

City of Big Sandy

Big Sandy, Texas 75755

MINUTES TO MEETING

May 19, 2026, 6:00 p.m.

The City Council for the City of Big Sandy met in Regular Session on May 19, 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** – Samuel Vanderford
- b. **Pledge of Allegiance** – Sally Allen
- 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, Upshur County Judge Elect Brandon Dodd, Lou Drake, Joanne Gonzalez, Lupe Gonzalez, Crystal Gill and Samuel Vanderford with the Big Sandy VFD.

Public Comment: Upshur County Judge Elect Brandon Dodd commented about the results of the primary election in May and announced he will be holding a town hall meeting at a future date.

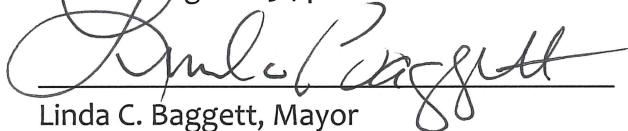
Community Events: Mayor Baggett reminded everyone of several upcoming events including Big Sandy ISD Graduation on May 22nd, Memorial Day Holiday on May 25th, Alert Advancement on May 29th and TNT on May 30th.

Agenda Items:


1. **Vol. Fire Department: Monthly Report:** the monthly report was presented by VFD President Samuel Vanderford.
2. **Building Permit: Crystal Gill: 105 N Tyler:** Fonteno moved to approve the permit as presented and Beahm seconded. Allen, Beahm, Fonteno and Rozell voted aye. Motion carried 4-0-0.
3. **Applegate Softball Field: Painting of concession stand:** Beahm moved to approve the painting of the outside of the concession stand “Wildcat Blue” and Allen seconded. Allen, Beahm, Fonteno and Rozell voted aye. Motion carried 4-0-0.
4. **Police Department: Monthly Report:** Chief Easterling presented the monthly report.
5. **Police Department: Purchase of new in-car cameras:** Fonteno moved to approve the purchase of 5 in-car cameras/radios at a cost of \$29,733.45 and Allen seconded. Allen, Beahm, Fonteno and Rozell voted aye. Motion carried 4-0-0.
6. **Public Works: Monthly Report:** Director Ware presented the monthly report.
7. **Public Works: Pickup Repairs:** Director Ware reported that the flywheel is cracked and requested up to \$4,000 to repair the pickup. Rozell moved to approve the repairs at a cost not to exceed \$4,000 and Beahm seconded. Allen, Beahm, Fonteno and Rozell voted aye. Motion carried 4-0-0.
8. **Financial Reports for April 2026:** Beahm moved to approve the financials as presented and Allen seconded. Allen, Beahm, Fonteno and Rozell voted aye. Motion carried 4-0-0.

9. **Minutes for April 21st meeting:** Beahm moved to approve the April 21st minutes as presented and Rozell seconded. Allen, Beahm, Fonteno and Rozell voted aye. Motion carried 4-0-0.
10. **Request for Proposal for Banking Services:** City Administrator Rex reported to the council that the request for proposal for banking services has been prepared with bids accepted through June 30th, 2026 for the city council to take action at the July 21st meeting. No action taken.
11. **City Administrator Report:** Administrator Rex presented her monthly reports, including the completed TXDOT repairs on Highways 80 and 155, the filing of the Discharge Monitoring Report and reminders of the primary run-off election on May 26th, the MDD meeting on June 9th and the next regular council meeting on June 16th.
12. **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 6:54 p.m. and Beahm and Rozell seconded.


Linda C. Baggett, Mayor


Laura M. Rex, City Administrator/City Secretary


Date