

City of Big Sandy

Big Sandy, Texas 75755

MINUTES TO MEETING

May 13, 2025, 6:00 p.m.

The City Council for the City of Big Sandy met in Special Session on May 13, 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 special session meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

- a. **Invocation** – Rickey Caughron
- b. **Pledge of Allegiance** –George Strub
- c. **MEMBERS PRESENT:** Mayor Linda Baggett, Trey Beahm, David Fonteno, Rex Rozell and Chase Sheeley.
- d. **STAFF PRESENT:** Chief of Police David Easterling, City Administrator/City Secretary Laura Rex, Sarah Strub and Public Works Director Rocky Ware.
- e. **OTHERS PRESENT:** Janet Beahm, Carly Byers, Debra Caughron, Rickey Caughron, Juan Cervantes, Mark Lee Dickson, Joanne Gonzalez, Lupe Gonzalez, Shannon Grant, Dave Havir, Brenda Marks, Stacy McMahan, Sherry Perry, Jose Sanchez, George Strub, Rebecca Strub and Ruth York.

Public Comment: Carl Byers addressed the city council and spoke in support of Agenda Item #2: the ordinance declaring Big Sandy as a safe haven for the unborn.

Ruth York from Cisco, Texas, addressed the city council and spoke in support of Agenda Item #2: the ordinance declaring Big Sandy as a safe haven for the unborn.

Community Events: Mayor Baggett reminded everyone of the upcoming Ministerial Alliance meeting and upcoming Lions Club fundraisers.

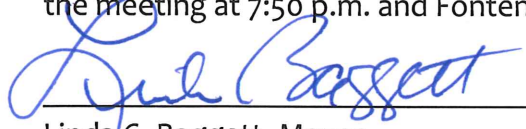
Agenda Items:

1. **Vol. Fire Department: Monthly Report:** the monthly report was not presented.
2. **Mayor: Ordinance: Declaring Big Sandy as a safe haven for the unborn:** Mark Lee Dickson, co-author of the proposed ordinance, addressed the council and answered questions. After discussion, Beahm moved to approve **Ordinance #2025-001** and Sheeley seconded. Beahm, Fonteno, Rozell and Sheeley voted aye. Motion carried 4-0-0.
3. **Noe De La Cruz: Applegate Softball Field Lights:** After discussion, Fonteno moved to approve the purchase of 14 LED lights at Applegate Softball Field at a cost not to exceed \$3,500 and Rozell seconded. Beahm, Fonteno, Rozell and Sheeley voted aye. Motion carried 4-0-0.
7. **Resolution Canvassing Election Returns & Declaring Results of May 3, 2025 Election:** Beahm moved to approve **Resolution #2025-014** canvassing the May 3, 2025 election returns and declaring the following results: Sally Allen and Rex Rozell are elected as councilmembers and Linda Baggett is elected as mayor, all with terms ending in May of 2027. Sheeley seconded. Beahm, Fonteno, Rozell and Sheeley voted aye. Motion carried 4-0-0.
8. **Present Certificate of Election to the declared candidates elect:** City Administrator Rex presented the Certificates of Election to the declared candidates elect that were present: Linda Baggett and Rex Rozell. Sally Allen will receive her certificate at a later date.
9. **Administer the Statement of Elected Officials and Official Oaths:** City Administrator Laura Rex administered the Statement of Elected Officials and Official Oaths to Linda Baggett and Rex Rozell.

Chase Sheeley left the meeting at 6:50 p.m.

4. **Utility Bill Adjustment: Shannon Grant: 1100 FM 2911:** Rozell moved to reduce the bill by \$1,061.55 bringing the adjusted total to \$699 and Fonteno seconded. Beahm, Fonteno and Rozell voted aye. Motion carried 3-0-0.
5. **Water & Sewer Tap Permits: Jose Sanchez: 213 N Lexington:** Beahm moved to approve the taps and Fonteno seconded. Beahm, Fonteno and Rozell voted aye. Motion carried 3-0-0.
6. **Building Permit: Jose Sanchez: 213 N Lexington:** Beahm moved to approve the building permit for the construction of a new residential home; Fonteno and Rozell seconded. Beahm, Fonteno and Rozell voted aye. Motion carried 3-0-0.
11. **Public Works: Monthly Report:** Director Ware presented the monthly report. Rebecca Strub reported that approximately 84% of the Utility Locating Project is now complete with approximately 149 water lines left to be classified.
10. **Police Department: Monthly Report:** Chief Easterling presented the monthly report.
12. **Public Works: Invoice for Cotton Street Lift Station Pumping:** Director Ware requested payment to Candy Sanitation for \$10,920 for 10 days of pumping the Cotton Street lift station until the pumps could be repaired and reinstalled. Rozell moved to approve payment of the invoice and Fonteno seconded. Beahm, Fonteno and Rozell voted aye. Motion carried 3-0-0.
13. **Public Works: Purchase of Mini Excavator:** Director Ware presented 5 bids for mini excavators. Beahm requested a quote for a JCB and Caterpillar excavator and Rozell requested a quote for a New Holland excavator. Rozell moved to table this item and Fonteno seconded. Beahm, Fonteno and Rozell voted aye. Motion carried 3-0-0.
14. **Public Works: Purchase of Dump Trailer:** Director Ware presented 2 bids for dump trailers. Beahm moved to table this item and Fonteno seconded. Beahm, Fonteno and Rozell voted aye. Motion carried 3-0-0.
15. **Financial Reports for April 2025:** Fonteno moved to approve the financials as presented and Beahm seconded. Beahm, Fonteno and Rozell voted aye. Motion carried 3-0-0.
16. **Minutes for April 15th meeting:** Fonteno moved to approve the minutes for the April 15th meeting and Rozell seconded. Beahm, Fonteno and Rozell voted aye. Motion carried 3-0-0.
17. **Resolution: Drought Contingency Plan:** Fonteno moved to approve **Resolution #2025-015** adopting a Drought Contingency Plan and Beahm seconded. Beahm, Fonteno and Rozell voted aye. Motion carried 3-0-0.
18. **Resolution: Memorandum of Understanding with Big Sandy ISD:** Beahm moved to approve **Resolution #2025-016** approving a memorandum of understanding with Big Sandy ISD regarding the use of the Civic Center and Rozell seconded. Beahm, Fonteno and Rozell voted aye. Motion carried 3-0-0.
19. **Resolution: Nomination to Upshur Co. Appraisal District Board:** Rozell moved to approve **Resolution #2025-017** nominating Trey Beahm to the Upshur County Appraisal District Board and Beahm seconded. Beahm, Fonteno and Rozell voted aye. Motion carried 3-0-0.
20. **City Administrator Report:** Administrator Rex presented her monthly reports, including a reminder about requests for street repairs, required training for the elected officials and the next regular council meeting on June 17th.
21. **Mayor's Report & Updates:** Mayor Baggett gave updates and the dates of several community events, including a reminder for a department head meeting on May 27th.

Adjourn: There being no further posted business before this Council, Beahm moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 p.m. and Fonteno seconded.


Linda C. Baggett, Mayor


Laura M. Rex, City Secretary

06.17.2025
Date