

City of Bogata

Regular City Council Meeting

June 1, 2026 – 7:00pm
Bogata Community Center
206 2nd St NW
Bogata, Texas 75417

Council Members may participate by telephone or video conference and may speak and vote on all agenda items consistent with the Texas Open Meetings Act

AGENDA

1. Call to Order.
2. Establish Quorum – Roll Call
3. Pledge of Allegiance and invocation
4. THE ITEMS IN THIS AGENDA MAY BE DISCUSSED AND VOTED ON IN ANY ORDER THE PRESIDING OFFICER MAY PREFER.
5. Public comments/ Public Forum

Citizens may speak on a non- agenda item during the Public Forum. Consistent with the Texas Open Meetings Act, the City Council may not discuss or respond to non-agenda items. Public comments regarding agenda items may be made during the public forum or at the time the agenda item is called. All comments are limited to three (3) minutes, and the time may not be saved, transferred or assigned. All speakers are expected to maintain proper decorum. Threats, persona insults, cursing or profanity may result in forfeiture of remaining time. Citizens must complete a written request to speak and furnish that request with the City Secretary at least ten (10) minutes prior to the meeting.

- a. Citizen Comments on non-agenda items .
- b. Citizen comments on agenda items.

6. Consent item; Discuss/take action:

- a. Minutes for May 19, 2026, City Council Meetings.
- b. Monthly Activity reports for May 2026 from:
 - i. Police Department.
 - ii. Public Works Department.
 - iii. Volunteer Fire Department.

7. Business-Discuss/Take action on:

- a. Backhoe lease agreement, including comparison to the previous backhoe lease agreement and budget considerations.
- b. Retaining the silver Dodge Charger as a dedicated police vehicle.
- c. Mayor's authority to execute check number 24138 and the amount of \$76,590.00 payable to Chicago motors on May 17th, 2024.

- d. Status, time frame, and cost of audits for fiscal year 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025, and 2026.
- e. Removal of Mayor Hinsley.
- f. Tolison plumbing invoice for \$1250.00 tabled from May May 19, 2026.
- g. Fidelity/ performance bonds for City Council, Mayor, City Secretary, Water Clerk, Court Clerk and Police Chief.
- h. Zoning issue, 107 NE 3rd used as residential, zoned commercial - table in January 2026.
- i. Emergency command center trailer grant, consider transfer of trailer to Red River County Sheriff's office – tabled in February 2026. .
- j. Park Grant oversight Committee – tabled in July 2025.
- k. Patk donation oversight – tabled in August 2025.
- l. Daily inspections of City vehicles – tabled in November 2025.
- m. Judge Jarvis salary – tabled in May 2026
- n. QuickBooks implementation and financial reports to City Council.
- o. Review/ editing Line item columns for City Budget.
- p. Crime control and prevention budget 2026-2027.
- q. Authority for Mayor to sign check 24496 to Milford construction for \$120,000.00
- r. Social media update

8. Finances

- a. Monthly bills and purchase orders for May 2026
- b. Financial Report for May 2026.

9. Adjourn.

Executive Session(s): The City of Bogata does not routinely list the items for executive session consideration; however, consistent with the authority cited below, the City may retire into executive session as permitted and as needed on agenda items, as authorized by Texas Government Code Sections 551.071 (Consultation with attorney); 551.072 (Deliberations regarding Real Property); 551.073 (Deliberations regarding Gifts and Donation); 551.074 (Personnel Matters); 551.076 (Deliberations regarding Security Devices); 551.087 (Deliberations regarding Economic Development negotiations); and 321.3022 (Confidential Sales Tax Information)."

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May 26, 2026 at 445 a.m./p.m.


City Secretary

**CITY OF BOGATA
CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
June 1, 2026 – 7:00 P.M.
Bogata Community Center**

1. Call to Order

Mayor Pro Tem Dakota Ross called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

2. Roll Call

Present:

- Aaron Lum
- Chris Kennedy
- Teresa Allison
- Melissa Kerby

A quorum was established.

3. Pledge of Allegiance

The Council and audience recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. Invocation

An invocation was offered asking for guidance, wisdom, and protection for all those attending the meeting.

5. Public Comments

A citizen addressed the Council regarding the recent vacancy in the Mayor's office. The citizen encouraged the Council not to rush the appointment of a new mayor, suggesting the Council take sufficient time to evaluate the City's needs before making a decision. The citizen also commented on the condition of city infrastructure and encouraged the Council to continue addressing maintenance needs.

6. Approval of Minutes

Council reviewed the minutes of May 19, 2026, City Council meeting.

A motion was made by Chris Kennedy to approve May 19, 2026, City Council meeting minutes.

Seconded by: Aaron Lum

Motion carried unanimously.

7. Department Reports

The Council reviewed the Police Department, Public Works Department, and Volunteer Fire Department reports.

A motion was made by Teresa Allison to accept the department reports. S

Seconded by: Chris Kennedy

Motion carried unanimously.

8. New Business

Backhoe Lease Agreement – Backhoe/Grapple Attachment

The Council discussed the proposed backhoe lease agreement for the City's backhoe equipment and the addition of a grapple attachment.

Discussion included:

- Comparison of the proposed lease agreement with the City's previous lease.
- Monthly lease payments and overall financial impact.
- Maintenance responsibilities under the lease.
- Whether purchasing equipment outright would be more cost-effective than continuing to lease.
- The expiration of the previous lease agreement in late May 2026.
- The importance of having financial information available before approving lease agreements.
- The need for the equipment by the Public Works Department.
- Concerns that the Public Works Director was not present to answer questions regarding the necessity of the grapple attachment.
- Discussion that the Council had previously approved renewal of the backhoe lease, but detailed financial information had not been presented at that time.

Council members expressed interest in exploring the future purchase of used equipment rather than continuing long-term leasing arrangements.

Following discussion, the Council determined that while the backhoe itself remained necessary for City operations, additional information was needed regarding the grapple attachment.

Motion:

A motion was made by Teresa Allison to approve the renewal of the backhoe lease agreement **without** the grapple attachment.

Seconded by: Chris Kennedy

Motion carried unanimously.

The grapple attachment was not approved.

Police Department Vehicle Fleet

The Council discussed the status of the Police Department vehicle fleet, including the silver Dodge Charger, the Chevrolet pickup, the Dodge Ram, and other leased vehicles.

Discussion included:

- The condition of the silver Charger and whether to retain it for future departmental use.
- Existing lease agreements on police vehicles.
- The possibility of transferring equipment from older vehicles to newer vehicles as needed.
- Costs associated with the current vehicle leases.
- The future need for an additional patrol vehicle.
- Previous discussions regarding the possible sale of surplus vehicles, including the Crown Victoria, Tahoe, and Dodge pickup.

No action was taken.

Mayor's Authority to Execute Check No. 24138

The Council discussed Check No. 24138 in the amount of **\$76,590.00**, payable to Chicago Motors on May 17, 2024.

Discussion included:

- Prior Council action authorizing the purchase.
- Funding sources utilized for the purchase.
- Questions regarding certificates of deposit (CDs) that have been designated for Police Department funding.
- Alleged discrepancies involving approximately \$50,000 in previously identified funds.
- Ongoing litigation concerning actions taken by the former mayor.
- Review of prior meeting minutes and handwritten notes relating to the transaction.

No action was taken on this agenda item.

Audit Status (Fiscal Years 2020–2026)

The City Secretary provided an update regarding the status of the City's outstanding audits for Fiscal Years 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024, and 2025.

The Council reviewed correspondence and text messages between the City Secretary and the auditor regarding the progress of the audits. The City Secretary reported that the auditor is currently working on several other audits but intends to begin the City's audits as soon as possible. Council directed staff to continue following up with the auditor on a regular basis until work begins.

No action was required.

Removal of Mayor Larry Hinsley

The agenda item regarding the removal of Mayor Larry Hinsley was announced.

No discussion or action was recorded on this agenda item.

Tolison Plumbing Invoice

The Council revisited the Tolison Plumbing invoice in the amount of **\$1,250.00**, which had been tabled from the May 19, 2026, meeting.

Discussion included:

- Circumstances surrounding the emergency repair of a water line.
- Whether the repair occurred on the City's side of the water service.
- Whether City personnel had authorized the work.
- Responsibility for excavation and repair costs.
- Whether the contractor had caused or repaired the damage.
- Whether the City should reimburse only the cost of materials or both labor and materials.
- The absence of the Public Works Director to answer questions regarding the repair.

Following discussion, the Council agreed additional information was needed before making a decision.

Action:

The invoice was tabled until additional information could be obtained and the appropriate personnel could address the Council.

Motion by: Arron Lum

Second by Teresa Allison

Motion Carried

Chris Kennedy voted no

Bonded Council and City Employees

The Council discussed updating the City's Bond following recent personnel changes.

Discussion included:

- Current authorized to be bonded.
- Updating bonding records to reflect current officials.

Staff were directed to proceed with updating the authorized council and city employees as necessary.

107 NE 3rd Street – Commercial Property Used as Residential

The Council revisited the previously tabled agenda item concerning property located at **107 NE 3rd Street**, which is zoned commercial but had reportedly been used as a residence.

Council discussed:

- The need to address previously tabled agenda items in a timely manner.
- Creating an "Old Business" section on future agendas for items previously tabled.
- Determining whether the property continues to be used as a residence.

Based on the information presented, Council determined no further action was necessary at this time.

The agenda item concluded with no action taken.

Emergency Command Center Trailer Grant – Consider Transfer to Red River County Sheriff's Office

(Previously Tabled from February 2025)

The Council revisited the previously tabled agenda item regarding the transfer of the City's Emergency Command Center Trailer, originally acquired through a Homeland Security grant.

Discussion included:

- Previous discussions regarding transferring the trailer to the Red River County Emergency Management Coordinator.
- Federal and state grant requirements governing the disposal or transfer of grant-funded equipment.
- Questions concerning ownership of the trailer and the name reflected on the certificate of title.
- The relationship between the City and the Volunteer Fire Department regarding equipment ownership.
- Prior instances where titles to fire department vehicles had not been properly transferred.
- Insurance responsibilities for the trailer.
- Long-term maintenance and operating costs.
- The trailer's current condition and estimated age.
- The benefits of transferring the trailer to Red River County, including:
 - Availability for emergency response throughout the county.
 - Use as an incident command post during tornadoes, wildfires, structure fires, and other disasters.
 - Climate-controlled space for emergency personnel.
 - Centralized communications during emergency incidents.
- Council discussed that the trailer would continue to be available to assist the City of Bogata during emergencies, despite ownership being transferred to the County.
- Council also discussed the possibility of including language to ensure the trailer could continue to be utilized for emergencies within the City when needed.

Council members generally agreed the transfer could reduce maintenance and insurance responsibilities for the City while providing a greater regional benefit through Red River County Emergency Management.

Discussion concluded with questions regarding the condition of the trailer and confirmation that it remains in serviceable condition, although approximately 22 to 23 years old.

Action:

Discussion continued. No final vote was recorded in this portion of the transcript.

Emergency Command Center Trailer Grant

Following discussion, a motion was made by Teresa Allison to transfer ownership of the Emergency Command Center Trailer to **Red River County** for use by the County's Emergency Management program.

The Council discussed that the trailer would continue to benefit the City of Bogata during emergency events while reducing maintenance and insurance responsibilities for the City.

Seconded by: Chris Kennedy

Motion carried unanimously to transfer the title for the Emergency Command Center Trailer to Red River County.

Grant Opportunities

The Council briefly discussed a previously tabled grant-related agenda item. It was noted that a grant application had reportedly been submitted; however, no documentation or additional information was available for Council review.

No action was taken.

Park Donation Oversight

The Council discussed a previously tabled agenda item concerning oversight of park donations.

After discussion, Council determined that the matter had already been addressed through existing procedures and no further action was necessary.

No action was taken.

Daily Inspection Reports for City Vehicles and Equipment

The Council revisited the previously discussed policy requiring daily inspections of City-owned vehicles and equipment.

Discussion included:

- Daily inspection forms for all City vehicles and heavy equipment.
- Recording beginning and ending mileage or equipment hours.
- Tracking preventative maintenance intervals.
- Accountability for department supervisors.
- Maintaining inspection records in City files.
- Incorporating inspection reports into department reports submitted to the Council.
- Updating job responsibilities for department heads to include oversight of inspection and maintenance documentation.
- Establishing procedures to ensure compliance with the policy.

Council directed staff to prepare standardized inspection forms for implementation and requested copies be included in future Council packets as part of department reports.

No formal action was required.

Municipal Judge Salary

The Council continued discussion regarding compensation for the Municipal Judge.

Discussion included:

- The proposed salary of \$1,000 per month.
- The absence of a separate line item for the Municipal Judge within the current budget.
- Whether an amendment to the current budget would be necessary.
- The impact of pending audits on the City's financial position.
- The need to establish an appropriate salary line item in the upcoming budget.
- The importance of ensuring all employee salaries are budgeted separately for improved financial accountability.

Council agreed additional budget work was necessary before final action could be taken.

Teresa Allison made a motion to table the municipal judge salary so the 2025/2026 budget can be amended to include the municipal judges salary.

Seconded by: Chris Kennedy

Motion Carried

Arron Lum voted no

Financial Reports and Budget Line Items

Council discussed improvements to the City's financial reporting and budget format.

Topics included:

- Separating employee salaries into individual budget line items.
- Improving the readability and transparency of monthly financial reports.
- Reviewing budget line-item columns.
- Using the upcoming budget workshop to restructure the City's budget for improved financial tracking.
- Continuing work toward completion of the City's outstanding audits.

A motion was made by Teresa Allison to have QuickBooks reports at each meeting in council packets.

Seconded by: Melissa Kerby

Motion carried unanimously

Crime Control and Prevention District Budget (FY 2026–2027)

The Council reviewed the Fiscal Year 2026–2027 Crime Control and Prevention District Budget as approved by the Crime Control Board.

A motion was made by Aaron Lum to approve the Crime Control and Prevention District Budget for Fiscal Year 2026–2027.

Seconded by: Melissa Kerby

Motion carried unanimously.

Authority for Mayor to Execute Check No. 24496 – Milford Construction

The Council discussed Check No. 24496 in the amount of \$120,000.00, payable to Milford Construction.

Discussion included:

- The lack of supporting documentation located for the payment.
- Questions regarding whether the expenditure had been approved by Council.
- Historical grant-funded housing projects.
- The importance of maintaining supporting invoices and financial records.
- The need for complete documentation of all City expenditures.

The discussion was informational only.

No action was taken.

Social Media Update

The Council discussed the City's official Facebook page and administration of the account.

Discussion included:

- Establishing a new official City Facebook page.
- Limiting the page to informational announcements only.
- Designating administrative access.
- Maintaining City ownership of usernames and passwords.
- Avoiding use of personal social media accounts for official City business.
- Restricting public comments to reduce administrative concerns.

A motion was made by Aaron Lum to establish a new official City Facebook page with informational postings only and to authorize the Mayor and City Secretary as account administrators.

Seconded by: Melissa Kerby

Motion carried unanimously.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Council, a motion was made by Melissa Kerby to adjourn the meeting.

Seconded by: Aaron Lum

The motion carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at **8:43 p.m.**

APPROVED this 6 day of July, 2026.

Mayor Pro-Tem

