

**THE STATE OF TEXAS  
COUNTY OF TRINITY  
CITY OF TRINITY**

The Regular Meeting of the City Council of the City of Trinity was held on October 8, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. in the City Hall in Trinity, Texas. The following Council members were present:

**Mayor:** Billy Joe Slaughter

**Mayor Pro-Tem:** Wayne Huffman

**Councilman Present:** Clegg DeWalt, Chris Dennis, Billy Goodin and Phillip Morrison

**City Administrator:** Jo Bitner

**Councilman Absent:**

1. **Call meeting to order.** -- Mayor Billy Joe Slaughter called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and verified that a Quorum was present for the meeting.
2. **Approval of minutes for the Regular Meeting September 10, 2015.** Councilman Clegg DeWalt made the motion to approve the minutes. Councilman Billy Goodin 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. All remaining members voted yea. Motion carried.
3. **Approve bills for payment.** -- Mayor Pro-Tem Wayne Huffman made the motion to approve bills for payment. Councilman Clegg DeWalt 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. All remaining members voted yea. Motion carried.
4. **City Manager's Report** -- Our total funds as of October 8, 2015 is \$469,873.13. Our checking account balance is \$340,245.62. Accounts payable are \$93,081.37. Account receivables are \$105,537.69. The Municipal Court collected \$11,758.90 for the month of September 2015 with the OMNI Program collecting \$3,533.00 of that total. The sales tax collected for October 2015 is \$55,582.46. The Fire Department donations for the month of September 2015 were \$191.00. The water collections for the month of September 2015 were \$109,538.46. Total deposits for the month of September 2015 were \$333,439.17.

**5. Old Business**

**A. Discussion and Action on any grant related business.**

City Administrator Jo Bitner stated Duplichain was suppose to be done with the chlorine building today and on November 12 they will start the water piping that goes to the building. An Engineer with Entergy came to look at the site to see what needed to be done about the electricity. By December 4 it is suppose to be completed.

**6. New Business**

- A. Discussion and Action to pass Ordinance #15-0008 on changing TMRS retirement years from 25 years to 20 years.** Councilman Clegg DeWalt made the motion to approve the Ordinance. Councilman Phillip Morrison 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. All remaining members voted yea. Motion carried.
- B. Discussion and Action to accept bids on the old salvage equipment belonging to the City of Trinity.** Mayor Billy Slaughter stated he only received one bid and would like to extend the bids to November 9, 2015. Councilman Phillip Morrison made the motion to approve the extension of the bids. Councilman Billy Goodin 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. All remaining members voted yea. Motion Carried.
- C. Discussion and Action to replace commission member Joseph Wyble with Peggy Chamberlain on the Library Commission Board.** Mayor Pro-Tem Wayne Huffman made the motion to approve. Councilman Clegg DeWalt 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. All remaining members voted yea. Motion Carried.

**D. Discussion and Action concerning clean-up with Kenneth Newton.** Mr. Newton stated there are 2 houses on English Street that belong to Dorothy Parker that are inhabitable. Mrs. Parker wants the houses tore down and would like the city to help her since she has not received any help from the county. Mr. Newton stated he would like to assist her with this and ask for bids on her behalf. Mrs. Parker will pay for it and Mr. Newton stated he would like her to pay for half of the costs upfront. Councilman Clegg DeWalt made the motion to let Mr. Newton oversee the project as long as Mrs. Parker pays for all the expenses. Councilman Phillip Morrison 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. All remaining members voted yea. Motion carried.

**7. Adjourn.** The meeting was adjourned at 7:13 PM.

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**Billy Joe Slaughter, Mayor**

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**Jo Bitner, City Administrator**

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The Special Meeting of the City Council of the City of Trinity was held on October 22, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. in the City Hall in Trinity, Texas. The following Council members were present:

**Mayor:** Billy Joe Slaughter

**Mayor Pro-Tem:** Wayne Huffman

**Councilman Present:** Clegg DeWalt, Chris Dennis, Billy Goodin and Phillip Morrison

**City Administrator:** Jo Bitner

**Councilman Absent:**

- 1. Call meeting to order.** -- Mayor Billy Joe Slaughter called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and verified that a Quorum was present for the meeting.
- 2. Discussion and Action to award the bid for providing material for the improvements of streets within the extraterritorial jurisdiction of the City of Trinity.** Mayor Billy Slaughter stated he received two bids, one was from Crockett Construction and the other one was Byrd Trucking. Crockett Construction's bid was \$27.25 a ton and Byrd Trucking's bid was for \$27.00 a ton. Councilman Phillip Morrison made the motion to go with the lowest bidder and award the bid to Byrd Trucking. Councilman Billy Goodin 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. All remaining members voted yea. Motion carried.
- 3. Discussion and Action to approve the City Company Agreement between the City of Trinity and Trinity RHC, LLC dba Trinity Rehabilitation and Healthcare Center.** Mayor Billy Slaughter stated this is a revised agreement between the City and Trinity RHC that allows Trinity RHC to not have a security document but makes them liable for the funds if the jobs are not created. Councilman Clegg DeWalt made the motion to approve the agreement. Councilman Chris Dennis 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. All remaining members voted yea. Motion carried.
- 4. Adjourn.** The meeting was adjourned at 7:15 PM.

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**Billy Joe Slaughter, Mayor**

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**Jo Bitner, City Administrator**

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The Regular Meeting of the City Council of the City of Trinity was held on November 12, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. in the City Hall in Trinity, Texas. The following Council members were present:

**Mayor:** Billy Joe Slaughter

**Mayor Pro-Tem:** Wayne Huffman

**Councilman Present:** Clegg DeWalt, Billy Goodin and Phillip Morrison

**City Administrator:** Jo Bitner

**Councilman Absent:** Chris Dennis

1. **Call meeting to order.** -- Mayor Billy Joe Slaughter called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and verified that a Quorum was present for the meeting.
2. **Approval of minutes for the Regular Meeting October 8, 2015 and Special Meeting October 22, 2015.** Councilman Clegg DeWalt made the motion to approve the minutes. Councilman Billy Goodin 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. All remaining members voted yea. Motion carried.
3. **Approve bills for payment.** – Mayor Pro-Tem Wayne Huffman made the motion to approve bills for payment. Councilman Phillip Morrison 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. All remaining members voted yea. Motion carried.
4. **City Manager's Report** -- Our total funds as of November 12, 2015 is \$568,002.20. Our checking account balance is \$433,130.24. Accounts payable are \$95,856.30. Account receivables are \$121,908.56. The Municipal Court collected \$10,391.50 for the month of October 2015 with the OMNI Program collecting \$2,544.00 of that total. The sales tax collected for November 2015 is \$141,754.99. The Fire Department donations for the month of October 2015 were \$193.00. The water collections for the month of October 2015 were \$105,471.05. Total deposits for the month of October 2015 were \$201,892.31.
5. **Old Business**
  - A. **Discussion and Action on any grant related business.**

City Administrator Jo Bitner stated the cyclone fence around the water tower has been completed and they will start the work on the pipe fence to go around the cyclone fence to keep the cows out.
6. **New Business**
  - A. **Discussion and Action to vote on the Trinity County Appraisal District Board of Directors.**

Mayor Pro-Tem Wayne Huffman stated he would like to put their 225 votes on the 5 members that are currently serving on the board now. Mayor Billy Slaughter's suggestion is to go with the incumbents because he thinks they have done a good job. Mayor Pro-Tem Wayne Huffman made the motion to vote for the incumbents. Councilman Clegg DeWalt 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. All remaining members voted yea. Motion carried.
  - B. **Discussion and Action concerning the increase in the employee's BlueCross BlueShield Health Insurance Coverage.** Mayor Billy Slaughter stated the health insurance for the employees increased significantly and that we will have to amend the budget. City Administrator Jo Bitner stated the current plan we are on now went up about \$150 per employee and the plan she recommends has a lower deductible but went up \$109 per employee from the current plan so it would save the city \$40 per employee. Mayor Pro-Tem Wayne Huffman made the motion to go with the plan Ms. Bitner recommended. Councilman Billy Goodin 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. All remaining members voted yea. Motion Carried.

**C. Discussion and Action with Julia McMichael regarding the 2015 Christmas Celebration.** Mrs. McMichael went over the plans for the Christmas Celebration that will take place on December 5. She stated the parade will start at XG Ventures instead of Avalon this year and the line-up will be on Lleras Drive. Mrs. Michael would like to give out bags of candy or fruit a the Christmas tree lighting ceremony instead of throwing out candy during the parade due to safety reasons. She asked for a donation that would help with the costs of the goody bags of candy or fruit. Mayor Pro-Tem Wayne Huffman made the motion to donate \$1000.00. Councilman Clegg DeWalt 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. All remaining members voted yea. Motion Carried.

**D. Discussion and Action to award bids for the old salvage equipment that belongs to the City of Trinity.** Mayor Billy Slaughter stated they only received bids from 2 individuals. Jim Henderson bid on 5 pieces of equipment and Armon Hewitt bid on 2 pieces of equipment. Mr. Henderson bid \$2,100 and Mr. Hewitt bid \$3,000 on the 1977 maintainer. Mr. Henderson bid \$1,000 and Mr. Hewitt bid \$1,500 on the trac loader. Mr. Henderson bid \$200 on the dump truck, \$75 a piece for the skid mounted pumps and \$1,000 on the front end loader. Mayor Slaughter stated in his opinion it is not enough for the equipment and thinks they can beat that. He also stated when the city bid this equipment out it included the city had the right to refuse all bids. Mayor Pro-Tem Wayne Huffman made the motion to refuse all bids on the equipment. Councilman Billy Goodin 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. All remaining members voted yea. Motion carried.

**7. Adjourn.** The meeting was adjourned at 7:34 PM.

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**Billy Joe Slaughter, Mayor**

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**Jo Bitner, City Administrator**

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The Regular Meeting of the City Council of the City of Trinity was held on December 10, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. in the City Hall in Trinity, Texas. The following Council members were present:

**Mayor:** Billy Joe Slaughter

**Mayor Pro-Tem:** Wayne Huffman

**Councilman Present:** Clegg DeWalt, Billy Goodin, Chris Dennis and Phillip Morrison

**City Administrator:** Jo Bitner

**Councilman Absent:**

1. **Call meeting to order.** -- Mayor Billy Joe Slaughter called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and verified that a Quorum was present for the meeting.
2. **Approval of minutes for the Regular Meeting November 12, 2015.** Mayor Pro-Tem Wayne Huffman made the motion to approve the minutes. Councilman Billy Goodin 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. All remaining members voted yea. Motion carried.
3. **Approve bills for payment.** -- Councilman Clegg DeWalt made the motion to approve bills for payment. Councilman Chris Dennis 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. All remaining members voted yea. Motion carried.
4. **City Manager's Report** -- Our total funds as of December 10, 2015 is \$482,301.21. Our checking account balance is \$349,226.84. Accounts payable are \$69,887.20. Account receivables are \$104,388.82. The Municipal Court collected \$8,494.00 for the month of November 2015 with the OMNI Program collecting \$2,096.00 of that total. The sales tax collected for December 2015 is \$48,959.26. The Fire Department donations for the month of November 2015 were \$193.00. The water collections for the month of November 2015 were \$116,449.75. Total deposits for the month of November 2015 were \$337,033.15.

**5. Old Business**

**A. Discussion and Action on any grant related business.**

City Administrator Jo Bitner stated we had to get an extension on the water tower due to water calibration problems. The land for the nursing home is being cleared off and we are still waiting on the homeowner's paperwork for the house at the corner of Parker Street and Highway 94 so the house can be demolished.

**6. New Business**

**A. Discussion and Action concerning a bid for the maintainer in the amount of \$7,500.00.**

Mayor Billy Slaughter stated the highest bid they received last month on the maintainer was \$3,000 and thought the city could get more than that for it. The city received a bid a couple of weeks ago for \$7,500.00 and would like to sell it for that price. Councilman Phillip Morrison made the motion accept the bid. Mayor Pro-Tem Wayne Huffman 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. All remaining members voted yea. Motion carried.

**B. Discussion and Action concerning clean-up with Kenneth Newton.**

Mr. Newton stated the South Oaks Trailer Park has been taken over by a new owner, Mason Neville, and he plans on cleaning up the park and moving some of the trailers off the property. Councilman Phillip Morrison stated someone is dumping trash into the ravine behind one of those trailers, Mr. Newton said he would check that out.

Mayor Billy Slaughter stated Lois Saldana called him this morning and asked for her annual donation for the Christmas Luncheon that will be held on December 20, 2015 at the Community Center. Mayor Pro-Tem Wayne Huffman made the motion to donate \$1,000.00. Councilman Phillip Morrison 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. All remaining members voted yea. Motion carried.

Terry Waller stated he has been working on the Paws program for a while now and trying to handle as many animals as he can. Mr. Waller stated he has property on Calvin Street and would like to put a facility there that could house 20 to 100 dogs, the property could also house livestock. He would like to donate the property to the city when him and his wife pass, therefore the city would get back what they put into it. He wants to get students graduating from A&M that might not have something lined out just yet, get them an apartment, let them spay/neuter and treat all animals that come to the facility. Mr. Waller wants to work with the city, county and wants to use the labor of the county inmates to help with the facility. Mayor Slaughter asked if this facility would be like Rita B Huff Humane Society in Huntsville and Mr. Waller said it would be and he could use them as a guideline but would like to keep it a no kill shelter because that is what people want. Mayor Pro-Tem Wayne Huffman stated we will have to take this into consideration and the city's budget just started in October and there is not money budgeted for this. Councilman Phillip Morrison stated he does not think Economic Development money can be used for this type of project due to the strict guidelines. Mr. Huffman stated it is something they would have to study and check into. Mr. Waller stated if he could get the help from the county inmates he could probably start the project for about \$100,000.00. Mr. Huffman also stated the county is in the process of building a new facility. Councilman Clegg DeWalt stated the council would not be able to act on this since it was not on the agenda but appreciates the overview and presentation.

**7. Adjourn.** The meeting was adjourned at 7:36 PM.

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**Billy Joe Slaughter, Mayor**

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**Jo Bitner, City Administrator**

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The Regular Meeting of the City Council of the City of Trinity was held on January 14, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. in the City Hall in Trinity, Texas. The following Council members were present:

**Mayor:** Billy Joe Slaughter

**Mayor Pro-Tem:** Wayne Huffman

**Councilman Present:** Clegg DeWalt, Billy Goodin, Chris Dennis and Phillip Morrison

**City Administrator:** Jo Bitner

**Councilman Absent:**

1. **Call meeting to order.** -- Mayor Billy Joe Slaughter called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and verified that a Quorum was present for the meeting.
2. **Approval of minutes for the Regular Meeting December 10, 2015.** Mayor Pro-Tem Wayne Huffman made the motion to approve the minutes. Councilman Billy Goodin 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. All remaining members voted yea. Motion carried.
3. **Approve bills for payment.** – Councilman Phillip Morrison made the motion to approve bills for payment. Mayor Pro-Tem Wayne Huffman 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. All remaining members voted yea. Motion carried.
4. **City Manager's Report** -- Our total funds as of January 14, 2016 is \$612,278.29. Our checking account balance is \$445,674.00. Accounts payable are \$103,109.65. Account receivables are \$119,223.16. The Municipal Court collected \$8,684.20 for the month of December 2015 with the OMNI Program collecting \$2,600.00 of that total. The sales tax collected for January 2016 is \$46,732.80. The Fire Department donations for the month of December 2015 were \$201.00. The water collections for the month of December 2015 were \$102,406.13. Total deposits for the month of December 2015 were \$283,960.60.

**5. Old Business**

**A. Discussion and Action on any grant related business.**

City Administrator Jo Bitner stated we had to get an extension on the water tower due to water calibration problems. The land for the nursing home is being cleared off and we are still waiting on the homeowner's paperwork for the house at the corner of Parker Street and Highway 94 so the house can be demolished.

**6. New Business**

- A. Discussion and Action regarding Order of Election for the May 7, 2016 general election for the City of Trinity.** Mayor Pro-Tem Wayne Huffman made the motion to approve the order of election. Councilman Clegg DeWalt 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. All remaining members voted yea. Motion carried.
- B. Discussion and Action concerning the two designated week days for which early voting will be held 12 hours.** Mayor Billy Slaughter stated the two 12 hour days are usually the first day and last day of early voting. Mayor Pro-Tem Wayne Huffman made the motion to keep it the first and last day of early voting. Councilman Clegg DeWalt 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. All remaining members voted yea. Motion carried.
- C. Discussion and Action to pass Resolution #16-0001 to amend the 2015-2016 fiscal year budget.** Mayor Billy Slaughter explained this is for the check the City received from Klotz Associates, Inc. for the repairs to the lift stations and as the city is invoiced by the contractor, 5-T



Utilities it will be covered.

**D. Discussion and Action to ban guns at the City Hall.** Mayor Billy Slaughter stated he would like for the council to table this item until we can gather more information on this issue on whether or not we can ban guns or not. Mayor Pro-Tem Wayne Huffman made the motion to table the item. Councilman Billy Goodin 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. All remaining members voted yea. Motion carried.

**E. Discussion and Action concerning clean-up with Kenneth Newton.** Councilman Chris Dennis asked Mr. Newton about regulations on horses; Mr. Newton stated when we get an animal control officer that issue can start being enforced again. Mr. Slaughter stated we have an employee going next week to get certified. Police Chief Steven Jones stated Officer Ferguson issued a citation to an owner today for his horses running at large several times.

**7. Adjourn.** The meeting was adjourned at 7:15 PM.

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**Billy Joe Slaughter, Mayor**

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**Jo Bitner, City Administrator**

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The Regular Meeting of the City Council of the City of Trinity was held on February 11, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. in the City Hall in Trinity, Texas. The following Council members were present:

**Mayor:** Billy Joe Slaughter

**Mayor Pro-Tem:** Wayne Huffman

**Councilman Present:** Clegg DeWalt, Billy Goodin, Chris Dennis and Phillip Morrison

**City Administrator:** Jo Bitner

**Councilman Absent:**

1. **Call meeting to order.** -- Mayor Billy Joe Slaughter called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and verified that a Quorum was present for the meeting.
2. **Approval of minutes for the Regular Meeting January 14, 2016.** Councilman Phillip Morrison made the motion to approve the minutes. Mayor Pro-Tem Wayne Huffman 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. All remaining members voted yea. Motion carried.
3. **Approve bills for payment.** – Councilman Billy Goodin made the motion to approve bills for payment. Mayor Pro-Tem Wayne Huffman 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. All remaining members voted yea. Motion carried.
4. **City Manager's Report** -- Our total funds as of February 11, 2016 is \$667,101.70. Our checking account balance is \$488,957.71. Accounts payable are \$83,837.32. Account receivables are \$104,738.27. The Municipal Court collected \$7,122.00 for the month of January 2016 with the OMNI Program collecting \$2,653.90 of that total. The sales tax collected for February 2016 is \$135,855.11. The Fire Department donations for the month of January 2016 were \$186.00. The water collections for the month of January 2016 were \$111,557.39. Total deposits for the month of January 2016 were \$386,862.04.

**5. Old Business**

**A. Discussion and Action on any grant related business.**

City Administrator Jo Bitner stated Mike Smith came by the office today and got a building permit for the nursing home and it is valued at 2.8 million. Mr. Smith said they should be done with construction in eight months. Councilman Phillip Morrison asked what the status was with the water tower and Mayor Slaughter stated when the water tower was put online, the water tower in town ran the tower on Hwy 94 over through the discharge pipes. The elevation is too high in town for the one on Hwy 94 and the tower on Hwy 94 needs to be raised 56 feet for the elevation to be right. The engineers had a mess up with their designs on this project and the Vice President of Klotz Associates met with the Mayor and told him he would go back to his company and try to get this problem resolved.

**6. New Business**

- A. Discussion and Action authorizing a voting clerk for early voting for the May 7, 2016 General Election.** Mayor Pro-Tem Wayne Huffman made the motion to let Joyce Baker continue to be the early voting clerk since she has been working it since 2007. Councilman Clegg DeWalt 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. All remaining members voted yea. Motion carried.
- B. Discussion and Action regarding appointment of William Anderson to the Blanche K. Werner Library Commission to replace Linda Walker.** Mayor Pro-Tem Wayne Huffman made the motion approve the appointment of William Anderson. Councilman Clegg DeWalt 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. All remaining members voted yea. Motion carried.

**C. Discussion and Action concerning what date the Fourth of July Fireworks will take place.**

Mayor Billy Slaughter stated the first Saturday in July is July 2<sup>nd</sup> and thinks this is the day they need to be held on. Councilman Billy Goodin made the motion to have the fireworks take place on July 2, 2016. Councilman Phillip Morrison 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. All remaining members voted yea. Motion carried.

**D. Discussion and Action concerning clean-up with Kenneth Newton.** Mr. Newton went over his report for the month of January 2016.

**7. Adjourn.** The meeting was adjourned at 7:17 PM.

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**Billy Joe Slaughter, Mayor**

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**Jo Bitner, City Administrator**

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The Regular Meeting of the City Council of the City of Trinity was held on March 10, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. in the City Hall in Trinity, Texas. The following Council members were present:

**Mayor:** Billy Joe Slaughter

**Mayor Pro-Tem:** Wayne Huffman

**Councilman Present:** Clegg DeWalt, Billy Goodin, Chris Dennis and Phillip Morrison

**City Administrator:** Jo Bitner

**Councilman Absent:**

1. **Call meeting to order.** -- Mayor Billy Joe Slaughter called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and verified that a Quorum was present for the meeting.
2. **Approval of minutes for the Regular Meeting February 11, 2016.** Councilman Billy Goodin made the motion to approve the minutes. Councilman Phillip Morrison 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. All remaining members voted yea. Motion carried.
3. **Approve bills for payment.** -- Mayor Pro-Tem Wayne Huffman made the motion to approve bills for payment. Councilman Clegg DeWalt 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. All remaining members voted yea. Motion carried.
4. **City Manager's Report** -- Our total funds as of March 10, 2016 is \$752,929.55. Our checking account balance is \$532,498.58. Accounts payable are \$79,258.24. Account receivables are \$101,186.97. The Municipal Court collected \$20,385.25 for the month of February 2016 with the OMNI Program collecting \$9,962.00 of that total. The sales tax collected for March 2016 is \$46,548.86. The Fire Department donations for the month of February 2016 were \$206.00. The water collections for the month of February 2016 were \$105,513.94. Total deposits for the month of February 2016 were \$465,379.26.

**5. Old Business**

**A. Discussion and Action on any grant related business.**

City Administrator Jo Bitner stated the contractors have been pouring concrete at the Nursing Home but are at a standstill due to the rain. The lady that will be leasing the Nursing Home will be putting a sign up soon on information regarding employment.

Klotz Associates has a meeting with their insurance company March 14, 2016 to discuss the water tower issue and Mr. Ralph Cox will be contacting the city to discuss the outcome of their meeting.

**6. New Business**

- A. Discussion and Action to pass Resolution #16-0002 concerning a time warrant for a bar screen at the Wastewater Treatment Plant.** Mayor Billy Slaughter stated our treatment plant is in dire need of a new bar screen to be up to code with TCEQ standards to pass inspection and this time warrant for \$120,000 would cover the cost of a new bar screen. Mayor Pro-Tem Wayne Huffman stated the treatment plant also needs a new clarifier but that can come out of our current fiscal year budget and that cost is \$30,000. Councilman Clegg DeWalt made the motion to approve the resolution. Councilman Billy Goodin 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. All remaining members voted yea. Motion carried.

- B. Discussion and Action to pass Resolution #16-0003 regarding a time warrant for street paving.** Mayor Billy Slaughter stated he would like to overlay some of our streets that have been paved in the past before they get too bad and would like to pave Cannon Street. Mr. Slaughter stated he received a bid for the work it will cost approximately \$180,000 and that is how much this time warrant would be. Councilman Clegg DeWalt made the motion approve the resolution.

Councilman Phillip Morrison 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion.

**C. Discussion with Chief Steven Jones concerning his 2015 annual racial profiling report.** Chief Jones stated 678 traffic stops were made in 2015. Of that 678, there were 150 Africans, 2 Asians, 445 Caucasians, 76 Hispanics, 3 Middle Eastern and 1 Native American and 80 of those the race or ethnicity was known prior to the stop.

**D. Discussion and Action concerning clean-up with Kenneth Newton.** Mr. Newton went over his report for the month of February 2016 and discussed electrical issues with Nancy Herrera.

**7. Adjourn.** Mayor Slaughter adjourned the meeting at 7:24 pm to go into Executive session.

**Executive Session:**

**A. Discussion concerning personnel and contracts under Gov. Code 551.074.**

**A. Reconvene in open session:** 7:41 pm

**A. Action necessary as a result of Executive Session.** The employee that was discussed was given a one month extension.

**B. Adjourn.** Mayor Wayne Huffman made the motion to adjourn at 7:45 pm. Councilman Clegg DeWalt 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. All remaining members voted yea. Motion carried.

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**Billy Joe Slaughter, Mayor**

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**Jo Bitner, City Administrator**

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The Regular Meeting of the City Council of the City of Trinity was held on April 14, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. in the City Hall in Trinity, Texas. The following Council members were present:

**Mayor:** Billy Joe Slaughter

**Mayor Pro-Tem:** Wayne Huffman

**Councilman Present:** Clegg DeWalt, Billy Goodin and Phillip Morrison

**City Administrator:** Jo Bitner

**Councilman Absent:** Chris Dennis

1. **Call meeting to order.** -- Mayor Billy Joe Slaughter called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and verified that a Quorum was present for the meeting.
2. **Approval of minutes for the Regular Meeting March 10, 2016.** Mayor Pro-Tem Wayne Huffman made the motion to approve the minutes. Councilman Billy Goodin 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. All remaining members voted yea. Motion carried.
3. **Approve bills for payment.** -- Mayor Pro-Tem Wayne Huffman made the motion to approve bills for payment. Councilman Clegg DeWalt 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. All remaining members voted yea. Motion carried.
4. **City Manager's Report** -- Our total funds as of April 14, 2016 is \$502,180.64. Our checking account balance is \$484,110.01. Accounts payable are \$113,678.91. Account receivables are \$108,414.66. The Municipal Court collected \$11,531.58 for the month of March 2016 with the OMNI Program collecting \$5,034.00 of that total. The sales tax collected for April 2016 is \$45,291.57. The Fire Department donations for the month of March 2016 were \$211.00. The water collections for the month of March 2016 were \$100,378.31. Total deposits for the month of March 2016 were \$195,996.73.

**5. Old Business**

**A. Discussion and Action on any grant related business.**

City Administrator Jo Bitner stated Caley with GrantWorks called this afternoon and said Michael Smith told her they should start framing in the nursing home in two to three weeks and the Engineer has completed the bid book and once GrantWorks approves it we will be able go out for bids on the infrastructure.

**6. New Business**

**A. Discussion and Action with Dianne Sollock concerning the 2014-2015 Fiscal Year Audit.**

Mrs. Sollock stated the financial statements present fairly, the respective financial position of the City of Trinity at September 30, 2015 is called an unmodified opinion which is the best you can get. The debt balance is down and the general fund has a very healthy fund balance which is really good. The enterprise funds show a slight profit from last year, the solid waste fund has a net revenue of \$85,000 over expenditures, the water/sewer fund shows a \$540,000 net income but some of that is a transfer from the general fund. There were no findings but did have some comments in the letter which they discussed with the staff. Mayor Pro-Tem Wayne Huffman made the motion to approve the fiscal year audit for 2014-2015. Councilman Phillip Morrison 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. All remaining members voted yea. Motion carried.

**B. Discussion and Action with Aeria Bacon with the food truck regarding space at the Community Center.**

Mary Meadows stated they have been parking the truck at the community center and the people that come get the food park on the pavilion side and wait in line no matter what the weather is doing. Mrs. Meadows is concerned for the people that stand in the elements of

the weather and would like to have a few hours donated and they will clean up afterwards. She would like to have the people wait in the community center and not have to walk to the food truck in the gravel with walkers or wheelchairs. Mrs. Meadows stated the hours are 10am to 12pm on Thursdays and would need the community center for approximately 3 hours. Mayor Slaughter stated he does not see a problem since they are using the facility the building will not be rented. Councilman Clegg DeWalt made the motion approve the space for the food truck. Councilman Phillip Morrison 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. All remaining members voted yea. Motion carried.

- C. Discussion and Action to grant Ventura EMS with exclusive rights to operate inside the city limits as an emergency and medical transport service.** Chief Jones stated Avalon Nursing Home has been using another ambulance service to do their transports so Ventura EMS is not getting their transports. Ventura EMS was the only ambulance service that offered to provide their services at no cost so it would help them to get the transports so in the future they can keep providing the service at no charge to the City of Trinity. Keith Shelley, owner of Ventura EMS stated his company is all about patient choice and if a patient has a connection with another ambulance service they will respect that and will have no problem with them using that other ambulance service. He stated their 911 volume completely went to zero for about two to three weeks and that is because they have the choice to call 911 or call an ambulance service directly, so they are taking a risk and bypassing 911 and calling the ambulance service directly that comes out of Huntsville, Texas which is affecting Ventura EMS a great deal. Chief Jones said Avalon is also bypassing the contract the City of Trinity has with Ventura EMS and not using the 911 service. The City of Trinity can either pass an ordinance to grant Ventura EMS exclusive rights or the contract with Ventura EMS can be amended and have the exclusive rights added to the contract. Mr. Shelley stated a facility does have the right to call someone else but they do have a contract with Avalon Nursing Home and would just like to have the right of first refusal. He also stated it is very viable to get the transports from the nursing home and hospital to be able to provide this level of service with no subsidy. Councilman Phillip Morrison and Councilman Clegg DeWalt would like to have a legal opinion regarding the ordinance before the City of Trinity passes one. Councilman Phillip Morrison made the motion to table the item until the next meeting so that we can get a legal opinion on an ordinance. Mayor Pro-Tem Wayne Huffman 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. All remaining members voted yea. Motion carried.
- D. Discussion and Action to appoint an election judge for the City of Trinity General Election Day May 7, 2016.** Mayor Billy Slaughter stated Jan Allbright has been the Election Day Judge the past several years and would like for her to be the judge again. Councilman Clegg DeWalt made the motion to hire Jan Allbright as the Election Day Judge on May 7, 2016. Councilman Billy Goodin 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. All remaining members voted yea. Motion carried.
- E. Discussion and Action to amend the Mobile Home Ordinance 14-0001 to add regulations for an RV Park.** Ken Newton stated this ordinance is enforcing regulations on RV parks and RV's to have the same rules and regulations as mobile homes. Councilman Phillip Morrison made the motion to approve the Ordinance. Councilman Billy Goodin 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. All remaining members voted yea. Motion carried.
- F. Discussion and Action concerning clean-up with Kenneth Newton.** Mr. Newton went over his report for the month of March 2016.

**7. Adjourn.** Mayor Slaughter adjourned the meeting at 7:59 pm.

**THE STATE OF TEXAS  
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The Regular Meeting of the City Council of the City of Trinity was held on May 12, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. in the City Hall in Trinity, Texas. The following Council members were present:

**Mayor:** Billy Joe Slaughter

**Mayor Pro-Tem:** Wayne Huffman

**Councilman Present:** Clegg DeWalt, Chris Dennis, Billy Goodin and Phillip Morrison

**City Administrator:** Jo Bitner

**Councilman Absent:**

1. **Call meeting to order.** -- Mayor Billy Joe Slaughter called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and verified that a Quorum was present for the meeting.
2. **Approval of minutes for the Regular Meeting April 14, 2016.** Mayor Pro-Tem Wayne Huffman made the motion to approve the minutes. Councilman Phillip Morrison 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. All remaining members voted yea. Motion carried.
3. **Approve bills for payment.** -- Councilman Clegg DeWalt made the motion to approve bills for payment. Councilman Chris Dennis 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. All remaining members voted yea. Motion carried.
4. **City Manager's Report** -- Our total funds as of May 12, 2016 is \$905,455.70. Our checking account balance is \$676,129.51. Accounts payable are \$77,901.35. Account receivables are \$105,997.92. The Municipal Court collected \$14,580.77 for the month of April 2016 with the OMNI Program collecting \$8,922.97 of that total. The sales tax collected for May 2016 is \$105,053.59. The Fire Department donations for the month of April 2016 were \$218.00. The water collections for the month of April 2016 were \$103,700.64. Total deposits for the month of April 2016 were \$192,267.66.

**5. Old Business**

**A. Discussion and Action on any grant related business.**

City Administrator Jo Bitner stated the contractors are pouring concrete and framing in the Nursing Home. Mayor Billy Slaughter stated the insurance company for Klotz Associates regarding the water tower contacted the city and said the work to raise the tower could take up to 4 months to complete and all the costs would be covered by the insurance company.

**6. New Business**

- A. Discussion and Action regarding Canvass of May 7, 2016 City Election.** City Administrator Jo Bitner stated for the Mayor Position Billy Joe Slaughter had 192 votes, Councilman Position #1 Clegg DeWalt had 199 votes, Councilman Position #2 Wayne Huffman had 177 votes, Councilman Position #3 Chris Dennis had 172 votes and Terry Waller had 97 votes. Mayor Pro-Tem Wayne Huffman made the motion to approve the canvass for the May 7, 2016 City Election. Councilman Phillip Morrison 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. All remaining members voted yea. Motion carried.
- B. Swearing in of Mayor and City Council Positions 1, 2, and 3.** District Attorney Bennie Schiro swore in Mayor Billy Joe Slaughter, Councilmen Clegg DeWalt, Wayne Huffman and Chris Dennis.
- C. Comments from newly elected Mayor and Council Members.**
- D. Discussion and Action concerning appointment of Mayor Pro-Tem.** Mayor Billy Slaughter stated he has had Wayne Huffman as his Mayor Pro-Tem and would like to keep him as the Mayor



Pro-Tem since he is retired and comes by the office daily to check in. Councilman Clegg DeWalt made the motion approve Councilman Wayne Huffman as the Mayor Pro-Tem. Councilman Phillip Morrison 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. All remaining members voted yea. Motion carried.

**E. Discussion and Action regarding appointment of Municipal Judge.** Mayor Billy Slaughter stated he recommends appointing Mr. Bobby Nicholds as the Municipal Judge again since he has done a good job the last two years. Mayor Pro-Tem Wayne Huffman made the motion to appoint Bobby Nicholds as the Municipal Judge. Councilman Clegg DeWalt 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. All remaining members voted yea. Motion carried.

**F. Discussion and Action concerning appointment of elected official to serve on DETCOG Board of Directors.** Mayor Billy Slaughter stated Councilman Clegg DeWalt has been the official to serve on the board the past few years and said it is good to change it every so often so he recommends appointing Councilman Billy Goodin to be the elected official to serve on the DETCOG Board of Directors. Councilman Clegg DeWalt made the motion to appoint Billy Goodin to the DETCOG Board of Directors. Councilman Phillip Morrison 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. All remaining members voted yea. Motion carried.

**G. Discussion and Action to grant Ventura EMS with exclusive rights to operate inside the city limits as an emergency and medical transport service.** Mayor Billy Slaughter stated Ms. Bitner contacted Joe Scott Evans and he recommended a lawyer in Huntsville, David Moorman, that is familiar with Ordinances. Ms. Bitner talked to Mr. Moorman about the Ordinance and sent him the paperwork over but has not heard back from him. Mayor Slaughter said this item needs to be tabled until we hear back from the lawyer. Councilman Phillip Morrison made the motion to table the Ordinance. Mayor Pro-Tem Wayne Huffman 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. All remaining members voted yea. Motion carried.

**H. Discussion and Action with Linda Thompson to approve application for mobile home park on Bette Street.** Linda Thompson stated the owners of the mobile home park will be Tomas and Lacie Geerts who are contractors for the Department of State supporting the US Military and Coalition Forces in Baghdad, Iraq and could not be present at the meeting. Ms. Thompson said there will be a total of 12 lots but are just starting with 3. Each lot will consist of 2015 Clayton Mobile Homes, 76 feet long, 16 feet wide and 1,216 square feet, 3 bedrooms and 2 bathrooms. Each lot size will be approximately 100 feet deep and 140 feet wide and the park will be fenced with a gate at the entrance. Mayor Pro-Tem Wayne Huffman made the motion to approve the mobile home park on Bette Street. Councilman Clegg DeWalt 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. All remaining members voted yea. Motion carried.

**I. Discussion and Action concerning clean-up with Kenneth Newton.** Mr. Newton went over his report for the month of April 2016.

**7. Adjourn.** Mayor Slaughter adjourned the meeting at 7:42 pm.

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**Billy Joe Slaughter, Mayor**

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**Jo Bitner, City Administrator**

**THE STATE OF TEXAS  
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The Regular Meeting of the City Council of the City of Trinity was held on June 9, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. in the City Hall in Trinity, Texas. The following Council members were present:

**Mayor:** Billy Joe Slaughter

**Mayor Pro-Tem:** Wayne Huffman

**Councilman Present:** Clegg DeWalt, Billy Goodin and Phillip Morrison

**City Administrator:** Jo Bitner

**Councilman Absent:** Chris Dennis

1. **Call meeting to order.** -- Mayor Billy Joe Slaughter called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and verified that a Quorum was present for the meeting.
2. **Approval of minutes for the Regular Meeting May 12, 2016.** Mayor Pro-Tem Wayne Huffman made the motion to approve the minutes. Councilman Billy Goodin 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. All remaining members voted yea. Motion carried.
3. **Approve bills for payment.** -- Councilman Clegg DeWalt made the motion to approve bills for payment. Mayor Pro-Tem Wayne Huffman 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. All remaining members voted yea. Motion carried.
4. **City Manager's Report** -- Our total funds as of June 9, 2016 is \$881,501.68. Our checking account balance is \$646,351.34. Accounts payable are \$91,898.52. Account receivables are \$111,292.30. The Municipal Court collected \$6,668.10 for the month of May 2016 with the OMNI Program collecting \$2,326.00 of that total. The sales tax collected for June 2016 is \$48,083.44. The Fire Department donations for the month of May 2016 were \$209.00. The water collections for the month of May 2016 were \$103,607.57. Total deposits for the month of May 2016 were \$555,773.73.

**5. Old Business**

**A. Discussion and Action on any grant related business.**

City Administrator Jo Bitner stated Mayor Slaughter signed an agreement with Phoenix Tank to elevate the water tower on Highway 94 on May 31, 2016 and it will take approximately 120 days to complete the job.

The city had a meeting with Michael Smith, owner of Trinity Rehab Health Care and Kevin Gee of Goodwin-Lasiter-Strong Engineering Company and they are going out for bids on the sewer and utilities for the nursing home and we should be ready to accept the bids in the next council meeting. Ken Keller who is overseeing the construction of the nursing home stated they are behind schedule a bit but are trying very hard to catch up and are projecting to open up the doors at the end of November 2016. There are two crews of framers, one crew is working on roof decking and scaffolding and the other crew is working on the framing and siding. The concrete guys left to go to Mexia for three weeks to do work on the nursing home located there but will return to work on the road surrounding the entire property.

**6. New Business**

- A. Discussion and Action with Andrea Wilson of GrantWorks regarding the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP).** Ms. Wilson stated this will be an interlocal agreement with Trinity County who has already procured GrantWorks to write the application, administer the grant and write the actual Hazard Mitigation Plan itself. A Hazard Mitigation Plan is where you look at an area that has hazards such as flooding, look at past events to see how bad they were and then work forward to develop actions to prevent the flooding in the future. You would put that action into the Hazard Mitigation Plan that would fix that issue and once the plan is approved the city would be

eligible to apply for a Hazard Mitigation Grant from the HMGP as well as pre-disaster mitigation grants. If the city does not have one of these plans then the city will not be eligible to apply for the grants. Trinity County has applied for one and with the city being incorporated you would need to be a participant on this plan in order to be able to qualify for either of these grants. Mayor Billy Slaughter asked what the difference was between this grant and FEMA and Ms. Wilson stated this grant is approved by FEMA. When there is a declared disaster occurs, FEMA restores it back to what it was before it was damaged, however what the Hazard Mitigation actions do is they look at the problem every time it floods per say and they fix it to where it will not happen again which makes it better so the damage does not occur anymore. By participating with Trinity County on this plan the City of Trinity's match is \$8,000 that is good for five years, if the city did it on their own it would be roughly \$80,000. GrantWorks has been procured to write the grant to acquire the funds in order to write this plan and there are no fees and no money is paid unless the grant is awarded. Councilman Clegg DeWalt stated this would identify problem areas around the City of Trinity and it would be unlike FEMA who just comes in and restores it to status quo as the way it was but if we are awarded this grant we would be able to use the funds to do away with these deficiencies and problem areas, Ms. Wilson said that is correct. She also stated the difference between the HMGP Grant and PDM Grant, the HMGP Grant happens when there is a declared disaster so there will be monies come available for mitigation projects and the PDM Grants is an annual grant program so there is at least an annual chance of getting it. Depending on the time of year and funds available the city could write the application themselves or hire someone to get funded and once funded you would have a 75/25 split with the federal funds that would come and the state is also part of this. Councilman Phillip Morrison asked Ms. Wilson if GrantWorks would do this for us and she stated what they are doing right now is writing the grant application to get the plan written then administer that grant and write the plan for the city. Councilman Clegg DeWalt made the motion to approve the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program. Councilman Phillip Morrison 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. All remaining members voted yea. Motion carried.

**B. Discussion and Action to grant Ventura EMS with exclusive rights to operate inside the city limits as an emergency and medical transport service.** Mayor Billy Slaughter stated before this ordinance was passed he wanted to make sure everything was legal so we let an attorney by the name of Jim Hurst in Huntsville look at the Ordinance and Ventura EMS's contract with the City of Trinity. Mr. Hurst said he did not see anything wrong with the ordinance and said it was legal to pass. Mayor Pro-Tem Wayne Huffman made the motion to grant Ventura EMS with exclusive rights. Councilman Billy Goodin 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. All remaining members voted yea. Motion carried.

**C. Discussion and Action concerning clean-up with Kenneth Newton.** There was no discussion or questions.

Dana Baker with the City of Trinity Historical Society thanked the City of Trinity for the marker for the Texas Long Leaf Lumber Company Sawmill area. The society is kicking around an idea that Trinity needs a museum for the preservation of items that people have and would like the City of Trinity to be on board with it if it goes any further.

**7. Adjourn.** Mayor Slaughter adjourned the meeting at 7:26 pm.

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**Billy Joe Slaughter, Mayor**

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**Jo Bitner, City Administrator**

**THE STATE OF TEXAS  
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The Regular Meeting of the City Council of the City of Trinity was held on July 14, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. in the City Hall in Trinity, Texas. The following Council members were present:

**Mayor:** Billy Joe Slaughter

**Mayor Pro-Tem:** Wayne Huffman

**Councilman Present:** Clegg DeWalt, Billy Goodin, Chris Dennis and Phillip Morrison

**City Administrator:** Jo Bitner

**Councilman Absent:**

1. **Call meeting to order.** -- Mayor Billy Joe Slaughter called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and verified that a Quorum was present for the meeting.
2. **Approval of minutes for the Regular Meeting June 9, 2016.** Councilman Billy Goodin made the motion to approve the minutes. Councilman Phillip Morrison 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. All remaining members voted yea. Motion carried.
3. **Approve bills for payment.** -- Mayor Pro-Tem Wayne Huffman made the motion to approve bills for payment. Councilman Clegg DeWalt 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. All remaining members voted yea. Motion carried.
4. **City Manager's Report** -- Our total funds as of July 14, 2016 is \$717,774.59. Our checking account balance is \$483,247.89. Accounts payable are \$113,957.34. Account receivables are \$114,803.42. The Municipal Court collected \$7,731.28 for the month of June 2016 with the OMNI Program collecting \$1,836.00 of that total. The sales tax collected for July 2016 is \$47,353.35. The Fire Department donations for the month of June 2016 were \$217.00. The water collections for the month of June 2016 were \$107,461.01. Total deposits for the month of June 2016 were \$192,477.44.

**5. Old Business**

**A. Discussion and Action on any grant related business.**

City Administrator Jo Bitner stated the electrical and plumbing is now being done at the Nursing Home. The status on the water tower is that Klotz Associates was finally approved their insurance company for a check to be cut to Trinity County and then they will get in touch with the contractor to get the tower raised.

**6. New Business**

**A. Discussion and Action with Martha Drake of GrantWorks regarding Resolution #16-0004 to apply for a HOME grant.** Mrs. Drake stated there is another round of Home program funds that is coming up. The City of Trinity is currently on the Reservation Agreement which allows for the applications to be done but until there is money the city will not be funded. Under the Home Program Contract there will be money attached to the award, the city can apply for up to \$400,000 which is enough to do another 4 homes. The deadline for this will be late August of 2016 and the awards will be announced early November 2016 or December 2016. Mrs. Drake stated since we already have a Reservation Agreement in place we have a high chance of getting funded with the contract. Councilman Phillip Morrison made the motion to approve the Home Program Contract. Mayor Pro-Tem Wayne Huffman 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. All remaining members voted yea. Motion carried.

**B. Discussion and Action concerning Ordinance #16-0003 that will require all pawn shops within the city limits of Trinity and its extra-territorial limits to subscribe to Leads Online which provides reports electronically to the Trinity Police Department.** Police Chief Steven

Jones stated with this program they can check Leads Online to see what all has been pawned and they have recovered a lot of stolen property. Chief Jones said it costs the city to subscribe to this service annually but it is free to all pawn shops. With this Ordinance it will force all pawn shops to enter all property pawned into the system which will allow the Police Department to check all the serial numbers. Councilman Clegg DeWalt made the motion approve the Ordinance. Mayor Pro-Tem Wayne Huffman 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. All remaining members voted yea. Motion carried.

**C. Discussion and Action with Bernard Boston of Westside Church of God regarding the high water usage.** Mr. Boston stated he had a high priced water bill in June which was for May 2016 water usage, he said the church's bill usually averages \$29.50 per month but it was \$61.99 which was for 9,220 gallons. Mr. Boston said he turns the water off every Sunday at the meter but leaves a faucet on in the Church and that is why the meter was spinning when Mr. Yarborough went to check the meter. When Mr. Boston turned the faucet off inside the church the meter quit spinning so Mr. Yarborough stated he did not have a leak but the Mayor said the water went through the meter and it was his responsibility to pay the water bill. Mayor Billy Slaughter stated back in July of 2015 the church had a high water bill which was \$160.23 for 31,050 gallons and Mayor Slaughter made an adjustment of \$100.00 and had a new meter installed since it was an old meter. Councilman Phillip Morrison stated that since Mr. Boston was using the city's shut off valve to cut off the water that it may not be shutting off all the way because of the age of the shut off valve and suggested that Mr. Boston needs to put his own shut off valve on his side of the meter maybe closer to the church. Mr. Boston said he has not had a leak and did not use that much water but Public Works Director Shannon Rowe said there is a propeller in the meter and it will not spin unless water pushes it, so he stated that water went through the meter. Mayor Pro-Tem Wayne Huffman stated that Mr. Boston's church is the only church that is not being billed for garbage services and for it to be fair the church needs to be billed for the services. Councilman Phillip Morrison made the motion to start charging Westside Church of God garbage services. Mayor Pro-Tem Wayne Huffman 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. All remaining members voted yea. Motion carried. To resolve Mr. Boston's complaint of having to pay \$32.49 over his minimum Councilman Clegg DeWalt stated he would make a donation to his church for that amount since he visits all the church's around town and makes donations.

**D. Discussion and Action with Delois Cooper concerning the rental of a cleanup dumpster.** Mrs. Cooper stated she rented the dumpster for a \$100.00 and she called the city office to have it emptied, Mr. Newton called Mrs. Cooper a several days later and informed her that she ruined the dumpster by what was in it. She stated when she rented the dumpster the lady at the office told her she could not put wood or metal in the dumpster, so Mrs. Cooper put toys, clothes, insulation & sheetrock but there was no wood or metal in the dumpster. When the garbage truck driver went to empty the dumpster it broke and Mr. Newton stated the city would send her an invoice for \$1,000.00 and she has a problem with that. Mrs. Cooper said the driver should have seen the sheetrock in the dumpster and not attempted to pick it up. She hired a company to come over to remove everything out of the dumpster and said the city ruined the dumpster not her. Mayor Slaughter asked Shelia Bankston whom Mrs. Cooper talked to and Ms. Bankston stated she told Mrs. Cooper not to put any construction material. Mayor Slaughter stated the Cooper's needed a roll off dumpster but when Ms. Bankston told Mrs. Cooper the price of one she said she did not want to pay that and wanted a city clean up dumpster. Mrs. Cooper stated she did not get no use out of the dumpster since she had to pay another company to come get everything out and should be reimbursed her \$100.00. Mayor Pro-Tem Wayne Huffman stated he agrees that our garbage truck driver should not have tried to pick up the dumpster without looking in the dumpster. Councilman Phillip Morrison made the motion to not charge Mrs. Cooper the \$1,000.00 charge for the broken dumpster. Councilman Clegg DeWalt 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. All remaining members voted yea. Motion carried. Councilman Clegg DeWalt made the motion to reimburse Mrs. Cooper her \$100.00 since she did not get any use out of the dumpster. Councilman Phillip Morrison 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. All remaining members voted yea. Motion carried.

**E. Discussion and Action concerning clean-up with Kenneth Newton.** Mr. Newton stated the new

construction at the old H&H gas station that will be Trinity Food Mart will start Monday, July 18, 2016 which will be a \$80,000 remodel job.

- 7. Adjourn.** Mayor Slaughter adjourned the regular meeting at 8:00 pm. and went into executive session at 8:05 p.m.

**Executive Session:**

- A. Discussion concerning personnel and contracts under Gov. Code 551.074.**
- B. Reconvene in open session: 8:15 pm**
  - A. Action necessary as a result of Executive Session.** No Action taken.
- C. Adjourn. 8:17pm**

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**Billy Joe Slaughter, Mayor**

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**Jo Bitner, City Administrator**

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The Regular Meeting of the City Council of the City of Trinity was held on August 11, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. in the City Hall in Trinity, Texas. The following Council members were present:

**Mayor:** Billy Joe Slaughter

**Mayor Pro-Tem:** Wayne Huffman

**Councilman Present:** Clegg DeWalt, Billy Goodin, Chris Dennis and Phillip Morrison

**City Administrator:** Jo Bitner

**Councilman Absent:**

1. **Call meeting to order.** -- Mayor Billy Joe Slaughter called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and verified that a Quorum was present for the meeting.
2. **Approval of minutes for the Regular Meeting July 14, 2016.** Councilman Billy Goodin made the motion to approve the minutes. Councilman Phillip Morrison 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. All remaining members voted yea. Motion carried.
3. **Approve bills for payment.** -- Mayor Pro-Tem Wayne Huffman made the motion to approve bills for payment. Councilman Clegg DeWalt 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. All remaining members voted yea. Motion carried.
4. **City Manager's Report** -- Our total funds as of August 11, 2016 is \$593,732.56. Our checking account balance is \$408,693.56. Accounts payable are \$118,813.44. Account receivables are \$115,157.35. The Municipal Court collected \$6,839.70 for the month of July 2016 with the OMNI Program collecting \$2,108.50 of that total. The sales tax collected for August 2016 is \$92,725.48. The Fire Department donations for the month of July 2016 were \$213.00. The water collections for the month of July 2016 were \$108,096.23. Total deposits for the month of July 2016 were \$233,580.46.

**5. Old Business**

**A. Discussion and Action on any grant related business.**

Mayor Slaughter stated he needed the Council to look over the plans and the plat for the Nursing Home and get their approval. Mayor Slaughter stated the nursing home will have two entrances and have concrete streets all around it. He also stated it is designed to have a sprinkler system in the attic in case of a fire. The Council did not see any issues with the plans or plat and approved them.

City Administrator stated Phoenix Tanks will be here August 18, 2016 to start the work on raising the water tower. The crane will be here on August 22, 2016 so the projected date to raise the tank is August 23, 2016 and it should take approximately 2 weeks to finish it.

**6. New Business**

**A. Discussion and Action on resignation with Municipal Judge Bobby Nicholds.** Mr. Nicholds stated he was resigning due to health reasons and thanked the Mayor and Council for giving him the opportunity to work as Municipal Judge. The Mayor and Council understood his reason for resigning and appreciated the work he did.

**B. Discussion and Action on appointment of Lyle Stubbs as Municipal Judge.** Mayor Slaughter recommended Lyle Stubbs to be appointed as Municipal Judge. Councilman Phillip Morrison made the motion approve the appointment. Mayor Pro-Tem Wayne Huffman 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. All remaining members voted yea. Motion carried. Mayor Slaughter swore in Mr. Stubbs as Municipal Judge.

- C. Discussion and Action to pass Resolution #16-0005 to amend the 2015-2016 budget.** Mayor Slaughter stated this amendment is due to having to replace the air conditioning unit at the community center. There were not enough funds in the Park Department so it was taken out of the Street Department under the line item Road Beautification. Mayor Pro-Tem Wayne Huffman made the motion to pass the Resolution. Councilman Phillip Morrison 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. All remaining members voted yea. Motion carried.
- D. Discussion and Action to approve the Economic Development's recommendations on repairs and beautification to the property at the Trinity Community Center.** Economic Development Board Vice President Neal Smith stated there has not been anything done to the Community Center since 2004. A tree fell on the pavilion several years ago which damaged the top of it and was patched. The Economic Development Board would like to put a new roof on the pavilion, replace the metal that is bad, have the beams repaired and have an awning built by the back door. Mr. Smith stated Mr. Huffman's county inmate crew and the city's maintenance crew cleaned up the monument area and they would like to have flowers planted around it. The concrete slab around the monument area has cracks that need to be repaired. Mr. Smith wants to replace some of the oak trees that have died as well. The driveway holds water and has some rough spots and would like to put 1 inch hot mix on top of it since people walk on it. The picnic tables will be redone also. The whole total to do the repairs and beautification is \$30,200.00 which will be paid for by the Economic Development Board. Councilman Phillip Morrison made the motion to approve the Economic Development Board's recommendations. Councilman Clegg DeWalt 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. All remaining members voted yea. Motion carried.
- E. Discussion and Action to approve the Economic Development's recommendation on deeding the old football field to the City of Trinity.** Mr. Smith stated the old football property was bought by the Economic Development Board because if we lost that property we would not have a fair. The Board would like to deed the property to the City of Trinity with a stipulation that it ties to the park and will not be sold. Mayor Pro-Tem Wayne Huffman made the motion to approve the recommendation to deed the property to the City of Trinity. Councilman Billy Goodin 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. All remaining members voted yea. Motion carried.
- F. Discussion and Action concerning clean-up with Kenneth Newton.** Mr. Newton stated he has been in contact with Morris Associates which is an engineering firm who has been assigned by Valero to research the 5 acres in front of XG Ventures to put in a new corner store facility.

7. Adjourn. 7:25pm

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**Billy Joe Slaughter, Mayor**

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**Jo Bitner, City Administrator**



**THE STATE OF TEXAS  
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The Special Meeting of the City Council of the City of Trinity was held on August 22, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. in the City Hall in Trinity, Texas. The following Council members were present:

**Mayor:** Billy Joe Slaughter

**Mayor Pro-Tem:** Wayne Huffman

**Councilman Present:** Clegg DeWalt, Chris Dennis, Billy Goodin and Phillip Morrison

**City Administrator:** Jo Bitner

**Councilman Absent:**

- 1. Call meeting to order.** -- Mayor Billy Joe Slaughter called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and verified that a Quorum was present for the meeting.
- 2. Discussion and Action to certify the Tax Roll by the Trinity County Appraisal District.** Mayor Billy Slaughter stated he reviewed the 2016 Tax Roll that was certified to him and discussed it with Chief Appraiser Gary Gallant. Mayor Pro-Tem Wayne Huffman made the motion to certify the tax roll. Councilman Clegg DeWalt 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. All remaining members voted yea. Motion carried.
- 3. Discussion and Action regarding the proposed tax rate, take record vote and to schedule a public hearing.** Mayor Billy Slaughter suggested staying with our tax rate of .006571 which will generate more income for the City of Trinity. Mayor Slaughter stated if the Council agrees to this there will need to be two public hearings since we are going above the effective tax rate, the meetings would be scheduled for Tuesday, September 6, 2016 at 6pm and Monday, September 12, 2016 at 6pm. Mayor Pro-Tem Wayne Huffman made the motion to keep the tax rate of .006571. Councilman Phillip Morrison 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. All remaining members voted yea. Motion carried.
- 4. Adjourn.** The meeting was adjourned at 6:30 PM.

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**Billy Joe Slaughter, Mayor**

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**Jo Bitner, City Administrator**