

**BIG LAKE CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES**

JANUARY 12, 2026

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Knier called the special meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

3. ROLL CALL

Council Members present: Ken Geroux, Paul Knier, Kim Noding, and Paul Seefeld. Council Member absent: Ken Halverson. Also present: City Administrator Hanna Klimmek, City Clerk Gina Wolbeck, Finance Director Deb Wegeleben, Community Development Director Marie Popp, and Acting Police Chief Sam Olson.

4. PROPOSED AGENDA

Council Member Noding motioned to adopt the proposed Agenda as presented. Seconded by Council Member Seefeld, unanimous ayes, Agenda adopted.

5. BUSINESS – 2026 Official City and Council Committee Appointments

Hanna Klimmek reviewed the need for the special meeting, noting at 5:30 p.m., the Big Lake Economic Development Authority will be holding a public hearing and considering adoption of a Resolution for Establishment of an Economic Development District. These are required for the issuance of Lease Revenue Bonds, Series 2026A, which will fund the future Public Safety Facility project. City Attorney Soren Mattick, and Bond Counsel Mary Ippel have advised BLEDA appointments should be in place before the public hearing is held. Klimmek discussed the special meeting was duly noticed, and is considered the City's 2026 Annual Meeting and all required approvals are included in the appointment Resolution.

Klimmek Wolbeck reviewed City appointments, and discussed Mayor Knier's recommendations for Council Member committee appointments, which mirror last year's appointments with the addition of the new Street Committee that was discussed at the December 2025 workshop. Mayor Knier has recommended appointment of the Finance Committee members to serve on this new committee.

Council Member Seefeld motioned to approve Resolution No. 2026-01 adopting the Official City and Council Member Committee Appointments. Seconded by Council Member Noding, unanimous ayes, motion carried.

6. ADJOURN

Council Member Seefeld motioned to adjourn at 5:02 p.m. Seconded by Council Member Noding, unanimous ayes, motion carried.

Gina Wolbeck
City Clerk

01.21.26
Date Approved by Council