

**City of Bogata**  
**Called City Council Meeting Agenda**  
**March 17, 2026 – 7:00 p.m.**  
**206 2nd St. NW**  
**Bogata, TX 75417**

Council members may participate by telephone or video conference and may speak and vote on all agenda items in accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Act.

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**1. Call to Order**

**2. Roll Call**

**3. Prayer**

**4. Pledge of Allegiance**

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**5. Public Comment**

Citizens may address the Council on items listed on the agenda. Comments are limited to 3 minutes per speaker. The Council may not deliberate on items not listed on the agenda in accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Act.

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**Regular Agenda Items Discussion and Possible Action.**

**6. Water Line Extension – Highway 37 (Evan)**

**7. Water Service Agreement (Evan)**

**8. Financial Review**

**9. Application for Mobile Home Permit**

**10. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meetings**

**11. From Crime Control Board Install Geotab in All City Vehicles**

**12. City Social Media Policy**

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- 13. Approval of Car Show – April 17, 2026**
- 14. Approval of BBQ Cook-Off at City Park – April 17, 2026**
- 15. Clean Out Spillway at City Park**
- 16. Reopen Camper Spots at City Park – \$40.00 per Night**
- 17. Add Additional Lighting at City Park**
- 18. Approval for Bogata Area United to Host Event – April 11, 2026**
- 19. Policy on Electronic Bank Transfers**
- 20. Policy on Called/Special Council Meetings**
- 21. Dissolution of the Bogata Economic Development Corporation**
- 22. Raise water taps from \$500.00 to \$1500.00**
- 23. Approval of Wording of Chief Martin’s contract**
- 24. Election Equipment and or Hard Drives for Voting Machines**
- 25. Lowes Grant**
- 26. Approval of Fronter Days**
- 27. Sanitation Solution 5% Increase for the 2026 – 2027 budget**
- 28. Chamber of Commerce membership renewal - \$100.00 / year**
- 29. Financial Review / Audit Status**

## **Executive Session**

The City Council reserves the right to convene in Executive Session at any time during the meeting as authorized by the Texas Government Code, Chapter 551 (Texas Open Meetings Act), to discuss any of the matters listed above, including but not limited to:

- Section 551.071 – Consultation with Attorney
- Section 551.072 – Deliberations Regarding Real Property
- Section 551.074 – Personnel Matters

- Section 551.087 – Economic Development

Reconvene into open session for possible action on items discussed in Executive Session.

## 24. Adjournment

### Posting Certification

I certify that this agenda was posted in accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Act, Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code, on the City's official posting board at Bogata City Hall, 206 2nd St. NW, Bogata, Texas, at least 72 hours prior to the meeting.

*Ballin Jones*  
City Secretary

Date Posted: *March 11, 2026*

Time Posted: *11:00 AM*

# City of Bogata, Texas

Called City Council Meeting Minutes

March 17, 2026

206 2nd St NW, Bogata, TX

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## 1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by the Mayor.

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## 2. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by the Mayor.

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## 3. Invocation

An invocation was given.

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## 4. Roll Call

Roll call was conducted. A quorum was established.

Present	Cecil (Tex) Loftin
Present	Dakota Ross
Present	Chris Kennedy
Present	Teresa Allison
Present	Melissa Kerby

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## 5. Public Comments

Public comments were open. Speakers were reminded of the three-minute time limit and to address agenda items only.

- A citizen addressed concerns regarding the condition and availability of the Community Center, including maintenance issues and lack of use for public events.

- Additional concerns included:
  - Condition of city properties and equipment
  - Status of the police department
  - Use of tracking devices on city vehicles
  - Water tap fees
- A second speaker began comments regarding elections and council members but was ruled out of order for not addressing an agenda item.

Public comments were closed.

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## **6. Water Line Extension – Highway 37**

Discussion was held regarding the proposed extension. Due to incomplete cost and legal information:

**Motion by:** Teresa Allison To table Item 6

**Second by:** Melissa Kerby

**Vote:** Motion carried

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## **7. Water Service Agreement**

A revised Water Service Agreement was presented with updates including:

- Removal of piggybacking language
- Requirement of one meter per residence/business
- Additional wastewater protections

**Motion by Dakota Ross:** To approve the new Water Service Agreement

**Second by:** Chris Kennedy

**Vote:** Motion carried

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## **8. Financial Reports**

Financial reports were presented.

**Motion by:** Cecil (Tex) Loftin To approve financial reports

**Second by:** Melissa Kerby

**Vote:** Motion carried

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## **9. Approval of New Mobile Home Application**

**Motion by:** Cecil (Tex) Loftin To approve application

**Second by:** Melissa Kerby

**Vote:** Motion carried

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## **10. Approval of Minutes**

Minutes from February 2, 16, 18, and 26, 2026 were presented.

**Motion by Cecil (Tex) Loftin:** To approve minutes as presented

**Second by:** Teresa Allison

**Vote:** Motion carried

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## **11. Geotab Installation**

Discussion regarding installation of tracking devices on city equipment.

**Motion by Teresa Allison:** To allow installation funded by Crime Control Board

**Second by:** Cecil (Tex) Loftin

**Vote:** Motion carried

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## **12. Social Media Policy**

Discussion only. No action taken.

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## **13. Bogata Area United Events**

Requests included:

- Street closure for car show (April 11, 2026, 7:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.)
- Frontier Days event (June 27, 2026)

**Motion by:** Teresa Allison Approve street closure

**Second by:** Cecil (Tex) Loftin

**Vote:** Motion carried

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#### **14. Approval Bar B Q Cook off April 11, 2026**

**Motion by Teresa Allison:** Approve Frontier Days

**Second by: Cecil (Tex) Loftin**

**Vote:** Motion carried

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#### **15. City Park Spillway**

Discussion on maintenance and safety.

**Motion by Cecil (Tex) Loftin:** Authorize cleaning of spillway by Dakota Ross

**Second by: Teresa Allison**

**Vote:** Motion carried

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#### **16. Camper Spots at City Park**

Discussion regarding reopening sites.

**Motion by:** Cecil (Tex) Loftin Table until inspect utilities and report back

**Second by:** Teresa Allison

**Vote:** Motion carried

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#### **17. Park Lighting**

Discussion regarding need for additional lighting in the park. Dakoto Ross to get bids.

**Motion by:** Teresa Allison to table item and obtain bids

**Second by:** Cecil (Tex) Loftin

**Vote:** Motion carried

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#### **18. Bogata Area United Events**

Requests included:

- Street closure (April 11, 2026, 7:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.)
- Frontier Days event (June 27, 2026)

**Motion by: Teresa Allison** Approve street closure  
**Second by: Cecil (Tex) Loftin**  
**Vote:** Motion carried

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## **19. Electronic Bank Transfer Policy**

Discussion regarding accountability.

**Motion by: Cecil (Tex) Loftin** Request city attorney to draft policy  
**Second by: Melissa Kerby**  
**Vote:** Motion carried

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## **20. Special, Called, and General Meeting Policy**

Discussion only. No action taken.

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## **21. Dissolution of Economic Development Corporation**

Discussion regarding noncompliance and financial concerns.

**Motion by: Cecil (Tex) Loftin** To terminate the corporation  
**Second by: Teresa Allison**

### **Roll Call Vote:**

- Melissa Kerby – Yes
- Dakota Ross – Yes
- Teresa Allison – Yes
- Chris Kennedy – Yes
- Cecil (Tex) Loftin – Yes

**Result:** Motion carried

Remaining funds to be returned to the City per law.

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## **22. Water Tap Fees**

Discussion regarding potential increase.

**Motion by:** Teresa Allison To table and gather cost data  
**Second by:** Melissa Kerby

- Melissa Kerby – Yes
- Dakota Ross – No
- Teresa Allison – Yes
- Chris Kennedy – No
- Cecil (Tex) Loftin – Yes

**Results:** Motion carried

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### **23. Chief of Police Contract**

Discussion regarding resignation of Chief Martin and department status.

**Motion by:** Teresa Allison To take no action  
**Second by:** Melissa Kerby  
**Vote:** Motion carried

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### **24. Election Equipment**

Discussion regarding need for V-drives.

**Motion by:** Cecil (Tex) Loftin Purchase 10 V-drives and continue renting equipment  
**Second by:** Teresa Allison  
**Vote:** Motion carried

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### **25. Lowe's Grant Application**

Mayor submitted grant application for \$50,000.

**Motion by:** Teresa Allison To ratify submission  
**Second by:** Chris Kennedy  
**Vote:** Motion carried

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### **26. Bogata Area United Events**

Requests included:

- Frontier Days event (June 27, 2026)

**Motion by: Teresa Allison** Approve street closure

**Second by: Cecil (Tex) Loftin**

**Vote:** Motion carried

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## **27. Solid Waste Rate Review**

Discussion regarding increased service costs.

**Action:** No action taken; to review during next budget cycle

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## **28. Chamber of Commerce Membership**

Annual membership discussed.

**Motion by: Teresa Allison** Approve \$100 membership

**Second by: Melissa Kerby**

**Vote:** Motion carried

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## **29. Audit Status**

Discussion regarding need for audit services. Auditor is finishing up 6 other city audits, so he can get started on ours.

**Action:** No formal action taken

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### 30. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:59 p.m.

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## APPROVAL

These minutes were approved by the Bogata City Council on the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2026.

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## SIGNATURES

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Mayor *Larry Hensley*

Date: *3/17/2026*

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City Secretary

Date: *3-17-2026*