

**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 14, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. in the City Hall in Trinity, Texas. The following Council members were present:

Mayor: Wayne Huffman

Mayor Pro-Tem: Billy Goodin

Councilman Present: Clegg DeWalt, Phillip Morrison and Bubba Smith

City Administrator:

Councilman Absent: Chris Dennis

1. **Call meeting to order.** – Mayor Wayne Huffman 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 16, 2021.** Councilman Phillip Morrison made the motion to approve the minutes. Councilman Bubba Smith 2nd the motion. All remaining members voted yea. Motion carried.
3. **Approve bills for payment.** Councilman Clegg DeWalt made the motion to approve the bills for payment. Mayor Pro-Tem Billy Goodin 2nd the motion. Councilman Bubba Smith had questions regarding the fuel and does not understand how so much fuel is used and would like to see the last 6 months of bills for Hughes Petroleum. All remaining members voted yea. Motion carried.
4. **City Manager's Report --** Our total funds at the end of September 2021 were \$1,996,768. Our bill paying account balance at the end of September 2021 was \$1,715,838. Accounts payable are \$35,266. Account receivables are \$153,059. The Municipal Court collected \$5,164 for the month of September 2021 with the OMNI Program collecting \$797 of that total. The sales tax collected for the month of September 2021 is \$65,377. The Fire Department donations for the month of September 2021 were \$173. The water collections for the month of September 2021 were \$141,149. Total deposits for the month of September 2021 were \$311,997.
5. **Old Business**
 - A. **Discussion and Action on any grant related business.**
6. **New Business.**
 - A. **Discussion and Action to require at least one (1) budget workshop to be held prior to the September meeting.** Councilman Clegg DeWalt stated he asked this to be put on the agenda and made the motion to require at least 1 budget workshop prior to the September meeting. Councilman Bubba Smith 2nd the motion. Mayor Wayne Huffman stated he has contacted each council member either in person or by phone each time the budget is ready to be reviewed and lets them know if they would like to have a workshop to let him know and he would get one scheduled. All remaining members voted yea. Motion carried.
 - B. **Discussion and Action to have the proposed budget be given to the council members on the same day.** Councilman Clegg DeWalt stated he asked for this to be put on the agenda as well and said all budgets need to be delivered to each councilmember the same day by a city employee and made the motion to approve. Councilman Phillip Morrison 2nd the motion. All remaining members voted yea. Motion carried.

C. Discussion and Action to have Chief Jones create a job evaluation performance form for employees. Councilman Clegg DeWalt also had this be put on the agenda because it has been talked about several times so he would like to get one created or not have any more discussion regarding it. Councilman Clegg DeWalt made the motion to have Chief Jones create a job evaluation performance for the City of Trinity's employees. Mayor Pro-Tem Billy Goodin stated it is a little more detailed than just creating a form, a performance evaluation needs to be based on the employee's job description and duties. Mr. Goodin stated in all fairness all employees should have clear cut expectations of what their job is and be evaluated annually on how they perform those duties. Mayor Wayne Huffman suggested appointing Councilman Clegg DeWalt and Mayor Pro-Tem Billy Goodin help Chief Jones create the job evaluation performance. Mayor Pro-Tem Billy Goodin 2nd the motion. All remaining members voted yea. Motion carried.

D. Discussion and Action nominate candidates for the Appraisal District Board of Directors for 2022-2023. Mayor Wayne Huffman stated he talked with Chief Appraiser Gary Gallant and Mayor Huffman recommends nominating who is currently on the board and then when it comes time to vote they usually go with the school because they have 2 members on the board. Councilman Clegg DeWalt made the motion to nominate Ivy Evans, Doug Page, James Due, Monty Huffman and Kevin Searcy. Mayor Pro-Tem 2nd the motion. All remaining members voted yea. Motion Carried.

Councilman Bubba Smith stated he did not appreciate how Mayor Huffman dealt with the public and he does not think they should treat the public that way. If a citizen comes to talk and wants transparency they are going to give it to them. While he is serving as a councilman he is not going to support what happened last month.

Chief Jones stated he created a form with the streets so the council can start deciding which streets need to be repaired. Mayor Huffman suggested having a workshop for next Thursday, October 21, 2021 at 6pm.

Mr. Dozier stated he has a dog problem. The dogs have killed his cats and gets into his trash. He also stated the roads in his neighborhood are bad too.

Andre Jackson thanked Councilman Bubba Smith for listening to his issue with his street being in the county or city last month. He also asked if the same streets are worked on each time.

7. Adjourn. 7:38 p.m.

Mayor Wayne Huffman

Billy Goodin, Mayor Pro-Tem

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The Regular Meeting of the City Council of the City of Trinity was held on November 11, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. in the City Hall in Trinity, Texas. The following Council members were present:

Mayor: Wayne Huffman

Mayor Pro-Tem: Billy Goodin

Councilman Present: Chris Dennis, Clegg DeWalt, Phillip Morrison and Bubba Smith

City Administrator:

Councilman Absent:

1. **Call meeting to order.** – Mayor Wayne Huffman 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 14, 2021.** Councilman Phillip Morrison made the motion to approve the minutes. Councilman Bubba Smith 2nd the motion. All remaining members voted yea. Motion carried.
3. **Approve bills for payment.** Councilman Clegg DeWalt made the motion to approve the bills for payment. Councilman Phillip Morrison 2nd the motion. All remaining members voted yea. Motion carried.
4. **City Manager's Report** -- Our total funds at the end of October 2021 were \$1,952,660. Our bill paying account balance at the end of October 2021 was \$1,664,534. Accounts payable are \$80,048. Account receivables are \$112,690. The Municipal Court collected \$3,374 for the month of October 2021 with the OMNI Program collecting \$581 of that total. The sales tax collected for the month of October 2021 is \$142,971. The Fire Department donations for the month of October 2021 were \$161. The water collections for the month of October 2021 were \$128,768. Total deposits for the month of October 2021 were \$298,574.
5. **Old Business**
 - A. **Discussion and Action on any grant related business.**
6. **New Business.**
 - A. **Discussion and Action with Wesley Tatom regarding naming his private drive.** Mayor Wayne Huffman stated in order for Jolynn Wars with the 911 Addressing to give Mr. Tatom addresses for his tiny houses he is putting in the private drive must be named. Mr. Tatom would like to name the private drive Johnnie Street after his father. Councilman Phillip Morrison made the motion to approve the private drive be named Johnnie Street. Councilman Bubba Smith 2nd the motion. All remaining members voted yea. Motion carried.
 - B. **Discussion and Action with Julia McMichael regarding the 2021 Christmas Event.** Mrs. McMichael stated the event will be held December 4, 2021 from 10am – 10pm downtown on E. Main Street. There will not be a lighted parade due to keeping the children safe and will start at 3pm. They will be having nine (9) cash prize drawings, six (6) for \$50.00 and three (3) for \$500 so they are expecting a pretty big crowd. Mrs. McMichael stated the donation she receives from the city allows her to get the light tower, band, decorations and the porta potties. Councilman Bubba Smith made the motion to donate \$1,500.00. Councilman Clegg DeWalt 2nd the motion. All remaining members voted yea. Motion carried.

C. Discussion and Action to vote for the Trinity County Appraisal District Board Members.

Mayor Wayne Huffman stated usually the city will break up the votes and give to the Trinity residents so that Trinity can be represented. The two people that reside in Trinity are Monty Huffman and Kevin Searcy. Councilman Phillip Morrison made the motion to go with Mayor Huffman recommendation and break up the 211 votes between Monty Huffman and Kevin Searcy. Councilman Clegg DeWalt 2nd the motion. All remaining members voted yea. Motion carried.

Mayor Pro-Tem Billy Goodin stated he has been making progress on the job performance evaluation forms and has a spreadsheet created with the departments and positions and just needs the job descriptions and duties.

8. Adjourn. 7:29 p.m.

Mayor Wayne Huffman

Billy Goodin, Mayor Pro-Tem

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The Special Meeting of the City Council of the City of Trinity was held on November 30, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. in the City Hall in Trinity, Texas. The following Council members were present:

Mayor: Wayne Huffman

Mayor Pro-Tem: Billy Goodin

Councilman Present: Chris Dennis, Phillip Morrison and Bubba Smith

City Administrator:

Councilman Absent:

Call meeting to order. -- Mayor Wayne Huffman called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and verified that a Quorum was present for the meeting.

1. Discussion and Action regarding approval of proposed bid with Durus, LLC for laying a new water line from TRA to ground storage. Chief Steven Jones stated TRA has a 16" line that services the east side of Highway 19, therefore they can tie in the new line at Highway 19 and Tatom Street and cut the static line from the wells and put a valve on it and connect that 10" line into the new 10" line which will feed our ground storage tank. This will allow our entire water system to have TRA water and will not have to rely on the wells. Chief Jones said they received a proposal from Durus LLC for \$169,120.18 which includes laying the line, 2 road bores and all the material. Mr. Jones called TML to make sure we did not need to get any other proposals for this situation. The well line will still be connected it will just be offline so that we can focus on doing maintenance on the wells. We still have the four million dollar grant in the works that will replace the underground storage tank at the wells but that could possibly be two years out so by running this line is a permanent right now fix to solve our current water issues. Councilman Bubba Smith made the motion to accept the proposal. Mayor Pro-Tem Billy Goodin 2nd the motion. All remaining members voted yea. Motion Carried.

2. Adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 7:18 P. M.

Wayne Huffman, Mayor

Billy Goodin, Mayor Pro-Tem

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The Regular Meeting of the City Council of the City of Trinity was held on December 9, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. in the City Hall in Trinity, Texas. The following Council members were present:

Mayor: Wayne Huffman

Mayor Pro-Tem: Billy Goodin

Councilman Present: Chris Dennis, Clegg DeWalt, Phillip Morrison and Bubba Smith

City Administrator:

Councilman Absent:

1. **Call meeting to order.** – Mayor Wayne Huffman 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 11, 2021 and November 30, 2021.** Councilman Bubba Smith made the motion to approve the minutes. Councilman Clegg DeWalt 2nd the motion. All remaining members voted yea. Motion carried.
3. **Approve bills for payment.** Mayor Wayne Huffman stated 3 bills came in after the council packets went out so those bills are Entergy \$16,901, Hughes Petroleum \$4,504 and Xerox \$170. Councilman Clegg DeWalt made the motion to approve the bills for payment. Councilman Chris Dennis 2nd the motion. All remaining members voted yea. Motion carried.
4. **City Manager's Report --** Our total funds at the end of November 2021 were \$1,977,411. Our bill paying account balance at the end of November 2021 was \$1,673,861. Accounts payable are \$48,315. Account receivables are \$149,558. The Municipal Court collected \$2,169 for the month of November 2021 with the OMNI Program collecting \$450 of that total. The sales tax collected for the month of November 2021 is \$51,264. The Fire Department donations for the month of November 2021 were \$162. The water collections for the month of November 2021 were \$124,531. Total deposits for the month of November 2021 were \$323,683.

Chief Jones stated we were having problems with getting well #1 online because of consistent problems it keeps having. During this process well #2 went down also, therefore that caused the water level to be low in our underground storage tank and that is when that tank started causing us problems with the quality of water coming to town. Jack Schultz is a consultant with TCEQ and has tremendously helped us and verified that our chlorinators are underrated at the wells and also discovered the solenoid valve was stuck open on the chlorinator which was causing a continuous chlorination that would not allow the residuals to be built up. The wells is a raw water collection site so Mr. Schultz and our engineer Jed Morris stated it is not required to keep a residual at our wells but since we have had so many problems with the underground storage tank TCEQ wants us to have a consistent residual. We brought in a company called Moody Brothers to work on our chlorinators. When the solenoid valve was broken we were feeding 20lbs of chlorine 24 hours a day seven days a week and that little bit of chlorine slowly dripping into the water it dissipated and never brought up a residual. After fixing the valve, the temperature of the chlorine that comes out of the bottle we could only produce 40lbs out of the chlorine bottle because anything more than that was freezing the bottle. Moody Brothers built the system, we put a storage building out there that now holds four chlorine bottles instead of two, we have a chlorination pump, and as of right now we are feeding 85lbs of chlorine and the last reading we took was a 3.0 total residual which is required at the wells. The issue we are having now is the residual has dropped dramatically in the static line going from the wells to the ground storage tank. We had to do a burn out in the line to clean out forty years of biofilm which is not hazardous but it is eating up the chlorination. Chief Jones stated we had an emergency meeting at the end of November to put in a 2,000 linear foot 10" line going down Tatom Street and

FM 1617 to tie us into Trinity River Authority (TRA). TRA currently fills up our water towers located behind First National Bank and the one on Hwy 94 by the high school. TRA puts chloramines in their water and our two towers produce pressure for 2/3 of the city and ground storage is filled up from the wells and it produces pressure for 1/3 of the city. Anyone that gets their water from ground storage is suffering the most from the problematic water from the wells, this includes FM 1617 and some of the west side of town by the Walker Street area. Once we are tied into the TRA line this will allow us to turn off our wells completely and only have one source of water instead of two sources serving the City of Trinity water supply. When you blend water from two sources it is problematic and it creates trimethylamines which can cause brown water because of the balancing act. We do have to keep our wells as a backup but since we will be able to shut them down this will allow us to get them up to par and we do have a four million dollar mitigation grant that is going to help with a lot of the maintenance and repairs.

5. Old Business

A. Discussion and Action on any grant related business.

6. New Business.

A. Discussion with Mayor Pro-Tem Billy Goodin in regards to water issues plan of action.

Mayor Pro-Tem Billy Goodin stated the City of Trinity needs a quality assurance plan. Mr. Goodin stated there is not a plan where we can bring this information together so that they can make data driven decisions. When you have a system this complex with this much information it is hard to make informed decisions and to promote growth, safety, and quality when you do not have any data of any sort coming back to you. We do have some infrastructure problems and age on some of it and we need to put a quality control plan in place to work towards a proactive reaction instead of a reactive approach. Mr. Goodin stated he likes the PDCA Plan which is a plan, do, check, and act plan that is a method and a cycle consisting of four steps. All these things we say we are going to do or have talked about doing allows you to put those in play and you have a mechanism where it does not fall through the cracks. You have input and you gather data and you base your decisions on that.

7. Adjourn. 9:13 p.m.

Mayor Wayne Huffman

Billy Goodin, Mayor Pro-Tem

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The Regular Meeting of the City Council of the City of Trinity was held on January 13, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. in the City Hall in Trinity, Texas. The following Council members were present:

Mayor: Wayne Huffman

Mayor Pro-Tem: Billy Goodin

Councilman Present: Chris Dennis, Clegg DeWalt, Phillip Morrison and Bubba Smith

City Administrator: Steven Jones

Councilman Absent:

1. **Call meeting to order.** – Mayor Wayne Huffman 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 9, 2021.** Councilman Phillip Morrison made the motion to approve the minutes. Councilman Clegg DeWalt 2nd the motion. All remaining members voted yea. Motion carried.
3. **Approve bills for payment.** Councilman Clegg DeWalt made the motion to approve the bills for payment and had a few questions regarding the water well lease check having to be reissued due to it being lost in the mail, Mr. DeWalt also stated we just paid payment #4 on our water meter loan which leaves close to half a million dollars still being owed and asked about the repairs to Well #3 which ended up being well and #1 & #2. Councilman Chris Dennis 2nd the motion. All remaining members voted yea. Motion carried.
4. **City Manager's Report --** Our total funds at the end of December 2021 were **\$1,629,014.** Our bill paying account balance at the end of December 2021 was **\$1,367,298.** Accounts payable are **\$55,649.** Account receivables are **\$140,745.** The Municipal Court collected **\$1,655** for the month of December 2021 with the OMNI Program collecting **\$65** of that total. The sales tax collected for the month of December 2021 is **\$75,970.** The Fire Department donations for the month of December 2021 were **\$171.** The water collections for the month of December 2021 were **\$127,980.** Total deposits for the month of December 2021 were **\$380,616.**
5. **Old Business**
 - A. **Discussion and Action on any grant related business.** Chief Jones stated we will be having the pre-bid meeting and bid openings next month for the downtown revitalization project which will widen Railroad Street and include a sidewalk.
6. **New Business.**
 - A. **Discussion and Action regarding Refuse Trucks.** Councilman Bubba Smith stated just in the last month we spent \$13,000 in garbage truck repairs, Chief Jones stated \$5,000 of that will be reimbursed when we take the injectors back to Freightliner. Councilman Smith stated we either need to buy or lease a garbage truck so that we can have a reliable truck since trash pick-up is one of our revenues. He stated the three garbage trucks we currently have keep getting pieced together and break down which causes delays in trash pick-ups. Councilman Smith and Councilman DeWalt both stated people expect these services because they are paying for the services. Chief Jones stated we have a 2017 20 yard Freightliner needs a new motor which will cost \$18,565 for a long block and \$12,003 for a short block. With a new motor there is a two year 100,000 mile warranty. If we purchase a 25 yard rear load truck the average price is \$230,000 and at 4.25% interest with a time

warrant at First national the total would be \$259,325 making the payments be \$4,322 a month for 5 years. We did a four year study going back to 2018 on repairs and purchases for solid waste and it totaled \$203,035 and broke down monthly it is \$4,229. Chief Jones talked to a lease company out of San Antonio and to lease a 25 yard rear load garbage truck would be \$5,100 a month for a brand new truck. All major repairs would fall on the lease company and the city would just be responsible for gas, oil changes and tires. Every year we would get a brand new truck when the lease was up or we would have the option to buy the truck. They would like to keep 1 out of the 3 trucks we already have as a back-up truck. Councilman Smith stated he would like to have a dependable garbage truck and made a motion to lease a garbage truck for \$5,122 a month for this first year and go from there. Councilman Clegg DeWalt 2nd the motion. All remaining members voted yea. Motion carried. Mayor Huffman stated he told Chief Jones before Councilman Smith brought it up to look for a lease company and get some prices because he was getting fed up with not having a dependable garbage truck.

B. Discussion and Action with Jewade Rauf of J-Tech Surveillance concerning upgrading the camera system. Mr. Rauf stated the camera system the Police Department currently has was installed in 2014 and would like to upgrade it to an IP system analog which will have the high quality and high resolution. The new system would run off of network cable, cat 5, cat 6 cable so all new wiring would have to be done since the current camera system runs off of coax. With the new cameras you would not need as many cameras compared to the old system since the new cameras have a wider angle. Mayor Pro-Tem Billy Goodin asked Mr. Rauf if he had a proposal and he said no that he wanted to see if the council would be interested before he did a site survey to bid properly. Councilman Bubba Smith made the motion to table the item until we get the proposal. Councilman Clegg DeWalt 2nd the motion. All remaining members voted yea. Motion carried.

Chief Jones stated Durus is the company that laid the water line to tie into the TRA line but they laid the line 1 foot too close to the sewer line. TCEQ is now making the city jump through hoops on the study with the Engineer. Our engineer Jed Morris does not want to sign off on the as built study until this issue is fixed. Durus did take full responsibility of the line being off by 1 foot because they measured from the center of the manhole. They are relaying the line and moving the valve at their expense but the city will be responsible for the casing. Once Mr. Morris signs off of the study it can be submitted to TCEQ and TRA so we can tie it in to the existing TRA line. The chlorinator has been repaired at the wells and we are now getting good residuals there. Currently we are waiting to get the inspection reports for our tank inspections from U.S. Underwater so that those reports can be submitted to TCEQ. Last Friday, samples were taken and they all passed.

Arlean Taylor they are having a problem with a guy in their neighborhood that keeps firing a gun and stated the last time it happened an Officer never showed up. Chief Jones stated it was the night of the pedestrian getting hit so they were tied up with that call but he will check into it.

9. Adjourn. 7:50 p.m.

Mayor Wayne Huffman

Billy Goodin, Mayor Pro-Tem

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The Regular Meeting of the City Council of the City of Trinity was held on February 10, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. in the City Hall in Trinity, Texas. The following Council members were present:

Mayor: Wayne Huffman

Mayor Pro-Tem: Billy Goodin

Councilman Present: Chris Dennis, Clegg DeWalt, Phillip Morrison and Bubba Smith

City Administrator: Steven Jones

Councilman Absent:

1. **Call meeting to order.** – Mayor Wayne Huffman 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 13, 2022.** Mayor Pro-Tem Billy Goodin made the motion to approve the minutes. Councilman Bubba Smith 2nd the motion. All remaining members voted yea. Motion carried.
3. **Approve bills for payment.** Councilman Clegg DeWalt asked Public Works Director Steve Alexander if we received the \$5,174 for returning the parts to Freightliner, Mr. Alexander stated the parts have not been returned yet. Councilman Clegg DeWalt made the motion to approve the bills for payment. Councilman Chris Dennis 2nd the motion. All remaining members voted yea. Motion carried.
4. **City Manager's Report --** Our total funds at the end of January 2022 were **\$1,785,144.** Our bill paying account balance at the end of January 2022 was **\$1,376,135.** Accounts payable are **\$53,071.** Account receivables are **\$154,448.** The Municipal Court collected **\$2,476** for the month of January 2022 with the OMNI Program collecting **\$417** of that total. The sales tax collected for the month of January 2022 is **\$136,755.** The Fire Department donations for the month of January 2022 were **\$154.** The water collections for the month of January 2022 were **\$129,891.** Total deposits for the month of January 2022 were **\$296,815.**

Mayor Pro-Tem Billy Goodin asked Chief Jones if a water report could be added to his report or the agenda. Mr. Goodin stated he would like it to consist of what is going on with the system, such as controls, problems we are having and what we are doing so that everyone can stay on top of the water issues.

5. Old Business

- A. **Discussion and Action on any grant related business.** Chief Jones stated we received word just before the meeting that we now have the Mitigation contract in hand, GrantWorks will review it and if everything looks good then the city will sign the contract. On the Downtown Revitalization Grant, we only had one company submit a bid and the cost of the bid was outside of the perimeters so it will have to be rebid.

6. New Business.

- A. **Discussion and Action to Order Election for the City of Trinity general Election to be held on May 7, 2022.** Councilman Bubba Smith made the motion to order the election for the City of Trinity Election to be held on May 7, 2022. Councilman Phillip Morrison 2nd the motion. All remaining members voted yea. Motion carried.

B. Discussion and Action with Jewade Rauf of J-Tech Surveillance concerning upgrading the camera system. Mr. Rauf stated there are a few proposals that he included, Bid C is \$23,854.96 for 8 megapixel 4k resolution, Bid B is \$22,678.72 for 4 megapixel 1080X2 resolution and Bid A is \$19,078.72 for 2 megapixel for 1080P resolution. Councilman Clegg DeWalt stated he feels the city's first priority at this time should be to finish tying in the TRA water line due to our water crisis but once we get out of the crisis he would make the motion to get the cameras. Councilman Bubba Smith stated this is something they need to look into but not today due to the water issues and the city just leasing a new garbage truck. Councilman Bubba Smith made the motion to table purchasing the camera system at this time. Councilman Clegg DeWalt 2nd the motion. All remaining members voted yea. Motion carried.

C. Discussion and Action with Kevin Dilda regarding maintenance and needed repairs at the baseball field. Mr. Dilda stated there are some safety issues that need to be taken care of before the season starts. The jungle gym at the playground has some rust that can be potential hazards to the children. Chief Jones stated Mr. Dilda has volunteered to do the necessary maintenance for the ball fields this year. Mr. Jones stated the city is going to order three new toilets and have them installed before the fundraiser on March 5, 2022. Mr. Dilda stated on field 5 the backstop is haggard, the top rail is coming apart and could catch someone in the eye. The netting is also coming apart as well. Mayor Huffman stated the city will furnish whatever needs to be fixed.

D. Discussion and Action of disposition of railroad spur on Pinecrest Road. Councilman Smith asked Mayor Huffman if he would like to take that section of the railroad out and Mayor Huffman stated yes he would like for that to happen if all parties involved can agree on it. Mayor Huffman stated he talked to David Roberts about three or four years ago and Mr. Roberts said he had a 99 year lease on that spur but sold the property to Herbert Perkins. To the Mayor's recollection City Manager Buddy Drake went to Mr. Perkins to see about getting the spur removed and Mr. Perkins did not want it removed. Mayor Huffman stated the spur is not connected to the railroad anymore. Councilman Bubba Smith stated if it is legal he makes the motion to have it removed. Councilman Clegg DeWalt 2nd the motion. All remaining members voted yea. Motion carried.

Mike with Piney Woods Sanitation talked about presenting a proposal for trash service.

7. Adjourn. 8:07 p.m.

Mayor Wayne Huffman

Billy Goodin, Mayor Pro-Tem

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The Regular Meeting of the City Council of the City of Trinity was held on March 10, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. in the City Hall in Trinity, Texas. The following Council members were present:

Mayor: Wayne Huffman

Mayor Pro-Tem: Billy Goodin

Councilman Present: Chris Dennis, Clegg DeWalt, Phillip Morrison and Bubba Smith

City Administrator: Steven Jones

Councilman Absent:

1. **Call meeting to order.** – Mayor Wayne Huffman 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 10, 2022.** Councilman Clegg DeWalt made the motion to approve the minutes. Mayor Pro-Tem Billy Goodin 2nd the motion. All remaining members voted yea. Motion carried.
3. **Approve bills for payment.** Councilman Chris Dennis made the motion to approve the bills for payment. Councilman Clegg DeWalt 2nd the motion. All remaining members voted yea. Motion carried.
4. **City Manager's Report** -- Our total funds at the end of February 2022 were \$2,103,950. Our bill paying account balance at the end of February 2022 was \$1,616,395. Accounts payable are \$57,232. Account receivables are \$142,709. The Municipal Court collected \$6,719 for the month of February 2022 with the OMNI Program collecting \$4,311 of that total. The sales tax collected for the month of February 2022 is \$59,600. The Fire Department donations for the month of February 2022 were \$165. The water collections for the month of February 2022 were \$,133,687. Total deposits for the month of February 2022 were \$644,557.

5. Old Business

A. Discussion and Action on any grant related business.

6. New Business.

- A. **Discussion and Action to pass Ordinance #22-0001 to decline to approve any and all changes in rates requested by Entergy Texas, Inc.** Councilman Bubba Smith made the motion to pass the Ordinance. Councilman Clegg DeWalt 2nd the motion. All remaining members voted yea. Motion carried.
- B. **Discuss, consider, and adopt Resolution #22-0001 to designate authorized signatories for the Community Development Block Grant – Mitigation (CDBG – MIT) program for GLO state contract number 22-082-021-D447.** Mayor Wayne Huffman stated the Mayor and Mayor Pro-tem are usually the authorized signatories for grants and the City Secretary is listed as well if one of them are out of pocket. Councilman Clegg DeWalt made the motion to pass the Resolution. Mayor Billy Goodin 2nd the motion. All remaining members voted yea. Motion carried.
- C. **Discuss, consider, and adopt Resolution #22-0002 regarding Civil Rights which includes the following policies: Section 3 Policy; Excessive Force Policy; Limited English Proficiency**

(LEP) Standards Plan; Section 504 Policy and Grievance Procedures; Code of Conduct Policy; and Fair Housing Policy. Mayor Huffman stated this is also for the CDBG-MIT grant. Councilman Chris Dennis made the motion to pass the Resolution. Councilman Clegg DeWalt 2nd the motion. All remaining members voted yea. Motion carried.

D. Proclaim April as Fair Housing Month: *This proclamation will help to fulfill Fair Housing activity obligations as required by the grant.* Mayor Huffman stated this is for the CDBG-MIT grant also. Mayor Pro-Tem Billy Goodin made the motion to approve the proclamation. Councilman Bubba Smith 2nd the motion. All remaining members voted yea. Motion carried.

E. Discussion and Action concerning City of Trinity's Sidewalks Improvements Downtown Revitalization Project TXCDBG Contract No. 7220242 to reject the bid that was received on February 3, 2022. Kristina with Bleyl Engineering stated that the city received one bid from Crockett Construction. Their bid was in the amount of \$507,880.00 which exceeded the construction funds available of \$450,000.00 for this project. Councilman Clegg DeWalt made the motion to reject the bid from Crockett Construction. Mayor Pro-Tem Billy Goodin 2nd the motion. All remaining members voted yea. Motion carried.

F. Discussion and Possible Action regarding award of the City of Trinity's Sidewalks Improvements Downtown Revitalization Project TxCDBG Contract No. 7220242 prime construction contract that was bid on March 4, 2022. Kristina with Bleyl Engineering stated the City of Trinity received two bids this time. Crockett Construction's bid was \$449,835 and Cervantez Construction's bid was \$414,570. It is Bleyl Engineering's recommendation to award the low bidder, Cervantez Construction LLC. They are an established contractor with a history of completing similar projects and have been searched and cleared on www.sam.gov per contract requirements. Councilman Bubba Smith to go with Bleyl Engineering's recommendation and award the bid to Cervantez Construction LLC. Councilman Phillip Morrison 2nd the motion. All remaining members voted yea. Motion carried.

G. Presentation of the TDA Form A1024 CDBG Section 3 Program Goals Presentation for the Trinity TxCDBG Project 7220469, 7220242 and CDV21-0116. Christina Wirsching with GrantWorks did the presentation and explained all the Section 3 program goals.

Sharon Schuetz with Trinity County News stated she would like to have a public forum at the community center on April 21, 2022 for the City of Trinity and the School Board candidates. The Mayor and Council agreed to let her have this event at the community center.

Bill Satterlee is the owner of the trailer park located on Tenth Street and discussed sewer issues he is having. Public Works Director Steve Alexander said the problem is under the street according to the camera they ran and will be digging up the road next week to fix the blockage.

7. Adjourn. 8:07 p.m.

Mayor Wayne Huffman

Billy Goodin, Mayor Pro-Tem

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The Regular Meeting of the City Council of the City of Trinity was held on April 14, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. in the City Hall in Trinity, Texas. The following Council members were present:

Mayor: Wayne Huffman

Mayor Pro-Tem: Billy Goodin

Councilman Present: Chris Dennis, Clegg DeWalt, Phillip Morrison and Bubba Smith

City Administrator: Steven Jones

Councilman Absent:

1. **Call meeting to order.** – Mayor Wayne Huffman 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, 2022.** Mayor Pro-Tem Billy Goodin made the motion to approve the minutes. Councilman Clegg DeWalt 2nd the motion. All remaining members voted yea. Motion carried.
3. **Approve bills for payment.** Councilman Chris Dennis made the motion to approve the bills for payment. Councilman Clegg DeWalt 2nd the motion. All remaining members voted yea. Motion carried.
4. **City Manager's Report --** Our total funds at the end of March 2022 were **\$1,970,538**. Our bill paying account balance at the end of March 2022 was **\$1,506,939**. Accounts payable are **\$69,236**. Account receivables are **\$146,784**. The Municipal Court collected **\$7,177** for the month of March 2022 with the OMNI Program collecting **\$1,726** of that total. The sales tax collected for the month of March 2022 is **\$59,169**. The Fire Department donations for the month of March 2022 were **\$148**. The water collections for the month of March 2022 were **\$129,841**. Total deposits for the month of March 2022 were **\$222,302**.

5. Old Business

A. Discussion and Action on any grant related business.

6. New Business.

A. Discussion and Action with David Kester concerning funding for the Martin Senior Citizen.

Mr. Kester stated the center has been active in the community for 50 years and is getting more active with three decades of seniors. They have been in the current facility for 30 which was built in 1992 with a 30 year vision and with the wear and tear over the years they are needing to do some updates. They need to expand their offices and develop more activities for the seniors. For the fiscal year 2021 – 2022 he is projecting they will do 22,000 meals and also help seniors with minor repairs such as changing light bulbs, changing batteries in fire alarms and even building ramps. They are struggling with the monetary value due to inflation and need the community to get more involved. For 2021 their total income was \$157,931 which was provided by DETCOG, Health and Human Services, Trinity County, a grant and donations and their projected budget is \$159,565. Mr. Kester is asking for a monthly monetary commitment of \$2,500.00 from the City of Trinity. Mayor Wayne Huffman stated Mr. Kester provided a lot of information and his recommendation is to table it so they can go over everything and see if the city can do this or not. Councilman Clegg DeWalt made the motion to table this item. Councilman Chris Dennis 2nd the motion. All remaining members voted yea. Motion carried.

- B. Discussion and Action regarding the street paving project.** Ronnie Waters with Waters Construction stated he was given a list the Mayor and Council put together but looked at all the streets in the city. Mr. Waters said if the city would of got the streets seal coated three or four years ago that would of saved a lot of the streets. The drainage and lack of ditches and collapsed culverts is a big issue with the streets being washed out. Heavy trucks traveling on the streets need to be addressed also. He also stated he cannot draw up plans on what needs to be done because he wants to bid on the job, but he could give recommendations. Mr. Waters said there are 14 streets that are in bad shape: W. Rockdale Street (Hwy 19 to Dryden Street), Church Street (1 layer chip seal and patch), Barker Street (N. MLK to Hamilton Street), Hamilton Street (1 patch 20' X 18'), S. MLK (1,150 foot long – patch and reclaim), Elizabeth Street (2,000 feet), Beuhring Street and Intersection at Maple Street, intersection area of Pinecrest Road and E. Tatom Street, Pinecrest Road (3,800 foot long), Brantley Street, W. Dillard Street, W. Tatom Street, Bette Street and Third Street (patch). Councilman Bubba Smith made the motion to get an advertisement for bids done so that they can vote on it in the next council meeting. Councilman Clegg DeWalt 2nd the motion. All remaining members voted yea. Motion carried.
- C. Discussion and Action authorizing a voting clerk for early voting for the May 7, 2022 General Election.** Mayor Huffman stated he recommends Joyce Baker that has done it previous years. Councilman Phillip Morrison to hire Joyce Baker as early voting clerk. Councilman Clegg DeWalt 2nd 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, 2022.** Mayor Huffman stated his recommendation for election judge is Steven Jones. Councilman Phillip Morrison made the motion to appoint Steven Jones. Councilman Clegg DeWalt 2nd the motion. All remaining members voted yea. Motion carried.
- E. Discussion and Action about purchasing Police Department and Public Works Vehicles.** Councilman Bubba Smith asked for this to be put on the agenda because it has been quite some time since a vehicle has been purchased and believes the last patrol unit purchased was in 2014. He stated the public works vehicles are in bad shape and a few of the employees are driving their own vehicles which is a liability to the city. Councilman Smith stated we have a water reserve account so why not set up a reserve vehicle account. Councilman Bubba Smith made the motion to have Steven Jones figure it out by next month on purchasing one patrol unit compared to three units and what our need is, the cost for a ¾ ton pickup to pull the large loads around compared to small vehicles so that the employees that need to have a vehicle will have one. Councilman Clegg DeWalt 2nd the motion. All remaining members voted yea. Motion carried.
- F. Discussion and Action concerning the basketball and tennis courts.** Steven Jones stated he spoke with Jackie Goodall and that he is still working up the project on what would be the best to do with the basketball and tennis courts. They have talked about replacing the basketball goals and maybe removing the tennis courts and make them into half basketball courts.
- G. Discussion and Action regarding the Economic Development Board's recommendations.** Economic Development Board President Neal Smith stated the board met two weeks ago and had two proposals. George McMichael bought the corner building at 102 W. Main Street and the board is excited with what is going on in some of the old buildings and will put businesses in them. Mr. McMichael's plan is to remodel the building and put a Studio Wellness Center and has long lease on it. He has asked for a \$25,000 loan, the first year he would pay interest only at 3.5% and then after one year giving them time to get established he will start paying the \$25,000 back. The other proposal was from Tanya Kembro with Chica's Coffee Shop to do an awning in front of her shop. She would like something different than the other buildings, she wants some colors in her

awning which would be a fabric, a marine grade canopy similar to the one State Farm had. The cost for that is \$12,000. The board was unanimous on funding these two projects. Councilman Phillip Morrison made the motion to approve the Economic Development Board's recommendations. Councilman Bubba Smith 2nd the motion. All remaining members voted yea. Motion carried.

7. Adjourn. 7:56 p.m.

Mayor Wayne Huffman

Billy Goodin, Mayor Pro-Tem

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The Emergency Meeting of the City Council of the City of Trinity was held on April 21, 2022 at 2:00 p.m. in the City Hall in Trinity, Texas. The following Council members were present:

Mayor: Wayne Huffman

Mayor Pro-Tem: Billy Goodin

Councilman Present: Chris Dennis, Phillip Morrison and Bubba Smith

City Administrator: Steven Jones

Councilman Absent: Clegg DeWalt

Call meeting to order. -- Mayor Wayne Huffman called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. and verified that a Quorum was present for the meeting.

1. Discussion and Action to appoint a new election judge for the City of Trinity 2022 General Election.

Mayor Wayne Huffman stated they found out that an employee could not be the election judge or clerk so his recommendation for the election judge is Bryan Buck. Councilman Phillip Morrison made the motion to appoint Bryan Buck as Election Judge. Mayor Pro-Tem Billy Goodin 2nd the motion. All remaining members voted yea. Motion Carried.

2. Adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 2:01 P. M.

Wayne Huffman, Mayor

Billy Goodin, Mayor Pro-Tem

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The Regular Meeting of the City Council of the City of Trinity was held on May 12, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. in the City Hall in Trinity, Texas. The following Council members were present:

Mayor: Wayne Huffman/Billy Goodin

Mayor Pro-Tem: Billy Goodin/Phillip Morrison

Councilman Present: Clegg DeWalt, Bubba Smith, Phillip Morrison, and Chris Dennis/Scott Womack

City Administrator: Steven Jones

Councilman Absent:

1. **Call meeting to order.** – Mayor Wayne Huffman 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, 2022 and Special Meeting April 21, 2022.** Councilman Bubba Smith made the motion to approve the minutes. Councilman Clegg DeWalt 2nd the motion. All remaining members voted yea. Motion carried.
3. **Approve bills for payment.** Councilman Chris Dennis made the motion to approve the bills for payment. Councilman Clegg DeWalt 2nd the motion. All remaining members voted yea. Motion carried.
4. **City Manager's Report --** Our total funds at the end of April 2022 were \$2,065,427. Our bill paying account balance at the end of April 2022 was \$1,596,622. Accounts payable are \$77,093. Account receivables are \$143,947. The Municipal Court collected \$3,996 for the month of April 2022 with the OMNI Program collecting \$2,158 of that total. The sales tax collected for the month of April 2022 is \$135,525. The Fire Department donations for the month of April 2022 were \$155. The water collections for the month of April 2022 were \$133,720. Total deposits for the month of April 2022 were \$466,775.

5. Old Business

A. Discussion and Action on any grant related business.

6. New Business.

- A. Discussion and Action regarding Canvass of May 7, 2022 City Election.** Councilman Bubba Smith made the motion to approve the May 7, 2022 canvass. Councilman Chris Dennis 2nd the motion. All remaining members voted yea. Motion carried.
- B. Swearing in of Mayor and Council Positions 1, 2 and 3.** Mayor Billy Goodin and Councilman Clegg DeWalt were sworn in by Honorable Judge Keith Johnson. Councilman Jason "Bubba" Smith was sworn in by Commissioner Neal Smith. Councilman Scott Womack was sworn in by Honorable Judge Lyle Stubbs.
- C. Discussion and Action concerning appointment of Mayor Pro-Tem.** Mayor Goodin appointed Phillip Morrison as his Mayor Pro-Tem. Councilman Bubba Smith made the motion to approve the appointment. Councilman Clegg DeWalt 2nd the motion. All remaining members voted yea. Motion carried.
- D. Discussion and Action to appoint and swear in the Municipal Judge.** Mayor Goodin appointed

Lyle Stubbs as Municipal Judge. Mayor Pro-Tem Phillip Morrison made the motion to approve the appointment. Councilman Bubba Smith 2nd the motion. All remaining members voted yea. Motion carried.

- E. Comments from newly elected Mayor and Council Members.** Mayor Billy Goodin stated he would like to thank everyone that took time out of their busy schedule to come to the meeting tonight. He looks forward to working with the Council and thinks we have a good team and can do good things. Mayor Goodin stated he is also looking forward to working with the individuals of the community to make some changes and improvements to move us into the future. He appreciates all the support during the campaign. Councilman Clegg DeWalt stated he excited to be a part of this new team as we transition into the future. Councilman DeWalt mentioned that four years ago the city was operating with a \$100,000 deficit on borrowed money and now we have approximately 1.6 million in our bill paying account. By working together we have done great we can move this community further and better into the future. He thanked each and every person that voted for him and the confidence they show in him and it is an honor to serve the people of Trinity. Councilman Bubba Smith stated how thankful he is that the City of Trinity chose to elect him in to this position again. He said it takes a support system and has a strong one and is very fortunate to have such a loving family that supports him throughout his endeavors. Councilman Smith stated he knows there were people that did not vote for him and hopes that he can win their confidence as well. He stated they have come a long ways in four years and still has a ways to go. Councilman Scott Womack stated a very good friend of his once told him that you cannot do anything without vision, you have to see what you want to do and see it through. He said you have to see where you are and see where you would like to be at. Councilman Womack stated he thinks the council has put them in a position financially to get to the point where they need to be. None of them would be able to do the things they are hoping to do without the work of those that came before them. He appreciates the voters for giving him the confidence and thanked Chris Dennis for running a very positive campaign and letting the voters decide without any negativity. Councilman Womack thanked everyone for their support and hopes in a couple of years when it is time to be re-elected you will say he did what he promised he would do.
- F. Discussion and Action to adopt Resolution #22-0003 to designate authorized signatories for the 2021 Texas CDBG program, grant agreement number CVD21-0116.** Mayor Billy Goodin stated this Resolution is for the \$350,000 grant for new water lines and this authorizes the Mayor and Mayor Pro-Tem to sign all contracts related to this grant. Councilman Bubba Smith made the motion to approve the Resolution. Councilman Clegg DeWalt 2nd the motion. All remaining members voted yea. Motion carried.
- G. Discussion and Action to approve Resolution #22-0004 adopting required CDBG Civil Rights policies.** Mayor Billy Goodin stated this Resolution is also for the new \$350,000 grant. Mayor Pro-Tem Phillip Morrison made the motion to approve the Resolution. Councilman Clegg DeWalt 2nd the motion. All remaining members voted yea. Motion carried.
- H. Proclaim April as Fair Housing Month:** Mayor Billy Goodin stated this proclamation will help to fulfill Fair Housing activity obligations as required by the grant. Councilman Bubba Smith made the motion to proclaim April as Fair Housing Month. Mayor Pro-Tem Phillip Morrison 2nd the motion. All remaining members voted yea. Motion carried.
- I. Discussion and Action to approve Policies and Procedures for the American Rescue Plan Act.** Mayor Billy Goodin stated these policies and procedures need to be approved for the American Rescue Plan Act. Councilman Clegg DeWalt made the motion to approve the policies and procedures. Councilman Scott Womack 2nd the motion. All remaining members voted yea. Motion carried.

J. Discussion and Action to appoint a member to the Economic Development Board. Mayor Billy Goodin appointed Billy Coleman to the Economic Development Board. Councilman Bubba Smith made the motion to approve Mayor Goodin's appointment of Billy Coleman. Councilman Clegg DeWalt 2nd the motion. All remaining members voted yea. Motion carried.

K. Discussion and Action regarding purchasing city vehicles. City Administrator stated the Police Department has a 2007, 2013 and two 2014 model tahoes that have come to the end of their life and are not pursuit worthy. He received two quotes and his opinion is to purchase four patrol cars. Holiday Auto Group gave a base model price of \$37,819 and Parkway Chevrolet gave a base model price of \$36,689. For these companies to outfit them with the lights, sirens and radio equipment the price is outrageous so he got a quote from Nalcom Wireless to completely outfit them would be \$39,879 for all four tahoes. Mr. Jones stated if they could purchase new tahoes then they could strip the old ones and give them to the Public Works Department. The Public Works Department needs at least two $\frac{3}{4}$ ton trucks to be able to haul equipment and capable of leaving town if need be. Mr. Jones stated the mechanic spends a majority of his time working on the old vehicles so getting some new vehicles would free up a lot of his time to work on other things. Councilman Bubba Smith asked why would we need to get four tahoes at once when we only have one officer per shift working, so why not buy one or maybe two tahoes instead of four. He also suggested looking at the Forest Service trucks for the Public Works. Mayor Billy Goodin stated he would like to see the benefits of purchasing four tahoes versus two tahoes and if it is financially feasible to purchase four tahoes plus public works vehicles. Councilman Bubba Smith made the motion to table purchasing city vehicles to give them a little more time to discuss it and to come up with a good plan.

Councilman Bubba Smith stated the street signs and stop signs need to be addressed in the near future. Mrs. Vance mentioned street lights are out on Crestway Street.

7. Adjourn. 7:49 p.m.

Mayor Billy Goodin

Phillip Morrison, Mayor Pro-Tem

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The Regular Meeting of the City Council of the City of Trinity was held on June 9, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. in the City Hall in Trinity, Texas. The following Council members were present:

Mayor: Billy Goodin

Mayor Pro-Tem: Phillip Morrison

Councilman Present: Clegg DeWalt, Bubba Smith, Phillip Morrison, and Scott Womack

City Administrator: Steven Jones

Councilman Absent:

1. **Call meeting to order.** – Mayor Billy Goodin 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, 2022.** Councilman Bubba Smith made the motion to approve the minutes. Councilman Clegg DeWalt 2nd the motion. All remaining members voted yea. Motion carried.
3. **Approve bills for payment.** Mayor Pro-Tem Phillip Morrison made the motion to approve the bills for payment. Councilman Clegg DeWalt 2nd the motion. All remaining members voted yea. Motion carried.
4. **City Manager's Report --** Our total funds at the end of May 2022 were \$2,044,282. Our bill paying account balance at the end of May 2022 was \$1,620,787. Accounts payable are \$66,465. Account receivables are \$133,162. The Municipal Court collected \$6,813 for the month of May 2022 with the OMNI Program collecting \$3,430 of that total. The sales tax collected for the month of May 2022 is \$73,378. The Fire Department donations for the month of May 2022 were \$147. The water collections for the month of May 2022 were \$128,792. Total deposits for the month of May 2022 were \$321,960.

Department Reports – Water Operator Jessica Hester stated the wells are producing at 67% because of Well #2 being down. McPike Water Wells has pulled out the well casing to clean it and once cleaned he will test for ammonia levels. The storage tank annual inspections are scheduled to be inspected in October or November of this year. There were issues with the north tower overflowing but by adjusting the mercury switch by one foot that has solved that problem. For water distribution the chlorine residual is keeping an average residual of 2.1 which is great because the state requires it to be between 0.5 and 4.0. Chlorine usage has been cut down and running efficiently after getting some parts changed out at ground storage and Rockdale. A flushing schedule has also been created which has cut down on the brown water complaints. Ms. Hester believes the brown water complaints in Trinity Cove is due to not enough water usage in the subdivision to keep chlorinated water in the main line so to solve this issue they are flushing once a week. She also works with the on call person every Friday to train them on what they need to check over the weekend and has created a standards operating procedure that is at each location.

5. Old Business

- A. **Discussion and Action on any grant related business.** There has been some change orders with the sidewalk grant. Also there is a dip between the pavement and the sidewalk where someone might be able to trip going into the bank, there is a change order for that to level the street out.

6. New Business.

- A. **Discussion and Action opening sealed bids for street paving project.** City Administrator stated

we received two sealed bids for the street paving project from CCC Blacktopping and Water's Construction. CCC Blacktopping's bid was \$461,135 and Waters Construction was \$369,653.50. Councilman Bubba Smith made the motion award the bid to the low bidder, Water's Construction. Councilman Clegg DeWalt 2nd the motion. All remaining members voted yea. Motion carried.

- B. Discussion concerning vehicle assessment.** Mayor Billy Goodin stated they made a list of the operational vehicles with information on each one. Councilman Bubba Smith said with Police vehicles they need to get them brand new but Public Works vehicles can be used and he would like the city to look at the Forrest Service trucks. Mayor Goodin stated he would like to look at the vehicles city wide and if a committee could be formed that would be great. Mayor Goodin, Councilman Bubba Smith, Councilman Phillip Morrison and City Administrator will be on the committee.
- C. Discussion regarding equipment assessment.** Mayor Goodin stated there is 33 pieces of equipment that need to be assessed to determine if it can be repaired or if it can be declared as junk. The Mayor and Council went over the equipment and declared most of it as junk. Councilman Bubba Smith made the motion to approve the appointment. Councilman Clegg DeWalt 2nd the motion. All remaining members voted yea. Motion carried.
- D. Discussion and Action concerning city beautification.** Mayor Goodin stated he would like to for a community committee for this which will involve citizens. He would like to set up a meeting to get people involved and let them voice their ideas and bring organizations together like the Chamber of Commerce. The city can get the downtown area sidewalks cleaned up and remove weeds growing on the buildings. The city is currently cleaning up the city barn area and will be repairing the fence around the property to get it more secured. Councilman Smith asked how many people will be on the committee and Mayor Goodin answered he will set up a public meeting and let the people organize it but does not care how many people are on the committee.
- E. Discussion and Action on tree removal, tree trimming, and stump grinding in various location throughout the city.** Mayor Billy Goodin stated this was prompted by the dead tree north of town off of Highway 19 where dead limbs keep falling in the highway. Ken Newton stated there are 22 dead trees at the community plus 8 more that need some trimming. Mr. Newton received three bids from companies that have been in business over ten years. The top bidder was \$14,100 which includes \$500 per tree and \$250 for trimming per tree. Another bid came in at \$17,300 that includes removing the tree, stump grinding and trimming. The last bid came in at \$10,780, however that is only for removing and stump grinding the trees, for trimming the good trees it would be an additional \$325 per tree. Councilman Bubba Smith made the motion to table this item due to the bids not all being bid the same way. Councilman Clegg DeWalt 2nd the motion. All remaining members voted yea. Motion carried.
- F. Discussion and Action regarding the 150 year anniversary founding of the city.** Mayor Billy Goodin stated this will be in November 2022 and would like to tie in the City Beautification Committee in with this. Mayor Goodin would like the Council to come up with some festivities to celebrate the 150 year founding of the city. They will be announcing a meeting for anyone interested in participating in this.
- G. Discussion and Action about declaration and disposal of junk property owned by the city.** Mayor Billy Goodin stated they discussed this in Item C and will start looking at avenues to dispose the junk property.
- H. Discussion and Action to have a shred truck for a day to dispose old records:** Councilman Clegg DeWalt stated this is pertaining to records retention and any old records that you have not

disposed of in a timely manner could be used in lawsuits if those records are not disposed of. Security Shredding provided a quote for 300 boxes which figures \$0.17 a pound for \$1,785.00 Councilman Clegg DeWalt made the motion to get all the records disposed. Councilman Bubba Smith 2nd the motion. All remaining members voted yea. Motion carried.

- I. Discussion and Action to approve the Economic Development Board's recommendations.** Economic Development Board President Neal Smith stated the board voted to loan Chief Jones \$40,000 for his 4th of July BBQ Cook-Off. They also voted to spend \$10,000 to clean the front of the property and towards the back at Golf Country. Mr. Smith is thinking about getting a heavy duty brush hog that can cut up some trees for get a grinding wheel. Mayor Pro-Tem Phillip Morrison made the motion to approve the Economic Development Board's recommendations. Councilman Bubba Smith 2nd the motion. All remaining members voted yea. Motion carried.
- J. Discussion and Action to accept applications for Chief of Police.** Mayor Pro-Tem Phillip Morrison made the motion to accept applications for a Chief of Police. Councilman Scott Womack 2nd the motion. Councilman Womack asked what the timeframe will be to get one hired, will it be immediately or in the new fiscal year, Mayor Goodin stated it will be as soon as they hire one. All remaining members voted yea. Motion carried.

7. Adjourn. 8:18 p.m.

Mayor Billy Goodin

Phillip Morrison, Mayor Pro-Tem

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The Regular Meeting of the City Council of the City of Trinity was held on July 14, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. in the City Hall in Trinity, Texas. The following Council members were present:

Mayor: Billy Goodin

Mayor Pro-Tem: Phillip Morrison

Councilman Present: Clegg DeWalt, Bubba Smith, and Scott Womack

City Administrator: Steven Jones

Councilman Absent:

1. **Call meeting to order.** – Mayor Billy Goodin 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, 2022.** Councilman Clegg DeWalt made the motion to approve the minutes. Mayor Pro-Tem Phillip Morrison 2nd the motion. All remaining members voted yea. Motion carried.
3. **Approve bills for payment.** Councilman Clegg DeWalt made the motion to approve the bills for payment. Mayor Pro-Tem Phillip Morrison 2nd the motion. All remaining members voted yea. Motion carried.
4. **City Manager's Report --** Our total funds at the end of June 2022 were **\$1,904,560.** Our bill paying account balance at the end of June 2022 was **\$1,507,784.** Accounts payable are **\$65,568.** Account receivables are **\$149,643.** The Municipal Court collected **\$4,349** for the month of June 2022 with the OMNI Program collecting **\$0** of that total. The sales tax collected for the month of June 2022 is **\$70,254.** The Fire Department donations for the month of June 2022 were **\$146.** The water collections for the month of June 2022 were **\$140,214.** Total deposits for the month of June 2022 were **\$244,335.**

Project Updates: City Administrator Steven Jones stated he met with Joe Bell and was provided with documentation on clean up. Mr. Jones said they will be proposing a new ordinance on all clean up issues within the city. Mayor Billy Goodin stated they would like to replace the trees at community center around October when it cools down.

5. **Department Reports** – Sophia Evans with the Blanche K Werner Library stated for the month of June they had 703 people visit the library and 171 of those attended their story time. Other than checking out books they have 7 computers for citizens to use, they also provide copying, printing and faxing services. They have children activities on Tuesdays and Thursdays with one being a craft day and the other is a reading day. From time to time they have classes for the youth and adults for quilting and painting dependent on volunteers. The workforce comes occasionally to assist with job searches. There is a summer reading program in June and in April there is a Earth Day program. Mrs. Evans stated there have been a lot of repairs to the building and outside appearance that has needed attention for some time now. She also suggested getting some signage put up showing the city has a library and would like to get on the city website.

Water Operator Jessica Hester stated we had our water inspections this week and said it was outstanding. The field inspections were good to go except for some fencing issues. They did come across a new area in Trinity Cove that did not have a residual but found out that meter was ran from another line that did not have a flush valve so public works installed a flush valve and flushed it and was able to get the residual where it needed to be. Overall the storage tanks and plants they were happy with except the some of the fencing, TCEQ wants the barbwire tight and have a 45 degree angle to where it can be intruder proof. They went over the books today and they were impressed with all the information that was put together. There

were some violations that could not be taken care of since they were from prior years but she is working with TCEQ on that. But overall the inspection went great and TCEQ noted all the improvements that have been made and that are currently in process and was very pleased. Ms. Hester stated the wells are still operating at 67%, McPike had a camera crew come in and it determined there was a hole in the bottom of the screen and the casing shifted so there was gas coming into the casing. They put a cement cap over the hole and raised it up which fixed the hole, now they are putting gravel all around the casing to stop the gas from getting in and then they will start testing the water.

6. Old Business

- A. Discussion and Action on any grant related business.** Mr. Jones stated there have been some hiccups with the sidewalk project but they are being repaired at the contractor's expense. The TRA line will be getting tied in within the next 2 weeks. We also met with the engineers for the sewer line project by the hospital. The advertisement for bids will be published in the paper July 21, 2022 and July 28, 2022 with the bid opening being August 5, 2022 at 11 a.m.

7. New Business.

- A. Discussion and Action with Isidro Velasquez regarding an RV Park located on N. Calvin Street.** Mr. Isidro stated he has a 3 acre lot on N. Calvin Street that he would like to have an RV Park with 30 spaces. The spaces will not be a permanent residence, he will have 10 spaces for daily rentals, 10 spaces for weekly rentals and 10 spaces for monthly rentals. City Administrator asked if there would be rules in places where the renters cannot junk up the area, and Mr. Isidro stated yes there will be rules in place. There will also be an office building put on the property along with a wash room that will have 2 restrooms and showers. Mayor Pro-Tem Phillip Morrison made the motion to approve the RV Park. Councilman Scott Womack 2nd the motion. All remaining members voted yea. Motion carried.
- B. Discussion and Action to pass Ordinance #22-0002 to decline to approve any and all changes in rates requested by Entergy Texas, Inc.** Councilman Bubba Smith made the motion to approve the Ordinance. Councilman Clegg DeWalt 2nd the motion. All remaining members voted yea. Motion carried.
- C. Discussion and Action regarding taking bids for contract mowing of certain city locations.** Councilman Womack asked where these locations are at and Mr. Jones answered with the 3 water tower sites, ground storage, baseball fields, community center, well sites and the sewer plant. Mayor Goodin stated most of the locations are areas that need to be mowed with a tractor because at this time the city does not have an operating tractor. The council agrees the contract needs to be specific in regards to each location if it will consist of weedeating, spraying weed killer, mowing the ditches etc., and how often these services will be performed. Councilman Clegg DeWalt made the motion to take bids for lawn care services. Councilman Phillip Morrison 2nd the motion. All remaining members voted yea. Motion carried.
- D. Discussion and Action concerning mileage reimbursement for employees using their own vehicles while working for the city.** Councilman Bubba Smith asked how the mileage will be tracked, Mr. Jones stated the employees will have to give their beginning mileage at 8 a.m. and the ending mileage at 5 p.m. The rate of the mileage will be the IRS rate of 62.5 cents per mile. Councilman Clegg DeWalt made the motion to have a form in place that will track the mileage and approves reimbursing the employees for their vehicle use while working for the city. Mayor Pro-Tem Phillip Morrison 2nd the motion. Councilman Bubba Smith voted nay. All remaining members voted yea. Motion carried.

- E. Discussion and Action regarding November's Sesquicentennial Celebration.** Mayor Goodin would like to plan a meeting for July 21, 2022 at 6 p.m. to start with the citizens and anyone who is interested in participating in that as well as the city beautification program. He would like to utilize that meeting to start getting organized with plans to beautify the city as well as events that we can plan for the celebration. Councilman Bubba Smith made the motion to table this item due to the bids not all being bid the same way. Councilman Clegg DeWalt 2nd the motion. All remaining members voted yea. Motion carried.
- F. Discussion and Action concerning water and sewer tap fees.** The current water and sewer tap rates are \$250 each, it is costing the city \$864.90 to do a water tap and \$541.06 to do a sewer tap so the city is losing \$905.96 when doing both taps. There was discussion on what rates they should charge and it will be a big increase to cover the city's costs so they would like to wait on more information before they settle on a cost. Councilman Clegg DeWalt made the motion to table the item until they can have a cost analysis for commercial installation and costs from surrounding areas. Councilman Bubba Smith 2nd the motion. All remaining members voted yea. Motion carried.
- G. Discussion and Action for installing ADA handrails at the Community Center.** Mayor Billy Goodin while at the 4TH of July BBQ event a lady almost fell so he would like to prevent that from happening and get these handrails installed. Councilman Bubba Smith suggested doing handrails at the side door by the pavilion as well. Mayor Goodin stated they put rock to try to fill in the odd slant that is around the front of the building and Councilman Smith would like to remove the rock and put pavers and put cement around it to make it a little more of a flat surface instead of the rock. Councilman DeWalt suggested doing some work by the memorial as well. Councilman Bubba Smith made the motion to get some bids for improvements at the community center. Councilman Clegg DeWalt 2nd the motion. All remaining members voted yea. Motion carried.
- H. Discussion and Action for updates from the vehicle purchase committee.** Councilman Bubba Smith stated he wanted the city to look at the truck the Forrest Service had for sale so Mr. Jones went to see what they had and was interested in 6 trucks. Councilman Smith said he does not think we need to get all 6 because he does not think the city needs 5 $\frac{3}{4}$ ton trucks. He would like the city to purchase the 2009 Ford F150, the 2013 Chevy $\frac{3}{4}$ ton and the 2014 Ford $\frac{3}{4}$ ton, these 3 trucks would be about \$40,000. Councilman Smith also said he is not for buying 4 patrol vehicles at this time but is for 2, Councilman Womack said he would like to look into trucks verses tahoes since they can go to the Public Works department after they are not police worthy anymore. Councilman Bubba Smith made the motion to purchase the 3 trucks from the Forrest Service asap and wait on the patrol vehicles until the budget. Mayor Pro-Tem Phillip Morrison 2nd the motion. All remaining members voted yea. Motion carried.
- John Dozier complained about the dump trucks traveling on MLK Jr. Street, Barker Street or Hamilton Street and are tearing up the roads and cars that are traveling on these same roads have to almost get in the ditch when they pass one another because they do not stop for anyone. Mr. Jones stated the city has ordered no thru truck signs and a few have been put out already, he would also like to get those trucks rerouted to W. Pine Valley Street. He also complained of dogs running loose getting into garbage and killing cats.
- I. Discussion and Action regarding the Chief of Police salary.** This item was discussed in executive session.
- J. Discussion and Action concerning the concerning the Community Center Grounds Keeper.** This item was discussed in executive session.

8. Adjourn from Regular Meeting. 8:26 p.m.
9. Executive Session: 8:31 p.m.
10. Reconvene in open session. 9:20 p.m. No action taken.

Mayor Billy Goodin

Phillip Morrison, Mayor Pro-Tem

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The Special Meeting of the City Council of the City of Trinity was held on July 21, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. in the City Hall in Trinity, Texas. The following Council members were present:

Mayor: Billy Goodin

Mayor Pro-Tem: Phillip Morrison

Councilman Present: Clegg DeWalt, Bubba Smith, and Scott Womack

City Administrator: Steven Jones

Councilman Absent:

Call meeting to order. -- Mayor Billy Goodin called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and verified that a Quorum was present for the meeting.

- 1. Discussion and Action concerning water and sewer tap fees.** Councilman Bubba Smith's recommendation is to set the tap fees at the city's cost and not make money on doing the taps. This will allow us to not lose money in the future when prices of the material goes up since we will charge the city cost each time. As of right now the cost of both taps is \$1,488 for residential taps. Councilman Bubba Smith made the motion to set the fees at the city's cost. Councilman Clegg DeWalt 2nd the motion. All remaining members voted yea. Motion Carried.
- 2. Discussion and Action regarding the celebration for the 150 year anniversary founding of the city.**

Mayor Billy Goodin stated he would like to get community committees set up to develop lines of communication between the citizens and the council so we can work together for common goals. One committee he would like to have is a beautification committee that is an ongoing committee. Mayor Goodin feels that if our city looks nice when people drive thru it will encourage them to stop and shop at our stores, and maybe even move to the area or start a business here. The main driving factor of wanting to do this is he wants to instill pride back into our community for our town. We have let things go for so long and that has made people not care anymore. We are currently working on cleaning up our trouble spots and our looking through our ordinances to see what we currently have in place and have some recommendations from TML and Joe Bell.

Tommy Hastings mentioned that one day last year when they had the pumpkin patch set up he counted 1,000 vehicles that drove by in one hour so we get quite a bit of traffic that goes thru town and beautification would go a long way to attract these people. Mr. Hastings also feels the noise from vehicles that do not have mufflers are a nuisance in town. He thinks the globe lamps downtown look nice and sophisticated and would like to see more of those. He also suggested putting out some potted trees downtown.

Daina Baker mentioned there is a problem with heavy trash items not being picked up and thinks not many people know about it.

Clara Warteman's concern is if there is an ordinance for dilapidated houses to be burned down or torn down because she remembers the Fire Department use to burn them on drill nights. Councilman Scott Womack said Fire Departments cannot do that anymore. City Administrator Steven Jones stated that is what they are working on with looking over these ordinances.

Eric Gayle has recently moved back to Trinity and has noticed not a lot has changed and agrees that things need to be cleaned up and appreciates the city putting in the effort to do this. He asked what the duties, obligations and requirements would be for these committees. Councilman Clegg DeWalt answered with he can see a structured committee with a goal to clean up and in given time beautify this community. Mr. Jones explained that he would like to have committees of 5 or 6 people and each committee will have a chairman. Those committees, such as a clean-up committee will meet once a month with the Mayor, a

councilmember and himself to discuss what they think is in disrepair and then they will look at ordinances to see what can be done.

Bob McFarland asked about zoning laws and was informed that we do not have any zoning in the city. Mr. McFarland suggested getting churches involved to help with mission work because his church, Methodist Church, has helped the elderly people clean up their property and help with repairs that they cannot do.

Larry Grant suggested implementing a master gardening program, they have one in Huntsville that produces and provides plants to the city. That program gets people involved and trains people for landscaping and plants.

Carolyn Colvin thinks if we do not get into pocket books nothing will ever happen. She has 2 houses in her neighborhood that needs serious attention and nothing ever gets done.

Sharon Dennis agreed with Mrs. Colvin and said it's not just in her area it is all over town, they have complained and letters are sent but nothing ever gets done.

Julia McMichael stated for years the Chamber of Commerce has tried to do things with beautification such as the globe lights downtown and the planters but have had to remove the planters due to people putting trash in them.

Walter White suggested getting the Environmental Officer for the county involved with some of our issues around town.

Mayor Goodin wants everyone that would like to be on a committee to go home and write up ideas and plans and they are going to schedule an informal meeting at the community center. There they can start deciding what types of committees they want, he wants them to be citizen oriented and citizen driven.

Mayor Goodin wants the committees to name their committee, write a missions statement, set plants and goals, select a chairman and then they report that to the council.

3. **Discussion and Action to develop a city beautification committee.** This item was discussed with the item above.
4. **Adjourn.** The meeting was adjourned at 7:14 P. M.

Billy Goodin, Mayor

Phillip Morrison, Mayor Pro-Tem

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The Regular Meeting of the City Council of the City of Trinity was held on August 11, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. in the City Hall in Trinity, Texas. The following Council members were present:

Mayor: Billy Goodin

Mayor Pro-Tem: Phillip Morrison

Councilman Present: Clegg DeWalt, Bubba Smith, and Scott Womack

City Administrator: Steven Jones

Councilman Absent:

1. **Call meeting to order.** – Mayor Billy Goodin 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, 2022 and Special Meeting July 21, 2022.** Councilman Bubba Smith made the motion to approve the minutes. Councilman Clegg DeWalt 2nd the motion. All remaining members voted yea. Motion carried.
3. **Approve bills for payment.** Councilman Clegg DeWalt made the motion to approve the bills for payment. Mayor Pro-Tem Phillip Morrison 2nd the motion. All remaining members voted yea. Motion carried. There was some discussion regarding the fuel invoices for Hughes Petroleum, the last four months cost went up significantly.
4. **City Manager's Report** -- Our total funds at the end of July 2022 were \$1,711,762. Our bill paying account balance at the end of July 2022 was \$1,312,492. Accounts payable are \$98,213. Account receivables are \$139,396. The Municipal Court collected \$2,029 for the month of July 2022 with the OMNI Program collecting \$359 of that total. The sales tax collected for the month of July 2022 is \$136,892. The Fire Department donations for the month of July 2022 were \$95. The water collections for the month of July 2022 were \$158,578. Total deposits for the month of July 2022 were \$262,607.

Project Updates: City Administrator Steven Jones stated the TRA line is completely done, Matt Budzise with All Around Electric will be wiring it in Monday, August 15, 2022. The line will have to be sterilized and hopefully it will be put online Wednesday, August 17, 2022. The sidewalk project is pretty much done now, they just have to fix the road but you can see how much wider Railroad Street is now. Waters Construction has started paving, they have done Tatom Street, Brantley Street and Dillard Avenue and will do top coats on those streets this coming week and Rockdale Street and Barker Street will be getting done the following week.

5. **Department Reports** – Jessica Hester stated we have received the exit form from TCEQ regarding or water inspection, they were very thorough and by the time we received this most of it had been resolved, there is only a few things right now she is having to take care of. The biggest issue we will have with resolving is the fences.
6. **Old Business**

- A. **Discussion and Action on any grant related business.** Mr. Jones stated there have been some hiccups with the sidewalk project but they are being repaired at the contractor's expense. The TRA line will be getting tied in within the next 2 weeks. We also met with the engineers for the sewer line project by the hospital. The advertisement for bids will be published in the paper July 21, 2022

and July 28, 2022 with the bid opening being August 5, 2022 at 11 a.m.

7. New Business.

A. Presentation: GrantWorks will present maps and text produced for the City's TxCDBG Planning Study Contract No. 7220164. Carlos Becerio with GrantWorks stated he just wanted to highlight some of the plans. Mr. Becerio stated our estimated current population is 2,868 and projects by year 2032 it will be 2,984. Under the housing plan there is 33% mobile and manufactured homes, Stick Frame units are 57%, Multifamily units are 8% and RV units are 2%, out of those 25% are deteriorating and dilapidated units. The main recommendations are to continue affordable housing, consider the home program again and continue to enforce sub-standards building, ordinance and the manufacturing housing regulations. Also the City of Trinity should continue supporting Fair Housing initiatives. Land use recommendations are continue enforcing flood damage and prevention as well as enforcing the nuisance ordinance and building codes. The city could also try doing yards of the month for best garden or best maintained yard to encourage people to clean their yards. Water suggestions were to install approximately 3,000 LF of new 6" water line along Prospect Drive, Crestway and Mill Pond Road to replace approximately 2,000 LF of 2" aging/deteriorated water line. Another suggestion was to install approximately 6,300 LF of 2" aging/undersized water lines along Trinlady Park Road to loop with the 6" water line along Avenue A. The last water recommendation is to install approximately 1,900 LF of 4" aging/undersized water lines along N. MLK Street, 1,400 LF along Roche Street, 450 LF along Tome Street, 450 LF along Lue Street and 1,500 LF along Smith Street. As far as Wastewater recommendations go; 1) To replace approximately 5,300 LF of 4" aging and/or deteriorated collection lines and 6 manholes. 2) Perform a Sewer System Evaluation Study (SSES) of the Trinity's system with TV inspection to repair /evaluate undersized and deteriorated lines and capacity extension. 3) To repair and/or replace additional aging/deteriorated and undersized lines identified by the SSES. Drainage suggestions were to work in conjunction with the Trinity County Drainage District to obtain funding to maintain all 24" x 36" diameter culverts, all 24" and 18", 16" and 12" diameter culverts within the city limits as represented on the locations shown on the Phase Maps for the roadside ditches. Street repair suggestions were to repair streets primarily in fair and poor condition which should include seal coat, overlay, and assumes paving unpaved roads. Lastly, the recreation recommendations were to; 1) Fully develop facilities at the Community Center and acquire land of appropriate size to develop a new park in northwest Trinity or elsewhere. 2) To replace for refurbish tennis and basketball courts at the Community center and add another basketball court and soccer field. 3) Add a skate park, ten benches, and two light activity areas such as domino, cards or chess tables. 4) To install a volleyball court, basketball court, playground, pavilion, and ten picnic tables at the new city park. 5) To expand the walking trail at the Community Center and install gravel loop trail at new park.

B. Discussion and Action to pass Resolution #22-0005 required by TDA affirming review of the plan and its suitability to guide future policy decisions. Councilman Scott Womack made the motion to approve the Resolution. Mayor Pro-Tem Phillip Morrison 2nd the motion. All remaining members voted yea. Motion carried.

C. Discussion and Action to Award Construction Contract for the City of Trinity TxCDBG TDA #7220469 Water/Sewer Improvements CD Grant. The City of Trinity received six bids for this contract, Sovrex, LLC \$317,184.00, Duplichain Contractors, LLC \$260,930.00, Texcon General Contractors \$357,196.00, 5-T Utilities, Inc. \$331,138.62, Horton Excavating, LLC \$320,295.00 and RDR Construction Services, LLC \$305,459.38. The grant funds total \$275,000.00 with no match for the City of Trinity which include Administration Fees of \$30,250.00, Engineering Fees of \$32,600.00 and Construction Costs of \$212,150.00. With the inflation of materials there will be an out of pocket expense for the City of Trinity with the lowest bidder in the amount of \$48,780.00. Two Fifteen Consulting has worked on numerous projects

with Duplichain Contractors and consider them to be a competent and qualified contractor capable of completing the project to the satisfaction of the City. It is their recommendation the City accepts the low bid in the amount of \$260,930.00 and awards the project to Duplichain Contractors. Councilman Clegg DeWalt made the motion to go with Two Fifteen Consulting's recommendation and award the Construction Contract to the low bidder, Duplichain Contractors, LLC. Mayor Pro-Tem Phillip Morrison 2nd the motion. All remaining members voted yea. Motion carried.

D. Discussion and Action to propose the 2022 tax rate. Councilman Bubba Smith stated our rate last year was .6138. Mayor Billy Goodin recommended going with the .6344 rate which would generate \$34,947 in our next fiscal year and if we were to go with the No New Revenue rate it would only generate \$3,229 in revenue. Councilman Bubba Smith does not want to go up on taxes because of the rising costs on everything else. Mayor Goodin stated next year when the appraisals go up in the city it will drive the tax rate down. Councilman Bubba Smith made the motion to go with the middle tax rate of .62 instead of .6344. Council Clegg DeWalt 2nd the motion. All remaining members voted yea. Motion carried.

E. Discussion and Action regarding sealed bids for lawn care services. City Administrator Steve Jones said all they will do tonight is open the bids. Mayor Pro-Tem Phillip Morrison asked what the scope of work is, Mr. Jones stated it will be to mow our properties. The properties listed are Trinity City Hall/Police/Fire Complex, Fire Department Training Facility, City Barn, Sub-Fire Station, Community Center Grounds, Baseball Grounds, Railroad Street Water Tower, Hwy 94 Water Tower, West Pine Valley Water Tower, Rockdale Booster Station, Library, Bell Street Ground Storage Tank, Well Site #1, Well Site #2, and Underground Storage/Well Site #3. Councilman Bubba Smith asked if this would be a yearly contract and City Administrator answered yes and Councilman Smith asked if we would go out for bids every year and Mr. Jones said that is correct. Mayor Goodin said they are doing a cost analysis to see how much it would cost to contract a company versus the city doing it ourselves. Mayor Pro-Tem Phillip Morrison made the motion to table the bids until we have a cost analysis. Councilman Scott Womack 2nd the motion. All remaining members voted yea. Motion carried.

F. Actions taken as a result of Executive Session. No Action taken.

8. Adjourn from Regular Meeting. 7:43 p.m.

9. Executive Session: 7:51 p.m.

10. Reconvene in open session. 8:33 p.m. No action taken. Councilman Scott Womack made the motion to adjourn. Councilman Clegg DeWalt 2nd the motion. All remaining members voted yea. Motion Carried.

Mayor Billy Goodin

Phillip Morrison, Mayor Pro-Tem

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The Regular Meeting of the City Council of the City of Trinity was held on September 8, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. in the City Hall in Trinity, Texas. The following Council members were present:

Mayor: Billy Goodin

Mayor Pro-Tem: Phillip Morrison

Councilman Present: Clegg DeWalt, Bubba Smith, and Scott Womack

City Administrator: Steven Jones

Councilman Absent:

1. **Call meeting to order.** – Mayor Billy Goodin 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 August 14, 2022.** Councilman Bubba Smith made the motion to approve the minutes. Mayor Pro-Tem Phillip Morrison 2nd the motion. All remaining members voted yea. Motion carried.
3. **Approve bills for payment.** Councilman Clegg DeWalt made the motion to approve the bills for payment. Mayor Pro-Tem Phillip Morrison 2nd the motion. All remaining members voted yea. Motion carried.
4. **City Manager's Report --** Our total funds at the end of August 2022 were **\$1,743,980.** Our bill paying account balance at the end of August 2022 was **\$1,447,897.** Accounts payable are **\$96,670.** Account receivables are **\$149,702.** The Municipal Court collected **\$2,609** for the month of August 2022 with the OMNI Program collecting **\$72** of that total. The sales tax collected for the month of August 2022 is **\$70,324.** The Fire Department donations for the month of August 2022 were **\$172.** The water collections for the month of August 2022 were **\$126,387.** Total deposits for the month of August 2022 were **\$498,564.**

5. Old Business

- A. **Discussion and Action on any grant related business.** City Administrator Steven Jones stated the sidewalk grant is getting finalized.

6. New Business.

- A. **Discussion and Action to pass Ordinance #22-0003 fixing and levying Municipal Ad Valorem Taxes for the City of Trinity, Texas for the year 2022-2023 and directing the assessment and collection thereof.** Councilman Bubba Smith made the motion to approve the Ordinance. Councilman Scott Womack 2nd the motion. All remaining members voted yea. Motion carried.
- B. **Discussion and Action to pass Ordinance #22-0004 to decline to approve any and all changes in rates requested by Entergy Texas, Inc.** Councilman Bubba Smith made the motion to approve the Ordinance. Councilman Clegg DeWalt 2nd the motion. All remaining members voted yea. Motion carried.
- C. **Discussion and Action to pass Resolution #22-0006 on adopting the 2022 Tax Roll.** Councilman Scott Womack made the motion to approve the Resolution. Councilman Bubba Smith 2nd the motion. All remaining members voted yea. Motion carried.

- D. Discussion and Action to pass Resolution #22-0007 establishing interest and sinking funds for all debts owed by the city for the fiscal year October 1, 2022 through September 30, 2023.** Mayor Pro-Tem Phillip Morrison made the motion to approve the Resolution. Council Scott Womack 2nd the motion. All remaining members voted yea. Motion carried.
- E. Discussion and Action to pass Resolution #22-0008 establishing deposit requirements to retire debts for fiscal year October 1, 2022 through September 30, 2023.** Councilman Bubba Smith made the motion approve the Resolution. Councilman Clegg DeWalt 2nd the motion. All remaining members voted yea. Motion carried.
- F. Discussion and Action to approve the Holiday calendar schedule for fiscal year October 1, 2022 through September 30, 2023.** Councilman Bubba Smith suggested adding half a day for Friday, December 23, 2022 so that the city can close at noon and be off the rest of the day. Councilman Clegg DeWalt made the motion to approve the holiday calendar with the addition of the half a day. Mayor Pro-Tem Phillip Morrison 2nd the motion. All remaining members voted yea. Motion carried.
- G. Discussion and Action concerning accepting lawn service bids.** Councilman Bubba Smith made the motion to table this item. Councilman Scott Womack 2nd the motion. All remaining members voted yea. Motion carried.
- H. Discussion and Action regarding the animal control ordinances.** Councilman Clegg DeWalt would like to know how these Ordinances can get out to the public. Mayor Billy Goodin stated they will be put on the website and on facebook in the near future. The council agreed the ordinance is a good ordinance but it needs to be enforced and may need a few updates added. Mayor Billy Goodin suggested the council to look over the ordinance and decide what updates they would like to be added. Mayor Pro-Tem Phillip Morrison made the motion to table the item so that they can look over the existing ordinance to see what needs to be added. Councilman Bubba Smith 2nd the motion. All remaining members voted yea. Motion carried.

City Administrator stated Joe Bell looked over our current ordinances on cleap up and said the city has everything in place in the ordinance but it also needs to be enforced. Ken Newton will go identify the problem areas and put a notice on doors that will give the owners 10 days to take care of the problem and if nothing is done within those 10 days then an officer will go issue a citation.

Brandy on Crestway stated there is still not a stop sign at Crestway and Charles Street.

- 7. Adjourn.** Councilman Scott Womack made the motion to adjourn. Mayor Pro-Tem Phillip Morrison 2nd the motion. All remaining members voted yea. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:27 p.m.

Mayor Billy Goodin

Phillip Morrison, Mayor Pro-Tem

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The Special Meeting of the City Council of the City of Trinity was held on September 22, 2022 at 6:30 p.m. in the City Hall in Trinity, Texas. The following Council members were present:

Mayor: Billy Goodin

Mayor Pro-Tem: Phillip Morrison

Councilman Present: Clegg DeWalt, Bubba Smith, and Scott Womack

City Administrator: Steven Jones

Councilman Absent:

Call meeting to order. -- Mayor Billy Goodin called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. and verified that a Quorum was present for the meeting.

- 1. Discussion and Action to pass Resolution #22-0009 on adopting the city budget for fiscal year October 1, 2022 through September 30, 2023.** Mayor Pro-Tem Phillip Morrison made the motion approve the Resolution. Councilman Scott Womack 2nd the motion. All remaining members voted yea. Motion Carried.
- 2. Adjourn from Regular Meeting.** The meeting was adjourned at 6:33 P. M.
- 3. Executive Session:** 6:34 p.m.
Reconvene in open session. 7:08 p.m. No action taken.
- 4. Adjourn.** 7:09 p.m.

Billy Goodin, Mayor

Phillip Morrison, Mayor Pro-Tem