

City of Big Sandy

Big Sandy, Texas 75755

MINUTES TO MEETING

October 21, 2025, 6:00 p.m.

The City Council for the City of Big Sandy met in Regular Session on October 21, 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** – Rocky Ware
- b. **Pledge of Allegiance** – George Strub
- 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, Barry Batts, Tammy DaSilva, Joanne Gonzalez, Lupe Gonzalez, VFD Fire Chief Jeff Jones, Tony Pytlak, George Strub, VFD President Samuel Vanderford.

Public Comment: George Strub announced the Big Sandy ISD has named Rhonda Turner as Superintendent.

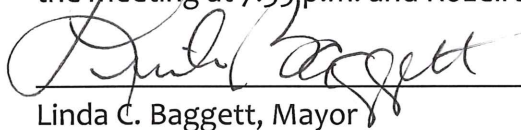
Community Events: Mayor Baggett reminded everyone of several upcoming events including the Community Thanksgiving on November 23, 2025 at 4:30 p.m.

Agenda Items:


1. **Vol. Fire Department: Monthly Report:** the monthly report was presented by VFD President Samuel Vanderford.
2. **Vol. Fire Department: Repairs to Engine 111 Foam Pump System and Pierce Engine 211 Fuel Leak:** Beahm moved to approve up to \$4,442.12 for Siddons-Martin to repair the foam pump system on Engine 111 and up to \$3,655.07 for Siddons-Martin to repair the fuel leak on Engine 211. Allen seconded. Allen, Beahm, Fonteno and Rozell voted aye. Motion carried 4-0-0.
3. **Vol. Fire Department: \$3,000 Recruitment Grant Expenses:** Allen moved to accept a \$3,000 Texas A & M Forestry Service Recruitment Grant and approve purchases as authorized by the grant and Fonteno seconded. Allen, Beahm, Fonteno and Rozell voted aye. Motion carried 4-0-0.
4. **Resolution approving contract with Upshur County Emergency Services District #1 for firefighting services:** Beahm moved to approve **Resolution #2025-027** authorizing the contract for firefighting services and Rozell seconded. Allen, Beahm, Fonteno and Rozell voted aye. Motion carried 4-0-0.
5. **Utility Bill Adjustment: Tammy DaSilva: 600 Davis Circle #36:** Fonteno moved to reduce the utility bill by \$88.99, the overage in excess of 300% of her average charge and Beahm seconded. Allen, Beahm, Fonteno and Rozell voted aye. Motion carried 4-0-0.
6. **Police Department: Monthly Report:** Chief Easterling presented the monthly report.

7. **Police Department: Purchase of laptop computer:** Fonteno moved to approve the purchase from Tough Outlet for a laptop computer at a cost of \$2,207.82 and Allen seconded. Allen, Beahm, Fonteno and Rozell voted aye. Motion carried 4-0-0.
8. **Public Works: Monthly Report:** Director Ware presented the monthly report.
9. **Public Works: Mini Excavator Purchase & Financing:** Beahm moved to purchase a Hitachi ZX35U-5N excavator from ASCO Equipment at a cost of \$47,740.15 with 0% interest financing for 84 months and Rozell seconded. Allen, Beahm, Fonteno and Rozell voted aye. Motion carried 4-0-0.
10. **Chase Sheeley: Letter of Resignation:** Fonteno moved to table this item until the letter of resignation is received and Rozell seconded. Allen, Beahm, Fonteno and Rozell voted aye. Motion carried 4-0-0.
11. **Financial Reports for September 2025:** Beahm moved to approve the financials as presented and Allen seconded. Allen, Beahm, Fonteno and Rozell voted aye. Motion carried 4-0-0.
12. **Minutes for September 16th and 30th meetings:** Beahm moved to approve the September 16th minutes as presented and Fonteno seconded. Allen, Beahm, Fonteno and Rozell voted aye. Motion carried 4-0-0. Beahm moved to approve the September 30th minutes as presented and Allen seconded. Allen, Beahm, Fonteno and Rozell voted aye. Motion carried 4-0-0.
13. **Resolution Designating Official Newspaper:** Fonteno moved to approve **Resolution #2025-028** designating the Gilmer Mirror as the official newspaper and Beahm seconded. Allen, Beahm, Fonteno and Rozell voted aye. Motion carried 4-0-0.
14. **Resolution Adopting 2026 Holidays:** Allen moved to approve **Resolution #2025-029** adopting the 2026 Holidays for the City of Big Sandy and Beahm seconded. Allen, Beahm, Fonteno and Rozell voted aye. Motion carried 4-0-0.
15. **Resolution Prohibiting Overpayments for Utility Bills:** Beahm moved to approve **Resolution #2025-030** updating the Utility Policies to prohibit overpayments for utility bills and Rozell seconded. Allen, Beahm, Fonteno and Rozell voted aye. Motion carried 4-0-0.
16. **Zoning: Consider R-3 Amendments and set Public Hearing Date:** Fonteno moved to table this item for more research and Beahm seconded. Allen, Beahm, Fonteno and Rozell voted aye. Motion carried 4-0-0.
17. **City Administrator Report:** Administrator Rex presented her monthly reports, including a reminder about the next regular council meeting on November 18th.
18. **Mayor's Report & Updates:** Mayor Baggett gave updates and the dates of community events, including a reminder for the 10th Anniversary for the Big Sandy Area Lions Club on November 15th and other events mentioned under the community events section.

Adjourn: There being no further posted business before this Council, Beahm moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:35 p.m. and Rozell seconded.


 Linda C. Baggett, Mayor


 Laura M. Rex, City Secretary


 Date