

# City of Big Sandy

Big Sandy, Texas 75755

## MINUTES TO MEETING

June 17, 2025, 6:00 p.m.

The City Council for the City of Big Sandy met in Regular Session on June 17, 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** – Rex Rozell
- b. **Pledge of Allegiance** – David Fonteno
- c. **MEMBERS PRESENT:** Mayor Linda Baggett, Sally Allen, Trey Beahm, David Fonteno and Rex Rozell.
- d. **STAFF PRESENT:** Chief of Police David Easterling, City Administrator/City Secretary Laura Rex, Utility Clerk Sarah Strub and Public Works Director Rocky Ware.
- e. **OTHERS PRESENT:** Janet Beahm, Joanne Gonzalez, Lupe Gonzalez, Shannon Grant, Sarah Jeter with the American Red Cross, Sherry Perry, Tony Pytlak, George Strub, Rebecca Strub and Samuel Vanderford.

**Public Comment:** Janet Beahm addressed the city council regarding the new sponsorship of Wreaths Across America for Chilton Cemetery.

George Strub announced a special school board meeting on June 23, 2025 at 5:00 p.m. to address the replacement of Superintendent Mike Burns.

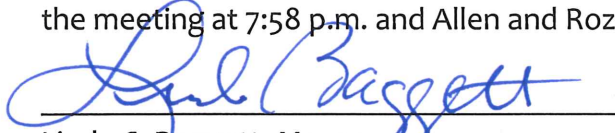
**Community Events:** Mayor Baggett reminded everyone of several upcoming events: the Juneteenth celebration on June 21<sup>st</sup>, the Lions Club Blood Drive on July 12<sup>th</sup>, the Red Cross Shelter Academy on July 26<sup>th</sup> and the Town Hall meeting on July 31<sup>st</sup>.

### **Agenda Items:**


1. **Vol. Fire Department: Monthly Report:** the monthly report was presented by VFD President Samuel Vanderford.
2. **Resolution: Agreement with the American Red Cross:** Allen moved to approve **Resolution #2025-018** authorizing a Facility Use Agreement with the American Red Cross to allow the Big Sandy Civic Center located at 612 N Tyler Street as a disaster relief shelter with city approval and Rozell seconded. Allen, Beahm, Fonteno and Rozell voted aye. Motion carried 4-0-0.
3. **Utility Bill Adjustment: Shannon Grant: 1100 FM 2911: June 2025:** As allowed by the City's utility bill adjustment policy, Fonteno moved to reduce the June 2025 bill by \$761.10 and Beahm seconded. Allen, Beahm, Fonteno and Rozell voted aye. Motion carried 4-0-0.
4. **Utility Bill Adjustment: Shannon Grant: 1100 FM 2911: May 2025:** Utility clerk Sarah Strub clarified that the total adjustment made to the May 2025 bill was \$1,294.55. No action taken.
5. **Big Sandy Youth Football use of City Park for July 4<sup>th</sup>:** Fonteno moved to delegate Mayor Baggett to determine approval for all appropriate and reasonable requests for use of the park on July 4<sup>th</sup> including Agenda Items #5, 6, and 7 and Beahm seconded. Allen, Beahm, Fonteno and Rozell voted aye. Motion carried 4-0-0.
6. **Mayor: Volunteer Fire Department use of City Park for July 4<sup>th</sup>:** See agenda item #5 above.
7. **Mayor: Fred Tennison sale of BBQ at City Park for July 4<sup>th</sup>:** See agenda item #5 above.
8. **Water & Sewer Tap Permits: Jose Sanchez: 212 N Lexington:** This agenda item was presented and approved at the May 13<sup>th</sup> council meeting with the wrong address. After discussion, Beahm moved to approve the permits as presented with the correct address and Rozell seconded. Allen, Beahm, Fonteno and Rozell voted aye. Motion carried 4-0-0.

9. **Building Permit: Jose Sanchez: 212 N Lexington:** This agenda item was presented and approved at the May 13<sup>th</sup> council meeting with the wrong address. After discussion, Beahm moved to approve the building permit as presented with the correct address and Fonteno seconded. Allen, Beahm, Fonteno and Rozell voted aye. Motion carried 4-0-0.
10. **Police Department: Monthly Report:** Chief Easterling presented the monthly report.
11. **Public Works: Monthly Report:** Director Ware presented the monthly report. Rebecca Strub reported that approximately 99% of the Utility Locating Project is now complete.
12. **Public Works: Interior Painting: 50,000 gallon ground storage tank at T & P Avenue:** Rozell moved to hire Hayes Engineering to secure bids for the interior painting of the tank as required by TCEQ and Fonteno seconded. Allen, Beahm, Fonteno and Rozell voted aye. Motion carried 4-0-0.
13. **Public Works: Purchase of Mini Excavator:** Director Ware presented 7 bids for mini excavators. Beahm moved to table this item until Director Ware could test drive some of the models being considered for purchase and Rozell seconded. Allen, Beahm, Fonteno and Rozell voted aye. Motion carried 4-0-0.
14. **Public Works: Purchase of Dump Trailer:** Director Ware presented 2 bids for dump trailers. Beahm moved to purchase the trailer from Texas Trailers at a cost not to exceed \$15,000 and Rozell seconded. Allen, Beahm, Fonteno and Rozell voted aye. Motion carried 4-0-0.
15. **Credit Card Processing Costs:** Beahm moved that as of October 1, 2025, City of Big Sandy utility customers pay a convenience fee if they want to pay their utility bill with a credit card with more details to be provided at future meetings. Fonteno seconded. Allen, Beahm, Fonteno and Rozell voted aye. Motion carried 4-0-0.
16. **Street Maintenance Sales Tax Reauthorization Election:** Beahm moved to hold a special election in November of 2025 with the street maintenance sales tax reauthorization on the ballot, Fonteno seconded. Allen, Beahm, Fonteno & Rozell voted aye. Motion carried 4-0-0.
17. **Upshur Co. Appraisal District Property ID #65638:** Beahm moved to invite Ettl Engineers and Consultants to come and inspect the property and attend a future council meeting and Fonteno seconded. Allen, Beahm, Fonteno and Rozell voted aye. Motion carried 4-0-0.
18. **Financial Reports for May 2025:** Fonteno moved to approve the financials as presented and Beahm seconded. Allen, Beahm, Fonteno and Rozell voted aye. Motion carried 4-0-0.
19. **Minutes for May 13<sup>th</sup> and May 27<sup>th</sup> meetings:** Beahm moved to approve the minutes for the May 13<sup>th</sup> meeting and Fonteno seconded. Allen, Beahm, Fonteno and Rozell voted aye. Motion carried 4-0-0. Allen moved to approve the minutes for the May 27<sup>th</sup> meeting and Fonteno seconded. Allen, Beahm, Fonteno and Rozell voted aye. Motion carried 4-0-0.
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 July 15<sup>th</sup>.
21. **Evaluation of Department Heads:** No action taken.
22. **Mayor's Report & Updates:** Mayor Baggett gave updates and the dates of several community events, including a reminder for several upcoming community events.

**Adjourn:** There being no further posted business before this Council, Fonteno moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:58 p.m. and Allen and Rozell seconded.

  
Linda C. Baggett, Mayor

  
Laura M. Rex, City Secretary

  
Date