

# City of Big Sandy

Big Sandy, Texas 75755

## MINUTES TO MEETING

February 17, 2026, 6:00 p.m.

The City Council for the City of Big Sandy met in Regular Session on February 17, 2026 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** – George Strub
- b. **Pledge of Allegiance** – Rex Rozell
- c. **MEMBERS PRESENT:** Mayor Linda Baggett, Sally Allen, Trey Beahm, David Fonteno and Rex Rozell.
- d. **STAFF PRESENT:** Chief of Police David Easterling, Police Officer Michael Isabell, City Administrator/City Secretary Laura Rex, Utility Clerk Sarah Strub and Public Works Director Rocky Ware.
- e. **OTHERS PRESENT:** Janet Beahm, Nacole Eaton, Joanne Gonzalez, Lupe Gonzalez, VFD Fire Chief Jeff Jones, Brenda Marks, Sherry Perry, Tony Pytlak, George Strub and Deana Valentine with Circle M Crawfish.

**Public Comment:** None.

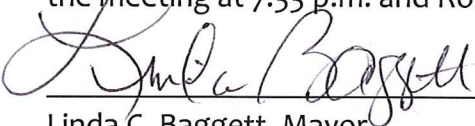
**Community Events:** Mayor Baggett reminded everyone of several upcoming events including the Ministerial Alliance meeting on Feb. 18<sup>th</sup>, Senior Bingo on March 2<sup>nd</sup>, the ALERT farm class on March 3<sup>rd</sup> and Mayor Baggett and Trey Beahm's attendance at a TML Conference on March 4<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup>.

### Agenda Items:

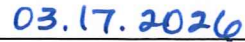
1. **Vol. Fire Department: Monthly Report:** the monthly report was presented by VFD Chief Jeff Jones.
2. **VFD: 2026 Health & Wellness Grant:** Beahm moved to accept a \$5,000 health and wellness grant from WinStar Insurance and to approve the purchase of Ready Rack Extractor/Washer at a cost of \$5,738 with the \$738 to be paid out of the volunteer fire department's operating fund. Allen seconded. Allen, Beahm, Fonteno and Rozell voted aye. Motion carried 4-0-0.
3. **VFD: Award bid for Texas A & M Forestry Service cost-share assistance grant for skid pump/tank unit:** Rozell moved to accept the bid of \$44,455 from Field Fire to retrofit and assemble a custom skid unit for Attack 2. Beahm seconded. Allen, Beahm, Fonteno and Rozell voted aye. Motion carried 4-0-0.
4. **Utility Bill Adjustment: Circle M Tiny House Ranch:** After reviewing the account, Rozell moved to reduce the wastewater charges by \$2,000 and the late fees in the amount of \$337.20 (a total reduction of \$2,337.20). Fonteno seconded. Allen, Beahm, Fonteno and Rozell voted aye. Motion carried 4-0-0.
5. **Water/Wastewater Connection to RV Request: Ricardo Perez: 411 N Tyler Street:** Beahm moved to table this item since Mr. Perez was not in attendance and Fonteno seconded. Allen, Beahm, Fonteno and Rozell voted aye. Motion carried 4-0-0.
6. **Nacole Eaton: Zoning Variance: 110 W Broadway:** Fonteno moved to grant a zoning variance from R-2 (Single Family Detached Residential) to general business for this address and Beahm seconded. Allen, Beahm, Fonteno and Rozell voted aye. Motion carried 4-0-0.
7. **Police Department: Monthly Report:** Chief Easterling presented the monthly report, including the submission of the 2025 Racial Profile Report to the state and a copy filed with the City Administrator for public review.

15. **Resolution: Personnel Policy: Update Vacation and Sick Leave:** Rozell moved to approve **Resolution #2026-002** updating the vacation and sick leave hours for full-time employees with a maximum accrual of sick leave at 240 hours. Fonteno seconded. Allen, Beahm, Fonteno and Rozell voted aye. Motion carried 4-0-0.
5. **Water/Wastewater Connection to RV Request: Ricardo Perez: 411 N Tyler Street:** Fonteno moved to take Agenda Item #5 from the table because Mr. Perez arrived at the meeting and Beahm seconded. Allen, Beahm, Fonteno and Rozell voted aye. Motion carried 4-0-0.  
 Fonteno moved to approve a single water connection to this property to the existing tiny home and that to remain in compliance with the zoning district R-2 Single Family Residential, no other water connections can be made. Rozell 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: Generator Rental for January 24-28 Ice Storm:** Fonteno moved to approve the bill for the emergency preparedness at a cost of \$3,432.38 and Beahm seconded. Allen, Beahm, Fonteno and Rozell voted aye. Motion carried 4-0-0.
10. **Public Works: 2 Ultra Sonic level control sensors for 2 wells at T & P Well yard:** Beahm moved to approve the bid from Hill Electric for \$5,259.30 and Allen seconded. Allen, Beahm, Fonteno and Rozell voted aye. Motion carried 4-0-0.
11. **Public Works: Replacement of fixtures/necessary upgrades to T & P Well yard:** Allen moved to approve the invoice from Hill Electric for \$3,261.60 for the repairs and Beahm seconded. Allen, Beahm, Fonteno and Rozell voted aye. Motion carried 4-0-0.
12. **Public Works: Rate code for commercial customers outside the city limits:** Ms. Strub recently discovered that there are some commercial customers the city provides water/wastewater and sanitation services to that are not being billed in compliance with the one-and-one-half times rate required by Ordinance. Beahm moved to create a new rate code for commercial customers outside the city limits that complies with the one-and-one-half times rates required by Ordinance effective immediately with the first bill they receive at the new rate in late March. Rozell seconded. Allen, Beahm, Fonteno and Rozell voted aye. Motion carried 4-0-0.
13. **Financial Reports for January 2026:** Beahm moved to approve the financials as presented and Allen seconded. Allen, Beahm, Fonteno and Rozell voted aye. Motion carried 4-0-0.
14. **Minutes for January 20<sup>th</sup> meeting:** Beahm moved to approve the January 20<sup>th</sup> minutes as presented and Allen seconded. Allen, Beahm, Fonteno and Rozell voted aye. Motion carried 4-0-0.
16. **City Administrator Report:** Administrator Rex presented her monthly reports, including an update on the request to TCEQ for an alternate capacity requirement; the upcoming Chamber of Commerce banquet on February 26<sup>th</sup>, a reminder about the next regular council meeting on March 17<sup>th</sup> and the Spring Clean-up on March 14-15<sup>th</sup>.
17. **Mayor's Report & Updates:** Mayor Baggett gave updates and the dates of community events, including reminders for the events mentioned under the community events section and working on the City ordinance recodification.

**Adjourn:** There being no further posted business before this Council, Beahm moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:33 p.m. and Rozell seconded.

  
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 Linda C. Baggett, Mayor

  
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 Laura M. Rex, City Secretary

  
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