

# City of Big Sandy

Big Sandy, Texas 75755

## MINUTES TO MEETING

February 18, 2025, 6:00 p.m.

The City Council for the City of Big Sandy met in Regular Session on February 18, 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 and Rex Rozell.
- d. **STAFF PRESENT:** Chief of Police David Easterling, Officer Michael Isabell, City Administrator/City Secretary Laura Rex, Sarah Strub and Public Works Director Rocky Ware.
- e. **OTHERS PRESENT:** Janet Beahm, Caroline Duke, Joanne Gonzalez, Lupe Gonzalez, Michael Isabell, Jennifer Pope, Tony Pytlak, George Strub, Rebecca Strub and VFD President Samuel Vanderford.

**Public Comment:** George Strub announced that Big Sandy ISD will be having an election on May 3, 2025 with 4 candidates vying for 2 spots.

**Community Events:** Mayor Baggett announced the next civic center renovation meeting on February 24, 2025 at 6:30 p.m. and the Lions Got Talent event on March 31, 2025.

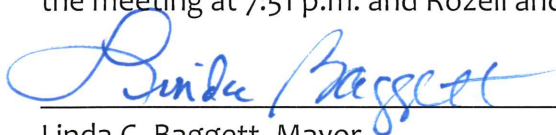
### **Agenda Items:**

1. **Vol. Fire Department: Monthly Report:** Samuel Vanderford presented the monthly report.
2. **Vol. Fire Department: Siddons-Martin Repair Bill:** Rozell moved to approve the repairs for Engine #1 at a cost of \$5,649.52 and Beahm seconded. Allen, Beahm, Fonteno and Rozell voted aye. Motion carried 4-0-0.
3. **Utility Bill Adjustment: Stacy Hyles (Faye Gregory): 313 Clover Lane:** Fonteno moved to reduce her bill by \$390.63 to a new total of \$343.53 and Allen seconded. Allen, Beahm, Fonteno and Rozell voted aye. Motion carried 4-0-0.
4. **Utility Bill Adjustment: KJ Salon: 316 W Broadway:** Fonteno moved to reduce the bill by \$369.90 to a new total of \$219.00 and Beahm seconded. Allen, Beahm, Fonteno and Rozell voted aye. Motion carried 4-0-0.
5. **Police Department: Monthly Report:** Chief Easterling presented the monthly report.
6. **Police Department: Purchase of computer:** Fonteno moved to approve the purchase of refurbished Toughbook for the patrol unit at an estimated cost of \$1864 and Rozell seconded. Allen, Beahm, Fonteno and Rozell voted aye. Motion carried 4-0-0.
7. **Public Works: Monthly Report:** Rocky Ware presented the monthly report, including an update from Rebecca Strub on the Utility Locating Project.
8. **The council entered into Executive Session at 6:36 p.m. to discuss the salary for Public Works Director Rocky Ware.**
9. **The council returned to open session at 6:58 p.m.** Fonteno moved to increase Rocky Ware's annual salary to \$51,000 with a future increase contingent on securing additional water and


wastewater licenses. Beahm seconded. Allen, Beahm, Fonteno and Rozell voted aye. Motion carried 4-0-0.

10. **Revise Applegate Softball Park policies and guidelines:** After discussion, Beahm moved to approve the proposed agreement with changes including a \$250 security deposit from applicants. Allen and Rozell seconded. Allen, Beahm, Fonteno and Rozell voted aye. Motion carried 4-0-0.
11. **Recommendation to appoint Trey Beahm to the Municipal Development District:** Allen moved to appoint Beahm to the Big Sandy MDD Board and Fonteno seconded. Allen, Beahm, Fonteno and Rozell voted aye. Motion carried 4-0-0.
12. **Financial Reports for January 2025:** While reviewing the financials, the council discussed the cost of water bill adjustments and credit card processing fees. Mayor Baggett suggested the council address the utility bill adjustment policy first and then consider options for the credit card processing fees. After discussion, Beahm moved to approve the financials as presented and Fonteno seconded. Allen, Beahm, Fonteno and Rozell voted aye. Motion carried 4-0-0.
13. **Minutes for January 21<sup>st</sup> and February 4<sup>th</sup> meetings:** Beahm moved to approve the minutes for the January 21<sup>st</sup> meeting and Fonteno seconded. Allen, Beahm, Fonteno and Rozell voted aye. Motion carried 4-0-0. Beahm then moved to approve the minutes for the February 4<sup>th</sup> meeting and Fonteno seconded. Allen, Beahm, Fonteno and Rozell voted aye. Motion carried 4-0-0.
14. **Resolution: Awarding a contract for administrative services pertaining to the application and implementation of the 2024 FEMA Hazard Mitigation Grant Program grants and authorizing the execution of the contract:** Beahm moved to approve **Resolution #2025-008** awarding the contract to Traylor & Associates and Fonteno seconded. Allen, Beahm, Fonteno and Rozell voted aye. Motion carried 4-0-0.
15. **Resolution: Awarding a contract for engineering services pertaining to the application and implementation of the 2024 FEMA Hazard Mitigation Grant Program grants and authorizing the execution of the contract:** Beahm moved to approve **Resolution #2025-009** awarding the contract to Hayes Engineering and Rozell seconded. Allen, Beahm, Fonteno and Rozell voted aye. Motion carried 4-0-0.
16. **City Administrator Report:** Administrator Rex presented her monthly reports and updates including the results of the filings for the May 3<sup>rd</sup> election and the drawing for place on the ballot.
17. **Mayor's Report & Updates:** Mayor Baggett gave updates and the dates of several community events, including the date of the next civic center meeting.

**Adjourn:** There being no further posted business before this Council, Beahm moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:51 p.m. and Rozell and Allen seconded.

  
Linda C. Baggett, Mayor

  
Laura M. Rex, City Secretary

  
Date