



# MINUTES CITY COUNCIL MEETING

January 20, 2026 – 6:00 p.m.  
City Hall, 301 E. Market St.  
Sinton, Texas 78387

**Councilmembers Present:**

Mayor	Mary Speidel
Mayor Pro Tem	Greg Ybarra
Councilmember	Nathan Lindeman
Councilmember	Lulu Lopez

**Councilmembers Not Present:**

Councilmember	Edward Adams
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**City Staff Present:**

City Manager	John Hobson
City Attorney	Desiree Voth
City Secretary	Angela Montemayor

The Sinton City Council held a City Council Meeting on Tuesday, January 20, 2026, in the Council Chambers of the Sinton City Hall. A notice of this meeting was posted at least 3 business days in advance in accordance with Section 551, Texas Government Code. With a quorum present, the following business was transacted:

Mayor Mary Speidel called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Mayor Pro Tem Greg Ybarra gave the invocation, and all present recited the American and Texas pledges.

**Citizens present:** Matthew Garza, Rene & Alma Garcia

**Public Hearing:** None

**Special Reports/Presentations/Formal Announcements, Recognition, and Reports that may be discussed:**

1. **Sinton ISD** – None present.
2. **Sinton Chamber of Commerce** – None present.
3. **Sinton VFW, District 6, Post 12160** – None present.

**Citizens to Be Heard:** Matthew Garza announced that the Sinton Little League registration closes on February 14<sup>th</sup>. The following day, they will decide which nearby towns to interleague with, likely staying closer to Ingleside, Aransas Pass, Odem, and Refugio. They currently have 45 players registered but typically gain about 200 more during the final week of registration. The season is expected to start on March 21<sup>st</sup>, usually the week after spring break.

Rene and Alma Garcia reported that their garbage at 613 E. George is not being serviced by Republic Services. Their location is more of an alley off Sodville near the railroad tracks. Republic Services have told them the trees make it difficult for their trucks to access. A former code enforcement officer had advised them to place it on an area on Sodville that Republic Services could possibly access, but there is a renter there now who is concerned about trash ending up in her yard. They came to the City Council

seeking assistance in getting the matter resolved. Mr. Hobson said he is familiar with the area and will speak with the route manager to try to correct the issue.

**Consent Agenda: None**

(All of the following items on the Consent Agenda are considered to be self-explanatory by the Council and will be enacted with one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a Council Member, staff member or citizen requests removal of the item from the consent agenda for the purpose of discussion. For removal of an item, a request must be made to the Council when the Consent Agenda is opened for Council Action.)

**New Business:**

**No. 11865 Action on the minutes from the City Council Meeting held on December 16, 2025.**

Councilmember Nathan Lindeman made the motion to approve the minutes from the City Council Meeting held on December 16, 2025. The second was made by Mayor Pro Tem Greg Ybarra. The motion carried 4-0.

**No. 11866 Action on the Sinton Police Department 2025 Racial Profiling Report. Presented by Police Chief Eric Blanchard.**

In lieu of Police Chief Eric Blanchard, who was not present, Mr. Hobson presented the 2025 Racial Profiling Report for the Sinton Police Department. The following information was presented.

Total Traffic Stop Breakdown (3,401)

- City Streets: 3,197
- US Highways: 44
- County Roads: 4
- State Highways: 29
- Private Property: 127

Race was not known prior to any of these stops.

Race/Ethnicity Breakdown

- Hispanic/Latino: 2,302
- White: 986
- Black: 81
- Asian/Pacific Islander: 14
- Alaska Native / American Indian: 18

Gender Breakdown

- Female – Total: 1,454
  - Hispanic/Latino: 1,037
  - White: 394
  - Black: 11
  - Asian/Pacific Islander: 6
  - Alaska Native / American Indian: 6
- Male – Total: 1,947
  - Hispanic/Latino: 1,265
  - White: 592
  - Black: 70

- Asian/Pacific Islander: 8
- Alaska Native / American Indian: 12

Reasons for Stop – Breakdown

- Violation of Law: 649
- Moving Traffic Violation: 2,594
- Vehicle Traffic Violation: 158

Result of Stop – Breakdown

- Verbal Warning: 0
- Written Warning: 1,986
- Citation: 1,389
- Written Warning & Arrest: 21
- Citation & Arrest: 5
- Arrest Only: 0

Total Number of Racial Profiling Complaints Received was 0.

Councilmember Nathan Lindeman made the motion to approve the Sinton Police Department 2025 Racial Profiling Report. The second was made by Councilmember Lulu Lopez. The motion carried 4-0.

**No. 11867      Action on appointing a Board Member to fill a vacancy on the Sinton Economic Development 4B Board.**

This agenda item was passed.

**No. 11868      Action on appointing a Board Member to fill a vacancy on the City of Sinton Personnel Board.**

This agenda item was passed.

**No. 11869      Action on appointing an alternate Board Member to the Board of Adjustment.**

This agenda item was passed.

Councilmember Nathan Lindeman made the motion to adjourn. The second was made by Mayor Pro Tem Greg Ybarra. The motion carried 4-0. Meeting adjourned.

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Mayor Mary Speidel

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Attest: Angela Montemayor, City Secretary