & April 16, 2024 meetings:** Allen moved to approve the minutes as presented and Fonteno seconded. Allen, Fonteno, Rozell and Sheeley voted aye. Motion carried 4-0-0.
3. **Resolution canvassing Election Returns & Declaring Results of May 4, 2024 Election:** Rozell moved to approve **Resolution 2024-003** canvassing the May 4, 2024 election returns and declaring the following results:

Choice	Party	Absentee Voting	Early Voting	Election Day Voting	Total
Kerry Rickard		1 25.00%	20 18.35%	13 16.46%	34 17.71%
Collette W. Stec		2 50.00%	13 11.93%	10 12.66%	25 13.02%
Michael Chase Sheeley		0 0.00%	21 19.27%	18 22.78%	39 20.31%
David W. Fonteno		0 0.00%	32 29.36%	20 25.32%	52 27.08%
Trey C. Beahm		1 25.00%	23 21.10%	18 22.78%	42 21.88%
Cast Votes:		4 100.00%	109 100.00%	79 100.00%	192 100.00%
Undervotes:		2	38	11	51
Overvotes:		0	0	0	0

- Trey Beahm, David W. Fonteno and Michael Chase Sheeley are elected as councilmembers with terms ending in May of 2026.

Sheeley seconded the motion. Allen, Fonteno, Rozell and Sheeley voted aye. Motion carried 4-0-0.

4. **Present Certificate of Election to the declared candidates elect:** Mayor Baggett presented the Certificate of Election to the declared candidates elect: Trey Beahm, David W. Fonteno and Michael Chase Sheeley.

5. **City Secretary: Administer the Statement of Elected Officials & Official Oaths to elected officials:** City Secretary Rex administered the statements of elected officials & swore in the declared candidates elect. Trey Beahm, David W. Fonteno and Michael Chase Sheeley took their seats at the council table.
6. **Presentation to outgoing Councilmember Kerry Rickard:** Mr. Rickard was not present.
7. **Award Presentation:** Mayor Baggett presented the Lifesaving Award to Chief David Easterling and Officer Kayla Sartor.
8. **Vol. Fire Department: Monthly Report:** The monthly report was presented by Samuel Vanderford.
9. **Police Department: Monthly Report:** Chief Easterling presented the monthly report.
10. **Police Dept.: Window Repair at 203 E Gilmer:** Sheeley moved to repair the windows at a cost of \$2,615.44 and Allen seconded. Allen, Beahm, Fonteno, Rozell and Sheeley voted aye. Motion carried 5-0-0.
11. **Public Works Department: Monthly Report:** Rocky Ware presented the monthly report.
12. **Public Works Department: Fire Hydrant Repair:** Beahm moved to approve the repair of the hydrant on Pearl Street at an estimated cost for parts of \$4,300 and Fonteno seconded. Allen, Beahm, Fonteno, Rozell and Sheeley voted aye. Motion carried 5-0-0.
13. **Public Works: Wastewater Treatment Plant Sludge Pump Repair:** Rozell moved to approve the repair of the pump for a cost of \$3,000 and Beahm seconded. Allen, Beahm, Fonteno, Rozell and Sheeley voted aye. Motion carried 5-0-0.
14. **City Park on Wildcat Drive: Emergency Tree Removal:** Mayor Baggett reported the need for an emergency tree removal at the park at an estimated cost of \$1,500.
15. **Mayor: Applegate Park Policies:** After discussing the need for a release of liability waiver and signage at the park, Allen moved to accept the initial Public Park Use Agreement and Sheeley seconded. Allen, Beahm, Fonteno, Rozell and Sheeley voted aye. Motion carried 5-0-0. Mayor Baggett assigned Trey Beahm to review the agreement further and report back to the city council with any additional suggested changes at a future city council meeting.
16. **City Administrator: Austin Bank Parking Lot Use Agreement:** Sheeley moved to approve the agreement contingent on city attorney Robert Davis' approval and Beahm seconded. Allen, Beahm, Fonteno, Rozell and Sheeley voted aye. Motion carried 5-0-0.
17. **City Administrator Report:** Administrator Rex presented her monthly reports and updates, including the ribbon cutting for the new City Hall on June 4, 2024.
18. **Mayor's Report & Updates:** Mayor Baggett gave several updates.

Adjourn: There being no further posted business before this Council, the meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.


 Linda C. Baggett, Mayor

 Laura M. Rex, City Secretary

 Date