

# City of Big Sandy

Big Sandy, Texas 75755

## MINUTES TO MEETING

September 16, 2025, 6:00 p.m.

The City Council for the City of Big Sandy met in Regular Session on September 16, 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** – VFD President Samuel Vanderford
- b. **Pledge of Allegiance** – VFD Chief Jeff Jones
- c. **MEMBERS PRESENT:** Mayor Linda Baggett, 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, Tammy DaSilva, Joanne Gonzalez, Lupe Gonzalez, VFD Fire Chief Jeff Jones, George Strub, VFD President Samuel Vanderford.

**Public Comment:** None.

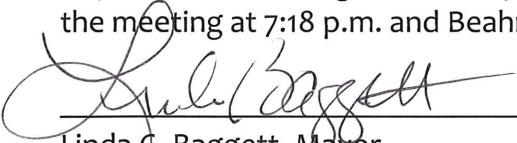
**Community Events:** Mayor Baggett reminded everyone of several upcoming events: National Night out on October 7<sup>th</sup> and Circle M Crawfish's 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration on Oct. 11<sup>th</sup>.

### Agenda Items:


1. **Vol. Fire Department: Monthly Report:** the monthly report was presented by VFD President Samuel Vanderford.
2. **Medical expenses for VFD Firefighter Samuel Vanderford:** No action taken.
3. **Texas Mutual Vol. Fireman's Insurance Services (VFIS) Quote:** Beahm moved to approve up to an additional \$100 for the purchase of accident and sickness insurance including out of network coverage for up to 20 members of the volunteer fire department at a cost not to exceed \$5,857 (up to \$100 higher than approved at the August 19<sup>th</sup> meeting). The total amount approved at the August 19<sup>th</sup> meeting was not sufficient to cover the cost of the out of network coverage. Rozell seconded. Beahm, Fonteno and Rozell voted aye. Motion carried 3-0-0.
4. **Vol. Fire Department: Repairs to Pierce Engine 211:** Fonteno moved to approve up to \$5,500 for Siddons-Martin to repair the engine and Rozell seconded. Beahm, Fonteno and Rozell voted aye. Motion carried 3-0-0.
5. **Vol. Fire Department: \$5,000 Grant Expenses:** Fonteno moved to approve the purchase of \$5,500 fire equipment purchases from Delta Fire Safety to be paid by the \$5,000 American Online Giving Foundation Grant the department has received and the remaining \$500 to be paid from the VFD maintenance and operations account. Beahm seconded. Beahm, Fonteno and Rozell voted aye. Motion carried 3-0-0.
6. **Resolution approving contract with Upshur County Emergency Services District #1 for firefighting services:** The contract was not available for review. Rozell moved to table this item to the October meeting and Beahm seconded. Beahm, Fonteno and Rozell voted aye. Motion carried 3-0-0.
7. **Utility Bill Adjustment: Tammy DaSilva: 600 Davis Circle #36:** Rozell moved to reduce the utility bill by \$104.31, the overage in excess of 300% of her average charge and Fonteno seconded. Beahm, Fonteno and Rozell voted aye. Motion carried 3-0-0.
8. **Police Department: Monthly Report:** Chief Easterling presented the monthly report.
9. **Public Works: Monthly Report:** Director Ware presented the monthly report.

10. **Public Works: Electrical Repair for College Street Well yard:** Rozell moved to award the bid to repair the damaged wiring including the grounding of all equipment, the replacement of bad amps and the installation of a new phase monitor and pump controls at the College Street well yard to Hill Electric at a cost of \$9,344 and Fonteno seconded. Beahm, Fonteno and Rozell voted aye. Motion carried 3-0-0.
11. **Public Works: Pump Repair for College Street Well yard:** Beahm moved to purchase a new 50 horsepower motor from Daily Electric with an 18 month warranty at a cost of \$3,247 and Rozell seconded. Beahm, Fonteno and Rozell voted aye. Motion carried 3-0-0.
12. **Public Works: Right of Way Fees:** After discussion, Rozell moved to table this item and Beahm seconded. Beahm, Fonteno and Rozell voted aye. Motion carried 3-0-0.
13. **Chase Sheeley: Letter of Resignation:** Beahm moved to table this item until the letter of resignation is received and Fonteno seconded. Beahm, Fonteno and Rozell voted aye. Motion carried 3-0-0.
14. **Financial Reports for August 2025:** Beahm moved to approve the financials as presented and Rozell seconded. Beahm, Fonteno and Rozell voted aye. Motion carried 3-0-0
15. **Minutes for August 13<sup>th</sup>, August 19<sup>th</sup> and September 2<sup>nd</sup> meetings:** Beahm moved to approve the August 13<sup>th</sup> minutes as presented and Fonteno seconded. Beahm, Fonteno and Rozell voted aye. Motion carried 3-0-0. Rozell moved to approve the August 19<sup>th</sup> minutes as presented and Beahm seconded. Beahm, Fonteno and Rozell voted aye. Motion carried 3-0-0. Beahm moved to approve the September 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting as presented and Rozell seconded. Beahm, Fonteno and Rozell voted aye. Motion carried 3-0-0.
16. **Resolution nominating up to five candidates to Upshur County Appraisal District Board of Directors:** Rozell moved to approve **Resolution #2025-024** nominating Trey Beahm and David Fonteno as candidates for the Board and Beahm seconded. Beahm, Fonteno and Rozell voted aye. Motion carried 3-0-0.
17. **Ordinance adopting utility rates:** Rozell moved to propose the following increase in utility rates: for customers inside the corporate city limits: a \$1 increase in the base rate for water and a \$1 increase in the base rate for wastewater. For customers outside the corporate city limits: a \$1.50 increase in the base rate for water and a \$1.50 increase in the base rate for wastewater; with the proposed rates to be on the agenda for the September 30<sup>th</sup> meeting. Beahm seconded. Beahm, Fonteno and Rozell voted aye. Motion carried 3-0-0.
18. **Ordinance adopting rental rates for the Community Center:** Beahm moved to propose an 8 hour rental rate of the community center for \$100 with the proposed rate to be on the agenda for the September 30<sup>th</sup> meeting and Fonteno seconded. Beahm, Fonteno and Rozell voted aye. Motion carried 3-0-0.
19. **City Administrator Report:** Administrator Rex presented her monthly reports, including: reminders about upcoming special meeting on September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2025, required training for the elected officials and the next regular council meeting on October 21<sup>st</sup>.
20. **Mayor's Report & Updates:** Mayor Baggett gave updates and the dates of several community events, including a reminder for fall cleanup on September 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> and the other events mentioned under the community events section.

**Adjourn:** There being no further posted business before this Council, Fonteno moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:18 p.m. and Beahm seconded.

  
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 Linda C. Baggett, Mayor

  
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 Laura M. Rex, City Secretary

  
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