

PUBLIC NOTICE
CITY OF BOGATA, TEXAS

Notice is hereby given that the City Council of the City of Bogata, Texas, will hold a **Budget Workshop** on **Monday, December 15, 2025, at 6:00 p.m.**, at the **Bogata Community Center, 206 2nd St NW, Bogata, Texas 75417**. The purpose of this workshop is to discuss the proposed 2025–2026 fiscal year budget.

NOTICE: A Council Member may appear and participate telephonically or on a video platform. The technology used will enable the Council person to be heard by the audience as well as hear the discussions.

PROPOSED AGENDA

1. Call to Order
2. Invocation / Pledge of Allegiance (if customary)
3. Establish Quorum
4. Public Comments
5. Review and Discussion of Proposed Budget — Departments & Funds
6. Consideration of Adjustments to Proposed Budget (if needed)
7. Discussion of Next Steps regarding the adoption of the budget and/or Future Meeting(s)
8. Adjournment

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.

NOTICE UNDER TEXAS OPEN MEETINGS ACT

To the extent required by law, this meeting notice also constitutes notice of potential meetings of other City boards, commissions, or committees whose members may attend and discuss the above-listed items. No action by such boards, commissions, or committees will be taken unless expressly stated on their agendas.

ACCESSIBILITY NOTICE

A copy of the proposed budget will be made available at City Hall and clearly posted on the City's website at least three business days prior to the meeting, consistent with HB 1522 requirements. A taxpayer impact statement for a median-valued homestead property will also be included in the posting.

CERTIFICATE OF POSTING

I hereby certify that this Notice of Meeting was posted on the front door of City Hall and on the City of Bogata website on 12.9.2025 (date), which is at least three business days before the date of the meeting. @ 4:47 PM



Mayor / City Secretary

City of Bogata

Budget Workshop Meeting Minutes

December 15, 2025 – 6:00 p.m.

Community Center

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. Roll call was conducted.

Present:

- Dakota Ross
- Chris Kennedy
- Theresa Allison
- Melissa Kerby

Present by Phone:

- Tex Loftin

A quorum was confirmed.

2. Pledge of Allegiance and Prayer

The council stood for the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by an opening prayer.

3. Public Comments

No formal public comments were presented. Discussion referenced an ongoing situation previously discussed, with follow-up pending communication with Hamilton.

4. Review and Discussion of Proposed Budget

The council reviewed revisions made to the proposed budget based on prior discussions.

Key Changes and Discussion Points:

- **City Landline Expense:**
Adjusted from \$3,500 to **\$5,200** after verification.
 - **Police Department Staffing Projections:**
Budget scenarios were outlined for the police chief and up to four officers.
 - One officer at \$22/hour results in total payroll of approximately **\$100,760**.
 - At \$23/hour, payroll increases to approximately **\$102,000**.
 - **Budget Surplus:**
 - Estimated revenue: **\$1,139,506**
 - Estimated expenses: **\$1,009,028**
 - Projected surplus: **\$134,478**
 - The surplus allows flexibility for hiring additional officers later in the year.
 - **Sale of Police Vehicles:**
 - Noted that proceeds from selling three PD vehicles would help offset future personnel costs.
 - Vehicles discussed:
 - Crown Victoria (estimated \$2,000–\$2,500)
 - Blue Tahoe (estimated \$4,000–\$5,000)
 - Black Dodge Ram (not yet approved for sale)
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5. Certification Pay Discussion

Certification pay was discussed, referencing a May 1, 2024 meeting.

Proposed Certification Pay Structure (from prior action):

- Intermediate: \$100/month
- Advanced: \$150/month
- Master: \$200/month
- Specialty (SWAT, K9, etc.): additional pay
- Bilingual pay included

Council members expressed uncertainty regarding official adoption and documentation. It was agreed to place certification pay on the **January agenda** for full council review and clarification.

6. Budget Adoption Process

- The current workshop budget is intended to be presented for adoption once finalized.
 - The required public notice and hearing will be scheduled.
 - Council members expressed readiness to proceed with adoption at the **January meeting**, pending no further changes.
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7. Sale of Police Vehicles

- The Crown Victoria and Blue Tahoe have already been approved for sale.
 - Approval for the Black Dodge Ram is expected to be placed on the **January 5 agenda**.
 - Once all vehicles are approved, options include auction or police vehicle sales platforms.
 - Sales will not proceed until all approvals are complete.
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8. Adjournment

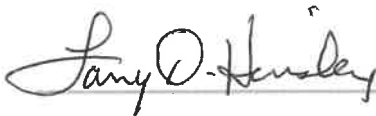
With no further business, the meeting concluded.

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 Council of the City of Bogata at the meeting held on **December 15, 2025**, at the Community Center.

These minutes were reviewed and approved by the City Council on the 5 day of January, 2026.

Mayor Larry Hinsley

 1/5/26

City Secretary Bobbie Jarvis

Date: _____