

City of Big Sandy

Big Sandy, Texas 75755

MINUTES TO MEETING

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

The City Council for the City of Big Sandy met in Regular Session on March 18, 2025 at 6:00 p.m., at the City of Big Sandy Heritage Center, 162 E. Gilmer Street, Big Sandy, Texas.

At 6:00 p.m., Mayor Baggett opened the final public hearing regarding Texas Community Development Block Grant Contract #CDV21-0067. Public Works Director Rocky Ware discussed the scope of the grant and the successful completion of the work. The public hearing was closed at 6:05 p.m.

Call to Order: Mayor Baggett called the regular session meeting to order at 6:06 p.m.

- a. **Invocation** – Lupe Gonzalez
- b. **Pledge of Allegiance** –Cindy Hooser
- 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:** Ivirne and Melven Allen, Janet Beahm, Becky Desborough, Joanne Gonzalez, Lupe Gonzalez, Cindy Hooser, Michael Isabell, Bryan McMenamy, James Peterson, Tony Pytlak, George Strub, Rebecca Strub and VFD President Samuel Vanderford.

Public Comment: George Strub announced that Big Sandy ISD has a meeting on March 20th, 2025 at 6:30 p.m. He also announced a change in location for the Rotary meetings from the Big Sandy Community Center to Grace Communion Church. Grace Communion will also be holding a spaghetti dinner fundraiser on March 22nd.

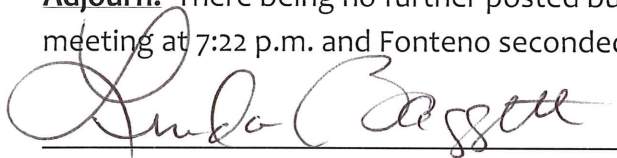
Community Events: Mayor Baggett reminded everyone of the Spring Clean Up on March 22-23 and the Lions Club meeting on March 27th which will be honoring Miss Liz Elkins.

Agenda Items:

1. **Vol. Fire Department: Monthly Report:** Samuel Vanderford presented the monthly report.
2. **Vol. Fire Department: Purchase of Radios:** Rozell moved to approve the purchase of 20 new TAIT TP9400 radios with remote speaker microphones at a cost of \$38,920 and Beahm seconded. Allen, Beahm, Fonteno and Rozell voted aye. Motion carried 4-0-0.
3. **Nomination of Jeff Jones as Volunteer Fire Department Chief:** Fonteno moved to appoint Jeff Jones as Chief of the VFD through July 2026 and Allen seconded. Allen, Beahm, Fonteno and Rozell voted aye. Motion carried 4-0-0.
4. **Noe De La Cruz: Youth sports fundraiser for July 4th:** Mr. De La Cruz was not present, no action taken.
5. **Bryan McMenamy: 307 W Gilmer Street Building Permit Update:** Mr. McMenamy provided an update at this location; construction is on track.
6. **Police Department: Monthly Report:** Chief Easterling presented the monthly report.

7. **Public Works: Monthly Report:** Rocky Ware presented the monthly report, including an update from Rebecca Strub on the Utility Locating Project.
8. **612 N Tyler Street Civic Center Renovation:** Mayor Baggett presented the council with a comprehensive list of suggested renovations. After discussion, the council concluded the next step is to prioritize the suggested renovations. No action taken.
9. **612 N Tyler Street Civic Center Pews:** Mayor Baggett recommended that the council declare the pews located in the auditorium at the civic center as surplus property. Fonteno moved to declare the pews as surplus eligible to be sold and Allen seconded. Allen, Beahm, Fonteno and Rozell voted aye. Motion carried 4-0-0.
10. **612 N Tyler Street Civic Center: Replacement of S Door:** Rocky is working on securing bids. No action taken.
11. **Applegate Park Repairs:** Public Works Director Rocky Ware updated the council on several repairs he is coordinating at Applegate Park to prepare for the 2025 summer softball schedule. No action taken.
12. **Financial Reports for February 2025:** 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 February 18th meeting:** Allen moved to approve the minutes for the February 18th meeting and Rozell seconded. Allen, Beahm, Fonteno and Rozell voted aye. Motion carried 4-0-0.
14. **Resolution: Authorizing the submittal of applications for the 2024 FEMA Hazard Mitigation Grant Program funds to the Texas Division of Emergency Management under DR-4781 and DR-4798 and committing matching funds in the amount of 25%:** Fonteno moved to approve Resolution #2025-010 authorizing the submittal of the applications and committing matching funds and Beahm seconded. Allen, Beahm, Fonteno & Rozell voted aye. Motion carried 4-0-0.
15. **City Administrator Report:** Administrator Rex presented her monthly reports and updates.
16. **Mayor's Report & Updates:** Mayor Baggett gave updates and the dates of several community events, including the date of the next civic center meeting.

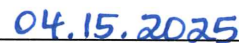
Adjourn: There being no further posted business before this Council, Allen moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:22 p.m. and Fonteno seconded.



Linda C. Baggett, Mayor



Laura M. Rex, City Secretary



Date