

# City of Big Sandy

Big Sandy, Texas 75755

## MINUTES TO MEETING

January 21, 2025, 6:00 p.m.

The City Council for the City of Big Sandy met in Regular Session on January 21, 2025 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** – Sally Allen
- c. **MEMBERS PRESENT:** Mayor Linda Baggett, Sally Allen, Trey Beahm, David Fonteno, Rex Rozell and Chase Sheeley.
- d. **STAFF PRESENT:** Chief of Police David Easterling, Officer Michael Isabell, City Administrator/City Secretary Laura Rex, Sarah Strub and Rocky Ware with Public Works.
- e. **OTHERS PRESENT:** Janet Beahm, James Casey, Joanne Gonzalez, Lupe Gonzalez, Deloris Hiller, Cindy Hooser, Tony Pytlak, George Strub and VFD President Samuel Vanderford.

**Public Comment:** None.

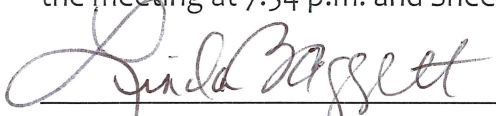
### Agenda Items:

1. **Vol. Fire Department: Monthly Report:** Samuel Vanderford presented the monthly report.
2. **Vol. Fire Department: Purchase of Radios:** Beahm moved to approve the purchase of 3 TAIT radios with speaker microphones at an estimated cost of \$5,600 and the 3 ICOM radios with speaker microphones at an estimated cost of \$5,700 for a total of 6 radios. Beahm moved that the number be reduced to 5 if ICOM would agree to send a demo radio. Rozell seconded. Allen, Beahm, Fonteno, Rozell and Sheeley voted aye. Motion carried 5-0-0.
3. **Utility Bill Adjustment: Cindy Hooser: 320 E Cotton:** Fonteno moved to adjust her bill to \$189.00 (a \$248.05 reduction) and Allen seconded. Allen, Beahm, Fonteno, Rozell and Sheeley voted aye. Motion carried 5-0-0.
4. **Deloris Hiller: 627 N Pearl Property:** Rozell moved to have the City consult with Attorney Robert Davis and ask for his review of Ms. Hiller's concerns. Fonteno seconded. Allen, Beahm, Fonteno, Rozell and Sheeley voted aye. Motion carried 5-0-0.
5. **Police Department: Monthly Report:** Chief Easterling presented the monthly report. Chief Easterling reported that he filed the 2024 Racial Profile Report with the state on January 10, 2025 and with City Administrator Rex on January 14, 2025.
6. **Police Department: Purchase of duty weapons and holsters:** Fonteno moved to approve the purchase of 6 Glock duty weapons with sights, suppressors and holsters at an estimated cost of \$4500 and Sheeley seconded. Allen, Beahm, Fonteno, Rozell and Sheeley voted aye. Motion carried 5-0-0.
7. **Public Works: Monthly Report:** Rocky Ware presented the monthly report, including an update from Rebecca Strub on the Utility Locating Project.
8. **Public Works: Authorizing transfer of funds from operating account to reserve fund:** Fonteno moved to authorize the transfer of \$93,000 from the Public Works operating account to the Public Works Reserve Fund and Beahm seconded. Allen, Beahm, Fonteno, Rozell and Sheeley voted aye. Motion carried 5-0-0.
9. **Councilmember Rozell: Survey of city property behind 162 E Gilmer Street and the surrounding city properties:** Fonteno moved to have a survey done of the city's properties

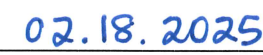
located South of the Volunteer Fire Department, Heritage Center and Botanical Gardens, including an investigation into a possible alley at the back of the properties. Allen seconded. Allen, Beahm, Fonteno, Rozell and Sheeley voted aye. Motion carried 5-0-0.

10. **Financial Reports for December 2024:** Beahm moved to approve the financials and Rozell seconded. Allen, Beahm, Fonteno, Rozell and Sheeley voted aye. Motion carried 5-0-0.
11. **Minutes for December 17<sup>th</sup>, 2024 Meeting:** Beahm moved to approve the December 17<sup>th</sup> minutes as presented Sheeley seconded. Allen, Beahm, Fonteno, Rozell and Sheeley voted aye. Motion carried 5-0-0.
12. **Resolution: Ordering May 3, 2025 Election:** Fonteno moved to approve **Resolution #2025-001** ordering the May 3, 2025 election and Allen and Beahm seconded. Allen, Beahm, Fonteno, Rozell and Sheeley voted aye. Motion carried 5-0-0.
13. **Resolution: Authorizing Corporate Drive Street Maintenance Fund:** Beahm moved to approve **Resolution #2025-002** authorizing the establishment of a restricted Corporate Drive Street Maintenance Fund and depositing a check for \$139,295 from Union Pacific and Allen seconded. Allen, Beahm, Fonteno, Rozell and Sheeley voted aye. Motion carried 5-0-0.
14. **Resolution: Authorizing Municipal Court Jury Fund:** Beahm moved to approve **Resolution #2025-003** authorizing the establishment of a restricted Municipal Court Jury Fund and Allen seconded. Allen, Beahm, Fonteno, Rozell and Sheeley voted aye. Motion carried 5-0-0.
15. **Resolution: Authorizing Municipal Court Youth Diversion Fund:** Beahm moved to approve **Resolution #2025-004** authorizing the establishment of a restricted youth diversion fund and Allen seconded. Allen, Beahm, Fonteno, Rozell and Sheeley voted aye. Motion carried 5-0-0.
16. **Resolution: Nomination to Upshur Co. Appraisal District:** Rozell moved to approve **Resolution #2025-005** nominating Trey Beahm to be considered for appointment to the Upshur Co. Appraisal District and Allen seconded. Allen, Beahm, Rozell and Sheeley voted aye. Fonteno abstained. Motion carried 4-0-1.
17. **Resolution: 2024 FEMA Hazard Mitigation Grant Program Application:** Beahm moved to approve **Resolution #2025-006** authorizing the procurement of a grant administrator and engineer to assist in the application and implementation of the 2024 FEMA Hazard Mitigation Grant and Fonteno seconded. Allen, Beahm, Fonteno, Rozell and Sheeley voted aye. Motion carried 5-0-0.
18. **Nonstandard Service Application:** City Administrator Rex suggested the council review our current ordinances regarding the development of subdivisions and other undeveloped areas, including possible adopting a nonstandard service application. After discussion, Mayor Baggett announced that Rozell and Beahm will research the current ordinance and make a recommendation to the council at a future council meeting.
19. **City Administrator Report:** Administrator Rex presented her monthly reports and updates.
20. **Mayor's Report & Updates:** Mayor Baggett gave updates and the dates of several community events.

**Adjourn:** There being no further posted business before this Council, Fonteno moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:54 p.m. and Sheeley seconded.

  
Linda C. Baggett, Mayor

  
Laura M. Rex, City Secretary

  
Date