

City of Big Sandy

Big Sandy, Texas 75755

MINUTES TO MEETING

June 16, 2026, 6:00 p.m.

The City Council for the City of Big Sandy met in Regular Session on June 16, 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** – Dr. David Fonteno
- 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, 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, Joanne Gonzalez, Lupe Gonzalez, Al Harrison, Amy Linn, Sherry Perry, George Strub, George Taylor and Samuel Vanderford with the Big Sandy VFD.

Community Events: Mayor Baggett reminded everyone of several upcoming events including Juneteenth on June 19th, Father's Day on June 21st and the Agape House fundraiser on June 20th.

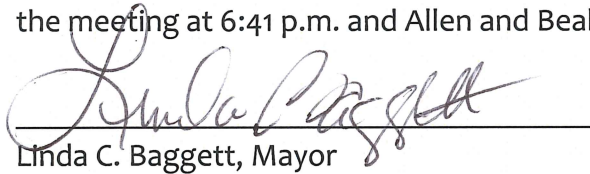
Public Comment: George Strub brought muffins to the meeting and thanked Public Works Director Rocky Ware and City Administrator Laura Rex for attending the June Big Sandy ISD School Board meeting to explain the need for a sanitary easement so the City can move forward with their Texas Water Development Board Grant, which the school board approved.

Agenda Items:

1. **Vol. Fire Department: Monthly Report:** the monthly report was presented by VFD President Samuel Vanderford.
2. **East Texas Homes: Upshur County Appraisal District ID #20218 Re-plat:** George Taylor outlined the proposed re-plat for this parcel on behalf of East Texas Homes. Fonteno moved to approve the re-plat of this parcel (most recently with the address of 204 N Pearl) as presented and Allen seconded. Allen, Beahm and Fonteno voted aye. Rozell abstained. Motion carried 3-0-1.
3. **Police Department: Monthly Report:** Chief Easterling presented the monthly report, including that the new in-car cameras were in the process of being installed.
4. **Public Works: Monthly Report:** Director Ware presented the monthly report.
5. **Public Works: Summer Employment: Isaiah Rios:** Beahm moved to approve hiring of Isaiah Rios for summer employment for no more than eight weeks and Fonteno seconded. Allen, Beahm, Fonteno and Rozell voted aye. Motion carried 4-0-0.
6. **Purchase of portable sound system with 2 microphones:** Beahm moved to approve the purchase of the sound system from Mundt Music at a cost of \$2,537.99 and Rozell seconded. Allen, Beahm, Fonteno and Rozell voted aye. Motion carried 4-0-0.
7. **Financial Reports for May 2026:** Beahm moved to approve the financials as presented and Fonteno seconded. Allen, Beahm, Fonteno and Rozell voted aye. Motion carried 4-0-0.

8. **Minutes for May 19th meeting:** Allen moved to approve the May 19th minutes as presented and Beahm seconded. Allen, Beahm, Fonteno and Rozell voted aye. Motion carried 4-0-0.
9. **Health Insurance for full-time employees:** City Administrator Rex provided several quotes to the city council for health insurance/benefits for the full-time employees for the 2026-2027 fiscal year. After discussion, Rozell moved to continue with health insurance and benefits at the current deductibles and coverage with Texas Health Benefits and Allen seconded. Allen, Beahm, Fonteno and Rozell voted aye. Motion carried 4-0-0.
10. **City Administrator Report:** Administrator Rex presented her monthly reports, including the successful Big Sandy ISD Senior luncheon, the arrival of 'green' inspection tags for electric and gas utility connections, the filing of the Discharge Monitoring Report and the following event reminders: city hall will be closed June 19th and July 3rd, the Rotary waffle breakfast is on July 4th and the next regular council meeting is on July 21st.
11. **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, Rozell moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:41 p.m. and Allen and Beahm seconded.


Linda C. Baggett, Mayor


Laura M. Rex, City Administrator/City Secretary


Date