



# MINUTES CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING

February 5, 2026 – 5:00 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	Edward Adams
Councilmember	Lulu Lopez

**City Staff Present:**

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

The Sinton City Council held a Special City Council Meeting on Thursday, February 5, 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 5:00 p.m.

**Citizens present:** Julie Blanda, Becky Boston

**New Business:**

**No. 11870      Action on Resolution No. 20260203, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SINTON, TEXAS, ADOPTING THE 2026 SAN PATRICIO COUNTY MULTI-JURISDICTIONAL HAZARD MITIGATION ACTION PLAN.**

Mr. Hobson advised this is the annual update they conduct each year on our Emergency Operations Plan. The city's plan follows San Patricio County's guidelines, so everything we do is based on their plan. There are no significant changes.

Councilmember Nathan Lindeman made the motion to approve Resolution No. 20260203. The second was made by Mayor Pro Tem Greg Ybarra. The motion carried 5-0.

**No. 11871      Action on ratifying the City Manager's and Mayor's past action relating to Lyte Fiber LLC's use of public right-of-way and authorizing the City Manager and Mayor to take all necessary action; including engaging legal counsel, to protect the health, safety, and welfare by exercising proper municipal police powers.**

Mr. Hobson advised that he believed everyone was aware of Lyte Fiber's presence in the city and the differences in how each are interpreting Local Government Code Chapter 283 regarding Lyte Fiber's access to and use of the public right-of-way without compensation to the City. He has kept the Council informed about the developments and asked the Council to ratify the actions they've taken so far and to authorize the City, if necessary, to hire legal counsel.

Julie Blanda, Lyte Fiber's Regional Coastal Bend Manager, was present and explained that although Lyte Fiber is not a national brand, it is a small, locally based company out of Houston, Texas. Their focus is providing internet service to smaller communities that have historically been overlooked in the past, just like Sinton. She stated they are proud of the significant investments their company has made to build a 100% fiber-optic network that supports education, healthcare, agriculture, and economic development. More importantly, she stated they don't want to simply operate in Sinton, they want to be part of the community. For nearly a year, Lyte Fiber has enjoyed a close working relationship with the City. While they are disappointed to find themselves at this impasse, they remain committed to finding a way forward and want to continue to be able to provide Sinton's residents with a state-of-the-art fiber-optic network.

Councilmember Nathan Lindeman made the motion to proceed with ratifying the City Manager's and Mayor's past action relating to Lyte Fiber LLC's use of public right-of-way and authorizing the City Manager and Mayor to take all necessary action, including engaging legal counsel. The second was made by Councilmember Edward Adams. The motion carried. 5-0.

Councilmember Nathan Lindeman made the motion to adjourn. The second was made by Councilmember Edward Adams. The motion carried 5-0.

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Mayor Mary Speidel

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Attest: Angela Montemayor, City Secretary