

CITY OF BOGATA, TEXAS
PUBLIC NOTICE
City Council Meeting

Notice is hereby given that the City Council of the City of Bogata, Texas, will hold a City Council meeting on **Monday, January 5, 2026, at 7:00 p.m.** at the **Bogata Community Center**, 206 2nd St. NW, Bogata, Texas 75417.

A Council Member may appear and participate telephonically or via video platform. The technology used will enable the Council Member to be heard by the audience and to hear the discussions.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Edit approval of the **2025–2026 Budget**.
2. Bond Claim: City of Bogata Western Surety Bond: Mayor, City Secretary, Water Secretary

PROPOSED AGENDA

1. Discussion and possible action on Community Center repairs and quotes
2. Forming an Events Committee
3. Reassigning the current Mayor Pro Tem
4. Allowing the **Angel Tree and Exes** to use the Community Center free of charge
5. Water tower/tank inspection due quote approval from Consor
6. Prohibiting the use of debit cards by any City employee
7. Certification pay for City employees and police officers
8. Backhoe lease is coming up for renewal, how would the council like to move forward
9. Discussion and possible action on city hall becoming a cashless office
10. Chief Dixon request to begin taking application and allow **Johnny Jarvis** to become a reserve officer (applications valid for 180 days)
11. Approval for **Tim Martin** to remove equipment from police vehicles to be sold at cost of \$200.00.
12. Sale of black Dodge police truck
13. Approval to send **Jamie** to Court Clerk School in July to allow timely registration when classes open
14. Windstream accounts ; collections by Access Receivables
15. Subpoena from Red River County Grand Jury
16. Discussion/Action on the Revised and Edited version of Bogata City Ordinances. (Note: Please bring the copy I sent to you in my 10/20/2025 email.)
17. Schedule a Public Hearing and action on the edited Proposed 2025 – 2026 City Budget.
18. Rodeo Board would like to find out about adding security lights.
19. Purchase of 2 new basketball goals for the park.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Members of the public may speak on an agenda item during the public forum section of the meeting or when the agenda item is called for discussion by the Mayor. Speakers are limited to **three (3) minutes per speaker**. Time may not be saved, transferred, or assigned.

Members of the public wishing to address the Council on **non-agenda items** may do so during the public forum, subject to the same three (3) minute limit. Consistent with the Texas Open Meetings Act, Council Members may not discuss or respond to non-agenda items.

All speakers are expected to maintain proper decorum. Threats, personal insults, vulgar, or profane language are out of order and may result in forfeiture of remaining time and removal from the meeting.

Citizens wishing to comment must submit a written request to the City Secretary **no later than 10 minutes prior to the meeting**.

NOTICE UNDER TEXAS OPEN MEETINGS ACT

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 available at City Hall and posted on the City of Bogata 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.

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 12-29-25, which is at least three business days prior to the meeting date.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Bobbi J. Harris", is written over a horizontal line.

Mayor / City Secretary

Council Packet

From Tex Loftin <cloftin@cityofbogata.com>

Date Mon 1/5/2026 10:38 AM

To Bobbie Jarvis <secretary@cityofbogata.com>

Please give my council packet to my wife Betty Loftin. Thanks Cecil Tex Loftin

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City of Bogata

City Council Meeting Minutes

January 5, 2026

7:00 p.m.

206 2nd St. NW, Bogata, Texas 75417

1. Call to Order

Mayor **Larry Hinsley** called the meeting to order at **7:03 p.m.**

2. Roll Call

Present:

- Larry Hinsley, Mayor
- Cecil "Tex" Loftin, Mayor Pro Tem
- Dakota Ross, Council Member
- Chris Kennedy, Council Member
- Teresa Allison, Council Member
- Melissa Kerby, Council Member

A quorum was present.

3. Public Comments

Mrs. Torres addressed the Council regarding **repairs needed at the Community Center.**

4. Consent Agenda

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

Motion made by **Cecil "Tex" Loftin**, seconded by **Melissa Kerby**, to approve the consent minutes.

Motion carried unanimously.

Old Business

Item 1: 2025–2026 Budget

Council discussed adding the following to the budget:

- Police officers' pay: **\$22.00/hour**, totaling **\$45,760.00 annually**
- Fuel charges

Motion made by **Cecil “Tex” Loftin**, seconded by **Teresa Allison**, to approve the budget with the noted edits.

Motion carried unanimously.

A public hearing on the budget was scheduled for **January 26, 2026 at 7:00 p.m.** at the **Bogata Community Center**.

Item 2: Bond Claim

City Attorney reported a bond claim was filed on **December 30, 2025**.

Motion made by **Cecil “Tex” Loftin**, seconded by **Teresa Allison**, to add the Mayor Pro Tem to the bond.

Motion carried unanimously.

New Business

Item 1: Community Center Repairs

Council Members **Ross** and **Kennedy** read quotes for various Community Center repairs. No action was taken on the quotes.

Motion made by **Cecil “Tex” Loftin**, seconded by **Teresa Allison**, to **close the Community Center** until necessary repairs are completed, **except for City Council meetings and elections**.

Motion carried unanimously.

Item 2: Formation of an Event Committee

Several citizens spoke on the matter.
No action taken.

Motion made by **Cecil “Tex” Loftin**, seconded by **Chris Kennedy**, to move this item to the **February Crime Control Board agenda**.
Motion carried unanimously.

Item 3: Reassigning Mayor Pro Tem

City Attorney advised that reassignment was **not allowed**.
No action taken.

Item 4: Angel Tree and Exes Use of Community Center

No action taken.
Item tabled until Community Center repairs are completed.

Item 5: Water Tank Inspection Quote

Motion made by **Cecil “Tex” Loftin**, seconded by **Melissa Kerby**, to approve the inspection quote from **Conсор** for the water tower.
Motion carried unanimously.

Item 6: City Debit Cards

Motion made by **Cecil “Tex” Loftin**, seconded by **Melissa Kerby**, to prohibit the use of **city debit cards**.
Motion carried unanimously.

Item 7: Certification Pay for City Employees

After discussion, motion made by **Teresa Allison**, seconded by **Melissa Kerby**, to **table the item for six (6) months**.

Votes:

- Yes: Teresa Allison, Melissa Kerby, Cecil “Tex” Loftin
- No: Dakota Ross, Chris Kennedy

Motion carried.

Item 8: Backhoe Lease or Purchase

Council Member **Dakota Ross** will research pricing and warranties for purchasing a new backhoe versus leasing.

Motion made by **Teresa Allison**, seconded by **Cecil “Tex” Loftin**, to table until the **February 2, 2026** meeting.

Motion carried unanimously.

Item 9: Cashless Office

Motion made by **Dakota Ross**, seconded by **Teresa Allison**, for the City of Bogata to become a cashless office.

Motion carried unanimously.

Item 10: Reserve Officer Application

Chief Dixon requested approval to begin accepting applications and to allow **Johnny Jarvis** to serve as a reserve officer.

Motion made by **Cecil “Tex” Loftin**, seconded by **Teresa Allison**.

Motion carried unanimously.

Item 11: Removal of Police Vehicle Equipment

Motion made by **Cecil “Tex” Loftin**, seconded by **Dakota Ross**, to allow **Tim Martin** to remove equipment from police vehicles for sale at a cost of **\$200.00**.

Motion carried unanimously.

Item 12: Sale of Black Dodge Police Pickup

Motion made by **Teresa Allison**, seconded by **Melissa Kerby**, to not accept less than **\$15,000.00** for the vehicle.

Motion carried unanimously.

Item 13: Court Clerk School

Motion made by **Dakota Ross**, seconded by **Melissa Kerby**, to approve **Jamie Webster** attending Court Clerk School in July.

Motion carried unanimously.

Item 14: Windstream Account – Collections

City Attorney reported no response from the company after several weeks.
No action taken.

Item 15: Subpoena – Red River County Grand Jury

City Attorney advised that all current and former city employees and council members must provide **any and all requested information** to be scanned and submitted to the **Texas Rangers**.

Item 16: City Ordinances

Council Member **Teresa Allison** presented corrections related to fireworks.
Paper copies were requested by **Cecil “Tex” Loftin** and **Chief Dixon**.

Motion made by **Teresa Allison**, seconded by **Cecil “Tex” Loftin**, to accept the ordinances with corrections.

Motion carried unanimously.

Item 17: Schedule a public Hearing and action on proposed 2025-2026 City Budget

Set a Public Hearing for January 26, 2026, at 7:00 p.m. at Bogata Community Center

Motion made by **Teresa Allison**, seconded by **Cecil “Tex” Loftin**, to set the hearing

Motion carried unanimously.

Item 18: Security Lights at Rodeo Grounds

A work order was required to begin the project.

Motion made by **Dakota Ross**, seconded by **Teresa Allison**, to have the City Secretary initiate the work order.

Motion carried unanimously.

Item 19: Basketball Goals for the Park

Council Member **Teresa Allison** offered to donate two basketball goals.

Council Member **Dakota Ross** offered to donate labor and equipment for installation.

Motion made by, **Teresa Allison** seconded by **Cecil "Tex" Loftin**.

Motion carried unanimously.

Adjournment

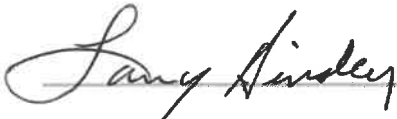
Motion to adjourn made by **Cecil "Tex" Loftin**, seconded by **Melissa Kerby**.

Meeting adjourned at 9:39 p.m.

Approval & Signatures

These minutes were reviewed and approved by the City Council of the City of Bogata on the

2 day of February, 2026.



Larry Hinsley, Mayor
City of Bogata
