

## MINUTES – November 13, 2025

The regular monthly meeting of the Big Flat city Council was called to order by Glenda Wiseman, Mayor.

Council members Present: Lonnie Holt, Sharon White, Kim Shelton, Shawn Shelton, & Bonnie Sutterfield.

Guests & Others: Bobby Wallis, Fire Chief. Fifty-Six Mayor Earnestine McDaniel, Water Operator Delvin Freeman, Fifty-Six City Council Members Dave Wible, Richard Wible, Scott A. Wible, Aaron Byrd, Lisa VanEvere, & Richard VanEvere

Mike Treat, Recorder/Treasurer read the October Minutes & Bank Reconciliations for General Fund, Building Fund, Street Fund, Fire Fund.

Water System Report: Rich Hiter read October Bank Reconciliations for Water System then read the updated Maintenance & Operation Agreement, October, 2025 before confirming with the Fifty-Six City Council, Mayor, & Water Operator that they were in agreement with the updated agreement. They confirmed same. Big Flat City Council was asked if they were in agreement. Confirmed they were. A motion to adopt " RESOLUTION TITLED UPDATED MAINTENANCE AND OPERATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN BIG FLAT AND FIFTY-SIX WATER DEPARTMENTS. OCTOBER, 2025. was then requested by the Mayor with Sharon making the motion, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Lonnie to adopt Resolution #111325A. All Voted in Favor. Also confirmed to Fifty-Six City Council, Mayor, & Water Operator that Big Flat City Council has voted to pay \$8,500 to contractor for rehab of standpipe at Emergency Pump Location.

Glenda gave report on Pre-Construction Meeting held October 15 in Community Center re the Big Flat Water Project.

Fire Report: Bobby reported 5 medical runs during the month & that the Ford Brush was to be taken to Big Flat Tire Shop for repairs per Council request in October.

Motion by Sharon, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bonnie to accept Minutes & reports as read. All Voted in Favor

Question of renewal of Trash Hauling Contract w/Shelton Farms Trash Hauling. All agreed were satisfied with the service & a motion was made by Sharon, with 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bonnie to renew said contract with Shelton Farms Trash Hauling for \$850.00 per month for the year beginning January 1, 2026 ending December 31, 2026. Lonnie, Sharon, & Bonnie voted in favor w/Kim & Shawn abstaining.

2026 Proposed Budgets were presented earlier to each Council Member. Brief discussion was followed by a motion by Kim, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Sharon to adopt Resolution #111325B titled Resolution for the Adoption of the Proposed Municipal Budget for Twelve Months beginning Jan. 1, 2026 & Ending Dec 31, 2026. All voted in Favor.

Mike present information that the Gravely Lawnmower purchased new in April, 2017 was using oil & smoking. Estimate by Andrew's Small Repair for new mower between \$8,000 & \$9,000 or could replace engine in current mower with estimated cost of engine & install at \$2,500 Motion by Kim, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bonnie to have Gravely Lawnmower repaired by Andrew's Small Engine Repair at a cost of up to \$3,000. All Voted in Favor

Mike also present that George Wallace had requested to use Big Flat Gym to teach more than several young people to play basketball. Stated he would stay during the time of use & was willing to pay the original fee of \$20.00 for 2 hours. A motion was made by Shawn, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Lonnie to rescind motion made July 13, 2023 Increasing charge to \$50 per use due to misuse of building returning charge to \$20.00 for 2 hours with previous rule(s) remaining in place. All voted in Favor.

Tree & brush removal on First Steet – Shawn deferred to Bobby who requested to make a bid(s) on removal of same during December meeting.

It was noted that City Hall is in need of upgrading the Internet Service. NEXT offers higher speed Internet along with phone service. Cost of Internet service - \$79.95 monthly & phone service as follows: First Business

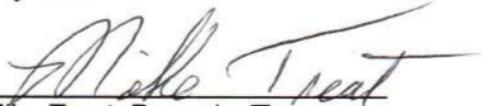
Line \$34.95, Second Business Line (FAX) \$20.00 monthly (Unlimited FAX) making a total phone charge of \$59.95. At present time Windstream charges \$82.00 monthly which includes a FAX line. A savings of about \$26.00 monthly. Council opted to change service from Windstream to NEXT.

Due to new law, ACT 848 of 2025 requiring every town to adopt an AI policy, Glenda gave an explanation of suggested policy by ARML which is adaptable to each town offering a resolution for the Big Flat policy & an addendum covering Misuse & Disciplinary Action. A motion to adopt Resolution #111325C & Attached Addendum was made by Kim, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Sharon. All Voted in Favor (Policy & Addendum attached to Resolution) A copy of the policy with information on AI training will be given to anyone requesting it.

Kim noted that the concrete steps on the north side of the gym have become dangerous & are in need of repair. Suggested Charles Hafner be asked to look into repair as the concrete work he has done in the past for the city is excellent.

Motion to adjourn by Sharon, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kim. All Voted in Favor

Adjourned

  
Mike Treat, Recorder/Treasurer