

City of Big Sandy

Big Sandy, Texas 75755

MINUTES TO MEETING

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

The City Council for the City of Big Sandy met in Regular Session on March 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** – 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, 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, Joanne Gonzalez, Lupe Gonzalez, Eddie Hammonds, Vicky Himel, VFD Fire Chief Jeff Jones, Tony Pytlak, George Strub and James Vander Weide.

Public Comment: George Strub, Big Sandy ISD Board Member, invited everyone to the next school board meeting on March 19th at 6:30 p.m.

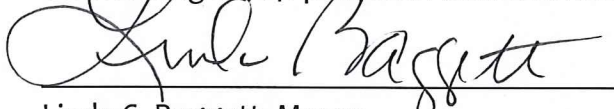
Community Events: Mayor Baggett reminded everyone of several upcoming events including the Hawkins Chamber Banquet on March 24th, the Gladewater Chamber Banquet on March 26th, the Fellowship of Christian Athletes on April 1st, City Hall closed on Good Friday April 3rd, the Chamber Easter Egg hunt on April 4th and Easter Sunrise Service on April 5th.

Agenda Items:

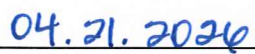
1. **Vol. Fire Department: Monthly Report:** the monthly report was presented by VFD Chief Jeff Jones.
2. **VFD: 2026 Grant Updates:** Chief Jones reported that the recruitment material has been received and they are looking for more volunteers for the fire department. The gear extractor has been received. Additionally, the fire department has received a new gas water heater including installation for their office. Chief Jones also reported he has applied for \$10,000 pipeline grant which they plan to use to refill the SCBA tanks.
3. **Utility Bill Adjustment: George Eaton: 217 W Gilmer:** Beahm moved to adjust their bill by \$55.27. Motion died for lack of a second.
Rozell moved to reduce their wastewater charge by \$56.25 (the \$84 charge less their usual amount of \$27.75) and reduce the late fee by \$10.48 for a total adjustment of \$66.73. Allen seconded. Allen, Beahm, Fonteno and Rozell voted aye. Motion carried 4-0-0.
4. **Utility Bill Adjustment: Kent & Margie Penney: 383 Eaves Road:** Beahm moved to table this item. Motion died for a lack of a second.
Rozell moved to deny the adjustment this month but if they come to a future meeting and address the council, an adjustment and/or refund could be considered. Beahm seconded. Allen, Beahm, Fonteno and Rozell voted aye. Motion carried 4-0-0.
5. **Building Permit: Eddie Hammonds: 104 S Tyler Street:** Fonteno moved to approve this permit as submitted 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 Dept.: Contract with Motorola:** Fonteno moved to approve the Motorola contract as presented for seven (7) body cameras HAAS with Command Central DEMS Plus service & current WatchGuard 4RE in-car camera system at a cost of \$32,480 and Beahm seconded. Allen, Beahm, Fonteno and Rozell voted aye. Motion carried 4-0-0.
8. **Police Dept.: Purchase of 6 new Axon Tasers:** Allen moved to approve the purchase of 6 new Axon Tasers (X26P), 25 Axon Taser Cartridges, 6 X-PPM spare cartridge battery packs and 5 Blackhawk Holsters at a cost of \$13,682.21 and Fonteno seconded. Allen, Beahm, Fonteno and Rozell voted aye. Motion carried 4-0-0.
9. **Police Dept.: Purchase of Panasonic Toughbooks:** Beahm moved to approve the purchase of as presented, including 1 Panasonic Toughbook 55 MK3, 2 Refurbished Panasonic Toughbook 55 MK1, 3 HAVIS Vehicle Dock stations, and 3 Brother Rugged Jet 4 Printer and Battery Kits not to exceed \$13,250 and Rozell seconded. Allen, Beahm, Fonteno and Rozell voted aye. Motion carried 4-0-0.
10. **Public Works: Monthly Report:** Director Ware presented the monthly report.
11. **Economic Development Report:** Trey Beahm provided the following MDD update: the 59 acre parcel of land loan has been paid off; there is a new renter at the Welcome Center; work continues on the development of the Big Sandy Business Park including the purchase of a banner to advertise lots available for lease.
12. **Brick Walls/Building next to Heritage Center:** Mayor Baggett would like to see this property developed and asked for ideas.
13. **Internet Service for Civic Center at 612 N Tyler:** Rozell moved to approve the proposal from Frontier to install internet with a 2 gig speed and 2 extenders. Fonteno and Beahm seconded. Beahm requested that we ask Frontier for a 3rd extender for the same quoted price. Allen, Beahm, Fonteno and Rozell voted aye. Motion carried 4-0-0.
14. **Financial Reports for January 2026:** Allen 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 February 17th meeting:** Allen moved to approve the February 17th minutes as presented and Beahm seconded. Allen, Beahm, Fonteno and Rozell voted aye. Motion carried 4-0-0.
16. **Resolution Cancelling May 2nd, 2026 Election:** Allen moved to approve **Resolution #2026-003** cancelling the May 2nd, 2026 Election and Rozell seconded. Allen, Beahm, Fonteno and Rozell voted aye. Motion carried 4-0-0.
17. **City Administrator Report:** Administrator Rex presented her monthly reports, including an update on the request to TCEQ for an alternate capacity requirement, the Animal Protection League in Big Sandy on April 10th, and reminders of the MDD meeting on April 14th and the next regular council meeting on April 21st.
18. **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.

Adjourn: There being no further posted business before this Council, Fonteno moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:41 p.m. and Allen seconded.


 Linda C. Baggett, Mayor


 Laura M. Rex, City Secretary


 Date