

**PUBLIC NOTICE
CITY OF BOGATA, TEXAS
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

Notice is hereby given that the City Council of the City of Bogata, Texas, will meet in **Regular Session on Monday, December 1, 2025, at 7:00 p.m.** at the **Bogata Community Center, 206 2nd St NW, Bogata, Texas 75417** to consider the following:

AGENDA

1. Call to Order
2. Invocation
3. Establish Quorum

Public Forum

4. Members of the public may speak on items on this agenda. IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS- Members of the public may speak on an agenda item during the public forum section of the meeting or at the time the agenda item is called for discussion by the Mayor. Speakers are allowed three (3) minutes per speaker and the time cannot be saved, transferred, or assigned.

Members of the public wishing to address the Council on non-agenda items may do so with a three

(3) minute per speaker limit. Consistent with the Texas Open Meetings Act, the Council members cannot discuss nor respond to non-agenda presentations.

All speakers are expected to maintain a proper decorum when presenting and while in Council chambers. Threats, personal insults, vulgar or profane language is out of order and may result in forfeiture of remaining time and possible removal from the meeting.

Citizens wishing to comment must make the request in writing and deliver the requests to the City Secretary 10 minutes prior to the meeting.

4. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting
 5. Council members may join and participate in this meeting by phone.
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NEW BUSINESS – Discussion and Possible Action

1. Refund for garbage overcharge on Account #0576
2. Bonding for City Council seats
3. Crime Control District Budget approval for FY 2025–2026

4. Evaluation and adjustment of Community Center rental rates
 5. Requirement that all users pay under Chapter 171, Local Government Code, for Community Center
 6. Report on water loan transfer from Water Account 108 to Interest & Sinking Fund 5665
 7. City of Bogata proposed council policies
 8. Presentation by Mary Torres regarding Community Center and possible refurbishing
 9. Board packets to be ready for pickup before the Friday prior to the meeting
 10. Police Department generator service
 11. Audit reports for FY 2023–2024 and FY 2024–2025
 12. Budget for FY 2025–2026
 13. Update: Bogata Economic Development Corporation
 14. Dakota course, classes, and certification
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OLD BUSINESS

1. Wastewater permit
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EXECUTIVE SESSION

The City Council will recess into Executive Session pursuant to Texas Government Code §551.074 – Personnel Matters:

Interview of Interim Police Chief Position

Discussion and possible action on interviews conducted on November 20, 2025.

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

– Discussion and possible action on items discussed in Executive Session.

14. Adjourn
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This agenda has been posted in accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Act, Texas Government Code, Chapter 551.

Posted this the 25 day of November, 2025 at 10:18 a.m./p.m.



Bobbie Jarvis, City Secretary
City of Bogata, Texas

City of Bogata

City Council Meeting Minutes December 1, 2025

I. Call to Order

Mayor **Hinsley** called the meeting to order at **7:01 p.m.**

II. Roll Call

Present:

- Councilman Ross
- Councilman Kennedy
- Councilwoman Allison
- Councilwoman Kerby
- Councilman Loftin

A quorum was established.

III. Pledge of Allegiance & Invocation

Mayor Hinsley led the Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation.

IV. Public Forum

David Rozell addressed the council regarding needed repairs to the Community Center. He stated that the Mayor's job is to supervise city employees and oversee city spending and requested that Mayor Hinsley resign.

V. New Business

A. Garbage Collection Billing Error – Account #0756

Public Works Clerk **Evan McGroarty** reported that Account #0756 should not have been charged for garbage collection, as each apartment pays separately. Charges first appeared on the July 2025 bill.

- **Motion:** Councilman Loftin made a motion to credit Account #0756 in the amount of **\$658.32**.
- **Second:** Councilman Kennedy
- **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously.

B. Bonding for Council Seats

- **Motion:** Councilwoman Allison made a motion to table the item until City Attorney **Mr. Hamilton** can obtain quotes.
- **Second:** Councilman Kennedy
- **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously.

C. Crime Control and Prevention District 2025–2026 Budget Approval

- **Motion:** Councilman Ross made a motion to approve the Crime Control and Prevention District budget.
- **Second:** Councilman Loftin
- **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously.

D. Evaluation/Adjustment of Community Center Rates

- **Motion:** Councilwoman Allison made a motion to allow the following to use the Community Center at no charge:
 - Rivercrest student/youth sports organizations
 - Bogata Volunteer Fire Department
 - Wyatt Bush (one time per year)

All others will pay:

- \$100 deposit
- \$100 for 8 hours (6:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m., includes 1 hour cleanup)
- \$100 for 8 hours (3:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m.)

Rates apply to either the gym or community center.

Renting both facilities will be **\$200 for 8 hours** for the above timeframes.

- **Second:** Councilman Loftin
- **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously.

E. Report on Water Loan Transfer (Account 108 to 5665 – Interest & Sinking Fund)

- **Motion:** Councilman Loftin made a motion to accept the report as presented.
- **Second:** Councilwoman Kerby
- **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously.

F. Proposed City of Bogata Council Policies

- **Motion:** Councilman Loftin made a motion to accept the proposed policies and have City Attorney **Mr. Hamilton** present additional policies at a future meeting.
- **Second:** Councilwoman Allison
- **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously.

G. Community Center Refurbishing Presentation – Mary Torres

Mrs. Torres reminded the council that the building walls will be 100 years old in 2033. She expressed concern regarding the structural and visual condition of the building and requested that a council/citizen committee be formed to evaluate needs. She stated she will attend the January 2026 meeting for an update and expects action.

H. Council Board Packets

Council discussed options for packet pickup for members unable to visit City Hall during working hours. The City Secretary will attempt to have packets ready on the Thursday before council meetings. Councilman Loftin urged council members to submit agenda items no later than **7 days prior** to meetings.

I. Police Department Generator Service

The City Secretary reported receiving a call stating the generator required servicing to maintain a warranty. After discussion and Councilman Loftin reporting there was no warranty:

- **Motion:** Councilwoman Allison made a motion to take no action.
- **Second:** Councilwoman Kerby
- **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously.

K. Audit Reports for FY 2023–2024 and 2024–2025

- **Motion:** Councilwoman Allison made a motion for the City Secretary to get the City scheduled for an audit as soon as possible.
- **Second:** Councilwoman Kerby
- **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously.

L. 2025–2026 Proposed Budget

Mayor Hinsley presented the proposed budget.

- **Motion:** Councilman Loftin made a motion to hold a budget meeting on **Monday, December 8, 2025**.
- **Second:** Councilwoman Allison
- **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously.

The agenda will be posted on the City Hall door on **December 2, 2025**, and on the city website.

M. Bogata Economic Development Corporation (BEDC) Update

Mayor Hinsley reported no changes since the last report. Minutes and bank account information were sent to City Attorney **Mr. Hamilton**, who advised that BEDC should be funded by city sales tax, which is currently allocated to the Crime Prevention District.

- **Motion:** Councilman Loftin made a motion to place this item on the January 2026 agenda and take no action at this time.
- **Second:** Councilman Kennedy
- **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously.

N. Wastewater Course and Certification – Dakota English

Councilman Kennedy and Councilwoman Kerby reported discussions with **Dakota English**, who was unable to take his certification exam due to an unsubmitted application. Since three years have passed since the course, Dakota requested to retake it.

- **Motion:** Councilman Loftin made a motion for the City to pay for Dakota English to retake the wastewater course and certification exam.
- **Second:** Councilwoman Allison
- **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously.

VI. Executive Session

- Entered executive session at **9:37 p.m.**
- Returned to open session at **10:06 p.m.**
- Returned to open session again at **10:47 p.m.**

Action Taken:

- **Motion:** Councilman Loftin made a motion to offer **Officer Cody Dixon** the position of **Bogata Police Chief**, with:
 - Salary of **\$55,000 annually**
 - **6-month probation period**
 - Possible **2-year contract after 1 year of employment**
 - All future police hires to be interviewed by City Council
- **Second:** Councilman Kennedy
- **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously.

VII. Adjournment at 11:02 p.m.

- **Motion:** Councilwoman Allison
- **Second:** Councilman Kennedy
- **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned.

City of Bogata

Certification of City Council Meeting Minutes

I hereby certify that the foregoing minutes are a true and correct record of the proceedings of the **City of Bogata City Council Meeting** held on **December 1, 2025**, at which a quorum was present and the meeting was conducted in accordance with applicable law.

These minutes were approved by the City Council of the City of Bogata at a duly called and posted meeting on the ____ day of _____, 2026.

Mayor, City of Bogata
Mayor Hinsley

Date: 1/5/26.

Larry D Hinsley

City Secretary
City of Bogata

Date: _____