

NOTICE OF PUBLIC EMERGENCY MEETING

CITY OF BYNUM

Notice is hereby given that the City Council of the City of Bynum will hold an **Emergency Meeting** on Wednesday, July 29, 2026. Due to sewer plant failure this meeting is being called pursuant to an emergency and urgent public necessity as an imminent threat to public health and safety; and a reasonably unforeseeable situation.

See Tex. Government Code §551.045

1. Meeting Called to Order.
2. Pledge of Allegiance & Invocation
3. Determination of Quorum.
4. Verification of Posting.
5. Hear Statements from Persons Wishing to Address the Council. Public Comments: "At this time anyone will be allowed to speak on any matter other than personal matters or matters under litigation for a length of time not to exceed three minutes. No council discussion or action may take place on a matter until such matter has been placed on an agenda and posted in accordance with the Texas Government Code Section 551.042"

AGENDA

8. Discussion regarding update on Sewer Plant, the Bynum sewer plant has not operated properly since May 2026, as reported by Terry Dietrich. The city is entering into an emergency, especially before school starts as it cannot hold sewage capacity with the clarifier not working properly. Cecil provided a list of repairs needed and an estimated cost to assess further potential issues. The clarifier has fully stopped working and the waste will need to be pumped out so a full assessment of the clarifier can be completed, and repairs can be made to address the issues that could result in a violation from TCEQ and get the plant up and running. The city may be able to obtain a loan to properly repair the plant. The city also hopes to receive a grant to further repair the remaining items; however, it will not know whether funding is awarded until September or October. If funding is not rewarded, the city will need to consider other alternatives such as loans.
9. Discussion and possible action to authorize the Mayor to pursue and enter into loan options with the Texas Department of Agriculture or other alternative funding services designated for emergency repairs to the sewer plant, pending an expedited timeline.
10. Discussion and possible action to authorize the mayor, due to time constraints and the emergency nature of the sewer plant repairs, to enter into a contract with and hire Cecil Bell Jr. of B5 Construction to complete the necessary repairs to the sewer plant.
Per TEX. LOC. GOV'T CODE § 252.022 the following activities have been found to fall within the health and safety exception (and thus do not require competitive bidding) 194
 - Summary: Authorizes the Mayor to contract with B5 Construction for emergency sewer plant repairs and to advance assessment funds if loan proceeds are not received in time to begin the clarifier assessment before August 12th.
 - Funding conditions: Up-front assessment costs may be paid only if loan proceeds are not received in time to begin the clarifier assessment before August 12th, with the intent of avoiding increased repair costs and additional sewage-related issues.
 - Repair timeline: The City intends to begin the clarifier assessment before August 12th and proceed with necessary repairs as soon as the assessment is completed and funding authorization is available.
 - Contractor responsibilities: B5 Construction will be responsible for assessing the clarifier, identifying and completing necessary sewer plant repairs, coordinating with the city on repair priorities and timing, and providing cost information or updates as needed for city records and funding requirements.

11. Adjourn Meeting @:

I Certify this agenda was posted on this the 29th day of July 2026 by 12:00 p.m., at both entrances to the City Hall, the Post Office and on the City Web Site.

Mickey Runion, City Secretary

If during the meeting, discussion of any item on the agenda should be held in closed meeting, the board will conduct a closed meeting in accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Act, Texas Government Code Chapter 551, Subchapters D and E or Texas Government Coded section 418.183(f). Before any closed meeting is convened, the presiding officer will publicly identify the sections of the Act authorizing the closed meeting. All final votes, actions, or decisions will be taken in an open meeting.