

City of Big Sandy

Big Sandy, Texas 75755

MINUTES TO MEETING

July 15, 2025, 6:00 p.m.

The City Council for the City of Big Sandy met in Regular Session on July 15, 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** – Trey Beahm
- b. **Pledge of Allegiance** – Rocky Ware
- 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, 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, Jeff Jones, Brenda Marks, Matt Oswalt, Victoria Oswalt, Sherry Perry, Tony Pytlak, Adam Schober, George Strub and Samuel Vanderford.

Public Comment: Joanne Gonzalez addressed the council regarding a June 13, 2025 demand letter and stipulated fact sent from Hammond Law Firm on her and Lupe Gonzalez's behalf. She requested an amicable and lawful resolution with restitution.

Lupe Gonzalez addressed the council regarding a June 13, 2025 demand letter and stipulated fact sent from Hammond Law Firm on his and Joanne Gonzalez's behalf. He requested an amicable and lawful resolution with restitution.

Community Events: Mayor Baggett reminded everyone of several upcoming events: the Red Cross Shelter Academy on July 26th and the Town Hall meeting on July 31st.

Agenda Items:

1. **Vol. Fire Department: Monthly Report:** the monthly report was presented by VFD President Samuel Vanderford.
2. **Mayor: Medical expenses for VFD Firefighter Samuel Vanderford:** No action taken.
3. **Victoria Oswalt: Right-of-way repairs @ 119 E Groves Street:** Rozell moved that if the Oswalt's choose to purchase a new culvert, Public Works will pull out their old culvert, dig out the trench and install and provide backfill for the new culvert. Fonteno seconded. Allen, Beahm, Fonteno, Rozell and Sheeley voted aye. Motion carried 5-0-0.
4. **Review of Fiscal Year Ending 09.30.2024 Audit:** Mike Ward with Mike Ward Accounting & Financial Consulting, PLLC presented the audit for the fiscal year ending 09.30.2024.
5. **Accept Fiscal Year Ending 09.30.2024 Audit:** Fonteno moved to accept the audit as presented and Beahm seconded. Allen, Beahm, Fonteno, Rozell and Sheeley voted aye. Motion carried 5-0-0.
6. **HUD-Code Manufactured Home Application: Elizabeth Gage: 600 Davis Circle #7:** Fonteno moved to approve the application and Beahm seconded. Allen, Beahm, Fonteno and Rozell voted aye. Sheeley abstained. Motion carried 4-0-1.
7. **Building Permit: Adam Schober: 801 W Broadway:** Beahm moved to table this application for a billboard until the back taxes for the property are settled. Rozell seconded. Allen, Beahm, Fonteno, Rozell and Sheeley voted aye. Motion carried 5-0-0.
8. **Police Department: Monthly Report:** Chief Easterling presented the monthly report.
9. **Police Department: Grant Application: Master Peace Officer Grant:** Chief Easterling informed the council about a grant approved at the most recent legislative session which provides a

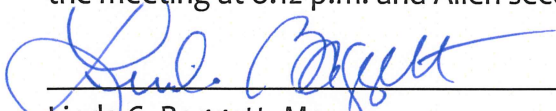
one-time bonus payment of \$6,500 to Master Peace Officers. Sheeley moved to approve the application and Allen and Beahm seconded. Allen, Beahm, Fonteno, Rozell and Sheeley voted aye. Motion carried 5-0-0.


10. **Police Dept.: Sale of 2015 Chevy Tahoe:** Fonteno moved to declare the 2015 Chevy Tahoe as surplus property and authorize the sale of it to the highest bidder after accepting offers for 10 days. Beahm seconded. Allen, Beahm, Fonteno, Rozell and Sheeley voted aye. Motion carried 5-0-0.
11. **Police Dept.: Purchase of Chevy Tahoes:** Beahm moved to authorize the application for the purchase of 2 Chevy Tahoes from the Texas Department of Public Safety surplus program; Allen seconded. Allen, Beahm, Fonteno, Rozell and Sheeley voted aye. Motion carried 5-0-0.

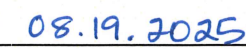
Chase Sheeley left the meeting at 7:41 p.m.

12. **Public Works: Monthly Report:** Director Ware presented the monthly report.
13. **Public Works: Work Order: Hayes Engineering: Interior Painting: 50,000 gallon ground storage tank at T & P Avenue:** Beahm moved to authorize the work order from Hayes Engineering to secure bids for the interior painting of the tank as required by TCEQ and perform periodic inspections at a cost not to exceed \$6,200 and Rozell seconded. Allen, Beahm, Fonteno and Rozell voted aye. Motion carried 4-0-0.
14. **Financial Reports for June 2025:** Fonteno moved to approve the financials as presented and Beahm seconded. Allen, Beahm, Fonteno and Rozell voted aye. Motion carried 4-0-0.
15. **Minutes for June 17th meeting:** Beahm moved to approve the minutes for the June 17th meeting and Allen seconded. Allen, Beahm, Fonteno and Rozell voted aye. Motion carried 4-0-0.
16. **Resolution designating Mayor Pro Tempore:** Mayor Baggett opened the floor for nominations for Mayor Pro Tempore. Allen nominated Fonteno. No other nominations were made. Allen, Beahm and Rozell voted in favor of **Resolution #2025-018** naming David Fonteno as Mayor Pro Tem. Fonteno abstained. Motion carried 3-0-1.
17. **Resolution approving authorized signatories:** No action taken since David Fonteno has been reappointed as Mayor Pro Tempore.
18. **Credit Card Processing Costs:** Administrator Rex provided an update on the city council's action from June to start charging a convenience fee for credit and debit card users.
19. **2025-2026 Health Insurance for Employees:** No action taken.
20. **Recommendations for ETCOG Officers:** No action taken.
21. **City Administrator Report:** Administrator Rex presented her monthly reports, including: the successful completion of the 2024 Consumer Confidence Report, a report on the July 4th fireworks show, reminders about upcoming budget meetings on July 25th and August 2nd, required training for the elected officials and the next regular council meeting on August 19th.
22. **Mayor's Report & Updates:** Mayor Baggett gave updates and the dates of several community events, including a reminder for several upcoming community events and the first day of school for Big Sandy on August 13th.

Adjourn: There being no further posted business before this Council, Rozell moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:12 p.m. and Allen seconded.


Linda C. Baggett, Mayor


Laura M. Rex, City Secretary


Date