

**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 13, 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 September 8, 2022 and Special Meeting September 22, 2022.** Mayor Pro-Tem 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 Bubba Smith 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 September 2022 were \$1,899,874. Our bill paying account balance at the end of September 2022 was \$1,269,289. Accounts payable are \$91,864. Account receivables are \$145,220. The Municipal Court collected \$2,068 for the month of September 2022 with the OMNI Program collecting \$518 of that total. The sales tax collected for the month of September 2022 is \$72,274. The Fire Department donations for the month of September 2022 were \$143. The water collections for the month of September 2022 were \$133,981. Total deposits for the month of September 2022 were \$322,317.

5. Old Business

- A. **Discussion and Action on any grant related business.** City Administrator Steven Jones stated we had our pre-construction meeting September 27, 2022 with Duplichain Contractors and Two Fifteen Consulting regarding the sewer line grant by the hospital. Construction will start October 31, 2022.

Jessica Hester stated she reached out to Trinity Rural Water Association (TRWA) last week to get help with the Wastewater Treatment Plant. Donnie with TRWA did an evaluation and determined some major discrepancies need to be addressed. The first thing that needs to be taken care of is the dead sludge that is present in the racetracks, clarifiers and the finals. His recommendation is to get Magna Flow to come in to remove and dispose the dead sludge properly. The large amount of sludge killed the microorganisms. Once that is taken care of, the sludge truck needs to be operational and have the polymer checked since it has been sitting for some time now. There are some issues with the weirs on the clarifiers that need to be fixed which help keep the flow of the sludge even. The grit machine is not working which is causing grit to enter the racetrack that causes pumps to malfunction. The paddlewheels need stabilizer bars to reduce the movement so it does not put wear and tear on the pumps. Also, we need to purchase a biochemical testing machine to be able to test the dissolved oxygen and PH.

6. New Business.

- A. Discussion and Action with Debbie Wilson of Trinity County Pet Fixers.** Mrs. Wilson stated she is the president of Trinity County Pet Fixers which is a non-profit that started in 2017. This non-profit gives out vouchers to residents of Trinity County to get their animals spayed/neutered who cannot afford it. She has been the animal control officer for the City of Groveton for over 25 years as well. Mrs. Wilson stated she picked up on average 130-150 animals a year for the City of Groveton before this non-profit was established. Since this was enacted, she has seen a decline in the number of animals she has to pick up. The vouchers are valid with the mobile clinic Dehart. The people that do get the vouchers have to come up with \$12 for the rabies vaccination since that is mandatory. To raise money for this non-profit they have fundraisers as well as the City of Groveton and Trinity County donate \$1,000 a piece each year. Councilman Bubba Smith made the motion to donate Trinity County Pet Fixers \$1,000.00. Councilman Scott Womack 2nd the motion. All remaining members voted yea. Motion carried.
- B. Discussion and Action concerning an interlocal agreement with Trinity Independent School District providing access to the City of Trinity firing range.** Mayor Pro-Tem Phillip Morrison made the motion to approve the interlocal agreement. Councilman Bubba Smith 2nd the motion. All remaining members voted yea. Motion carried.
- C. Discussion and Action regarding the budget for the Founder's Day Committee.** Jimmy McCasland stated they have come to a point in their committee meetings where they need to know what their budget is. Councilman Scott Womack asked what they had in mind so far. Mr. McCasland stated they have a sesquicentennial exhibit, honorary tributes and displays at the community center, bus tour guide service, time capsule reception with cake and punch, readings and dramatizations of Trinity which would include sound equipment, stage, etc., and music for later. There will be arts and crafts vendor booths as well. The library is putting together something for the children also. Mr. McCasland stated they are at \$3,900.00 in expenses for what they have planned. Mayor Pro-Tem Phillip Morrison made the motion to set a budget of \$5,000.00. Councilman Scott Womack 2nd the motion. All remaining members voted yea. Motion carried.
- D. Discussion and Action to pass Resolution #22-0010 applying for a DETCOG Solid Waste Grant.** City Administrator Steven Jones stated he needs this resolution passed to give him authorization to act on behalf of the City of Trinity to apply for this grant. This grant provides roll off containers twice a year to an entity. 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.
- E. Discussion and Action to pass Resolution #22-0011 to become a member of the buy board.** This Resolution allows organizations to become members of the buy board to get equipment at discounted prices. Councilman Bubba Smith made the motion approve the Resolution. Mayor Pro-Tem Phillip Morrison 2nd the motion. All remaining members voted yea. Motion carried.
- F. Discussion and Action to complete repairs at the Community Center Annex.** Chief Jones stated there was black mold in the annex so they had to tear the panels out and some of the sheetrock had to be repaired. Mayor Goodin stated the walls are gray and would like gray rectangle ceramic tiles for the floor. Trim work needs to be done around the door, the door needs to be repaired and he would also like to paint the ceiling grid. Councilman Bubba Smith asked how much would the repairs cost, Mayor Goodin answered he thinks approximately between \$5,000.00 to \$8,000.00. Mayor Pro-Tem Phillip Morrison made the motion to approve the needed repairs at the annex. Councilman Scott Womack 2nd the motion. All remaining members voted yea. Motion carried.
- G. Discussion and Action concerning the clean-up ordinances.** Mayor Goodin stated they are going to have some discussion on how to do this in a fair manner and how they will approach and implement it.

H. Discussion and Action regarding the animal control ordinances. 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 or changed. Councilman Bubba Smith 2nd the motion. All remaining members voted yea. Motion carried.

I. Discussion and Action concerning accepting lawn service bids. Mayor Goodin stated this time of year he would like things to get mowed a time or 2 so there is not tall dead grass in the winter months. Councilman Smith still feels the City of Trinity should not hire out and mow themselves. Councilman Scott Womack suggested if we need to go ahead and contract it out for the last mowing of the year then do so and then we will readdress the bidding next year.

7. Adjourn. Councilman Scott Womack made the motion to adjourn. Councilman Bubba Smith 2nd the motion. All remaining members voted yea. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:03 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 November 10, 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 October 13, 2022.** Mayor Pro-Tem 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 Bubba Smith 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 October 2022 were \$1,830,069. Our bill paying account balance at the end of October 2022 was \$1,194,477. Accounts payable are \$91,495. Account receivables are \$147,409. The Municipal Court collected \$4,865 for the month of October 2022 with the OMNI Program collecting \$1,343 of that total. The sales tax collected for the month of October 2022 is \$140,212. The Fire Department donations for the month of October 2022 were \$157. The water collections for the month of October 2022 were \$143,064. Total deposits for the month of October 2022 were \$240,434.

Project Updates - Duplichain Contractors started working on the sewer line and manholes this week. The sidewalk project is being finalized this week.

5. Old Business

A. Discussion and Action on any grant related business.

6. New Business.

A. Discussion and Action with Beth Newton regarding egress on Avanna Street. Beth Newton was not present.

B. Discussion and Action with Jed Morris with Goodwin Lasiter and Strong approve plans and authorize GLS to advertise for bids for the CDV21-0116 Grant. Mr. Morris stated he would like to be able to advertise for bids and open the sealed bids on December 13, 2022 at 3pm. The original bids proposed the lines to go north on Walker Street to San Jacinto Street, head east to Maple Street, then north again to Madison Street then go east until the highway and tie in there. There needs to be a large capacity line from the north side to the south side that would also get rid of the asbestos cement line and cast iron line. On the last on site visit they learned those lines were pvc lines and did not see any reason to replace those lines since they are not causing any problems and are in good condition. So to be more productive they would like to go another route that would allow old cast iron lines to be replaced. With the mitigation grant there will be a new elevated storage tank behind the ballfields and suggested there needs to be a large diameter line for better pressure distribution

and the best route for this is to run up Maple Street all the way. Councilman Scott Womack stated the new sidewalks were just put in on Railroad Street and wanted to make sure those were not destroyed in the process, Mr. Morris stated the sidewalks would be bored and the entire route he is proposing will not include any open cut of asphalt or concrete. At Elm Street and Madison Street they would tie into a cast iron line if the grant funds will go that far. In the base bid there will be a 12 inch line from Cypress Street all the way to Madison Street. For an added alternate bid it will be at Oak Street from Cypress Street to Sabine Street because they are not sure of the size line there but if it is an 8 inch they prefer to leave that as is. The other added alternative would be since there is either a 6 inch or 8 inch line coming from the Wood Street booster plant the line comes up Bell Avenue and runs on Sabine Street up to Walker Street. There is a portion on Sabine Street that a fire hydrant drains into a 3 inch and the best measurement he has of the 3 inch line is 561 feet and would like to change that to a 6 inch line. Councilman Bubba Smith made the motion to approve the bids. Councilman Scott Womack 2nd the motion. All remaining members voted yea. Motion carried.

C. Discussion and Action concerning the quote from Houston Freightliner. Councilman Scott Womack stated the quote to replace the motor for the 2017 Freightliner garbage truck is \$48,164.58. He talked to Houston Freightliner after receiving the quote and asked them to look at the truck to see if it was worth replacing the motor, the shop could not check the transmission or components related to the motor but did check the overall integrity of the truck and what they found were very minor things such as headlights, seats, windshield wipers, etc. Public Works Director Steve Alexander stated the 2010 Freightliner they are currently using as a backup has major problems and said the 2017 Freightliner is a much better truck. Councilman Bubba Smith does not see the need to have 3 garbage trucks but Councilman Womack and Mr. Alexander believes they need to have 2 good running first line trucks and a third truck as an emergency. Mayor Billy Goodin stated he has not heard enough information to convince him one way or the other. He would like to have more information on utilization of having a third truck and how it would be used. Councilman Smith suggested getting the 2010 Freightliner in the shop to see what it needs since it is currently running. Councilman Bubba Smith made the motion to table the quote until further information is gathered. Councilman Clegg DeWalt 2nd the motion. All remaining members voted yea. Motion carried.

D. Discussion and Action concerning the animal control ordinance. The council agreed once we get an employee certified as Animal Control Officer this ordinance will be enforced.

John Dozier has complained about the dump trucks continuing to drive on the city streets. He mentioned they go fast and run stop signs.

7. Adjourn. 7:52pm.

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 December 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: Tim King

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 November 10, 2022.** Councilman Bubba Smith made the motion to approve the minutes. Councilman Scott Womack 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 Scott Womack 2nd the motion. All remaining members voted yea. Motion carried.
4. **City Manager's Report --** Our total funds at the end of November 2022 were \$1,807,400. Our bill paying account balance at the end of November 2022 was \$1,158,426. Accounts payable are \$71,851. Account receivables are \$141,599. The Municipal Court collected \$5,268 for the month of November 2022 with the OMNI Program collecting \$200 of that total. The sales tax collected for the month of November 2022 is \$69,117. The Fire Department donations for the month of November 2022 were \$155. The water collections for the month of November 2022 were \$135,931. Total deposits for the month of November 2022 were \$357,173.

Project Updates - City Administrator Tim King stated Waters Construction paved Church Street and in the process of paving Elizabeth Street. They stopped shy of Bette Street because the roads will either have to be rose with a lot of rock or put in ditches or the first time it rains it will tear up the roads. There will be a cost analysis done to see which option is more feasible for the city to do.

5. Old Business

- A. **Discussion and Action on any grant related business.** Bids for the CDBG grant for the water lines will be opened Tuesday, December 13 at 3pm. Mr. King stated they met with GrantWorks Wednesday and they brought over information on upcoming grants.

6. New Business.

- A. **Discussion and Action with Dianne Sollock with Davis Heinemann & Company regarding the 2020-2021 audit.** Mrs. Sollock stated the financial statements present fairly in all material respects the financial position of the City of Trinity at 09/30/2021 which is called an unmodified opinion which is the best you can get. The General Fund Fund's balance at the end of 09/30/2021 was a little over \$2.4 million, the Debt Service fund was \$206,000 and the remaining governmental fund balances were \$19,000. The General Fund fund's balance increased by a little over \$1.2 million for the year but \$750,000 of that was the street paving funds. Revenues over Expenditures for the year were \$389,000 which is a good healthy figure. For the Enterprise Fund, the Water and Sewer fund shows a net

position of \$800,000 and the Solid Waste had a net position of a little over \$1.6 million. The operating income for the Water and Sewer fund to be a little over \$157,000 which is a positive figure and it has not been that in quite a while. The net position was increased in the water and sewer fund by \$165,000 and in the Solid Waste Fund it increased by \$186,000. The General Fund Budgetary Comparison Schedule shows the actual revenues over the budgeted estimates was positive by \$138,000. In expenditures \$1.6 million was budgeted but only \$1.5 million was spent which shows a positive variance of approximately \$82,000. There were a couple of negative departments but in total the city stayed within the budget. Councilman Clegg DeWalt made the motion to approve the audit for fiscal year 2020-2021. Mayor Pro-Tem Phillip Morrison 2nd the motion. All remaining members voted yea. Motion carried.

B. Discussion and Action with Rodna Smith with Back Porch Bar & Grill concerning their sewer.

Ms. Smith stated an inspector with Trinity County came by to inspect her septic tank and recommended her to put in a new system that will cost around \$20,000. She spoke with Steven Jones about it and he mentioned her getting on city sewer since there is a line that runs in front of her property. Councilman Bubba Smith asked why would we have sewer outside the city limits, Mayor Pro-Tem Phillip Morrison stated years ago RA Monroe owned the subdivision got together with Buddy Drake and Sam Barnes and agreed to pay for a pressurized 2 inch sewer line to run to the city's wastewater treatment plant to feed his subdivision. Mr. Morrison said the bar would have to have a grease trap and a grinder pump since it is a business. Commissioner Neal Smith stated when he was on the council in the early 90's he received a phone call from TX DOT stating they cut into our sewer line and the city needed to fix it. Mr. Smith said they knew nothing of it and could not locate any contracts regarding it and said it must have been a gentlemen's agreement. Councilman Bubba Smith asked if anyone knew how many houses were tied into the line, Mr. Morrison said he does not know the exact number but does recall tying a few houses he built into the line. They believe at least 4 houses located along FM 356 are tied into it as well as some in the quail creek subdivision. Councilman Scott Womack does not see how the city can justify running a sewer line 1.4 miles outside the city limits with limited access to it feels like city sewer and water should be for residents inside the city limits. Rodna Smith said no line will have to be ran since the line already exists. Mayor Billy Goodin stated the problem with that is there is no contract or an agreement, the line does not show up on any of our maps and graphs, as well as no revenue is coming in from the residents that are tied into the line on top of it being out of our jurisdiction and the line should have never been done in the first place. Councilman Bubba Smith what TCEQ's regulations were on going outside the city limits. City Administrator Tim King stated to go outside the city limits the city would have to submit a form to TCEQ to extend our extra territorial jurisdiction but by doing this we would have to extend all directions. Mr. King stated our jurisdiction ends half a mile outside the city limits. Mayor Goodin stated he has to deal with things coming up from the past on a daily basis and he is not going to do anything today that will create a problem down the road, he has to make sure that what they do is right, legal and is in the best interest of our citizens in the city limits of Trinity which is who is major concern is for. Councilman Bubba Smith does not feel comfortable approving the tap at this time and made the motion to table the item. Councilman Clegg DeWalt 2nd the motion. All remaining members voted yea. Motion carried.

C. Discussion and Action concerning the price and date for the 2023 Fireworks Display.

Councilman Scott Womack stated by looking at the calendar he thinks the best day to have the fireworks is the Saturday before the 4th of July which would be July 1. The council agreed the Saturday before the 4th would be best. Councilman Scott Womack made the motion to have the fireworks display on Saturday, July 1, 2023. Councilman Clegg DeWalt 2nd the motion. All remaining members voted yea. Motion carried.

D. Discussion and Action regarding Trinity Muffler servicing the city vehicles.

Councilman Bubba Smith made the motion to table the item until we get 2 other bids. Councilman Clegg DeWalt 2nd the motion. All remaining members voted yea. Motion carried.

- E. Discussion and Action concerning heavy haul pickup.** City Administrator Tim King stated he had a citizen come in and tell him he called TCEQ on the City last year because we did not have a permit to have a transfer station and he was going to call again because it has never been stopped. If we continue to do heavy haul we will either have to get a permit to operate a transfer station or a citizen's collection site. Mr. King stated he thinks the best solution is to buy a dump trailer and they have a quote for one for \$12,500.00 which is slightly bigger than 1 roll-off container. Currently we are using 2 roll-off's a month at \$650 each, in 10 months we would pay the dump trailer off. Having the dump trailer would allow the guys to pick up the heavy haul and go directly to the landfill to dump the load. Councilman Clegg DeWalt made the motion to purchase the dump trailer for \$12,500.00. Mayor Pro-Tem Phillip Morrison 2nd the motion. All remaining members voted yea. Motion carried.
- F. Discussion and Action on the funding for purchasing 2 Police Tahoes and Public Works Equipment.** Mayor Pro-Tem Phillip Morrison suggested getting quotes on Gravely mowers instead of Kubota because Gravely's are a little cheaper and are great commercial mowers. The council agrees gas mowers will hold up more than diesel mowers also. Mr. King stated Government Capital's interest rate was 5.748% for 5 years and First National's was 6.25% and would not go any lower because they were already below the prime rate. Councilman Bubba Smith made the motion to approve the funding and go with Government Capital's interest rate. Councilman Clegg DeWalt 2nd the motion. All remaining members voted yea. Motion carried.
- G. Discussion and Action to hire Trinity County Elections Administrator Priscilla Rasbeary to oversee the City of Trinity election.** Councilman Bubba Smith made the motion to hire Priscilla Rasbeary. Mayor Pro-Tem 2nd the motion. All remaining members voted yea. Motion carried.
- H. Discussion and Action to name the private streets Foley Street and Nettas Street.** Mayor Pro-Tem Phillip Morrison asked if these were private drives and Mayor Goodin stated yes they were. Councilman Scott Womack stated since they are private drives and the city would not be responsible in maintaining the streets so he sees no problem with the names. Mayor Pro-Tem Phillip Morrison made the motion to approve naming the streets. Councilman Clegg DeWalt 2nd the motion. All remaining members voted yea. Motion carried.
- I. Discussion and Action concerning the quote from Walton's Heavy Repair on the 2010 and 2017 Freightliners.** Councilman Scott Womack stated he talked to Gary Walton and Mr. Walton stated that with the diesel motors, unless you throw a rod, put a hole in the side of the motor or broke the crank you are wasting your money replacing the motor. To do a complete overhaul on the 2017 Freightliner is \$15,257, whereas Freightliner's quote was 48,000.00. The 2010 Freightliner has oil leaking in several places so to fix that Gary would pull the motor and replace every gasket. The PTO is missing some bolts and there is a small transmission leak that would need to be fixed as well. The cost to repair the 2010 Freightliner would be \$17,891, so the total for both trucks would be \$33,148. Councilman Bubba Smith is concerned with the longevity of the trucks after getting them repaired and does not see the need of having 3 trucks. Councilman Scott Womack stated it is always good to have a back up in case one truck has to get serviced and while being serviced the other truck could break down. Mayor Pro-Tem Phillip Morrison made the motion to repair both Freightliners. Councilman Scott Womack 2nd the motion. Councilman Bubba Smith and Councilman Clegg DeWalt voted nae. Mayor Billy Goodin broke the tie and voted yea. Motion carried.

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 December 15, 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: Scott Womack

City Administrator: Tim King

Councilman Absent: Bubba Smith and Clegg DeWalt

Call meeting to order. -- Mayor Billy Goodin called the meeting to order at 6:07 p.m. and verified that a Quorum was present for the meeting.

- 1. Discussion and Action to pass Resolution #22-0012 regarding a finance contract for the purpose of procuring vehicles and related equipment.** City Administrator Tim King stated this resolution is for the funding from Government Capital to purchase two (2) police tahoes, gooseneck trailer, backhoe, tractor, floor saw, rammer hammer, skid steer trencher, 72" vibratory roller, lowboy trailer, camera with locator, skid steer auger, two (2) mowers and a jet machine. Mayor Pro-Tem Phillip Morrison made the motion to approve the resolution. Councilman Scott Womack 2nd the motion. All remaining members voted yea. Motion Carried.

- 2. Adjourn.** The meeting was adjourned at 6:08 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 January 12, 2023 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: Tim King

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 December 8, 2022 and Special Meeting December 15, 2023.** Mayor Pro-Tem 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 Scott Womack 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 December 2022 were \$1,604,360. Our bill paying account balance at the end of December 2022 was \$977,248. Accounts payable are \$72,899. Account receivables are \$149,969. The Municipal Court collected \$2,864 for the month of December 2022 with the OMNI Program collecting \$747 of that total. The sales tax collected for the month of December 2022 is \$78,157. The Fire Department donations for the month of December 2022 were \$172. The water collections for the month of December 2022 were \$131,564. Total deposits for the month of December 2022 were \$331,138.

Project Updates - City Administrator Tim King stated Waters Construction has put the first coat of paving on Elizabeth Street and is waiting on the weather to do the final coat. On Bette Street there are two options, the first one is to dig ditches where there is room on one side of the road and the second option is to raise the elevation of the road. They are going to get with Ronnie with Waters Construction to see which option is the best.

5. **Department Reports.** Jessica Hester stated the city had their tank inspections in November and is working with a company to get quotes for the recommended repairs. The wastewater inspection was December 15 and it went well, the parts that are down are currently on order and she is working with TCEQ on the record requests. She is also working on backflow reports and just about everybody that has a backflow device is complete and up to date. Council Smith asked if the TRA water outage during the freeze has been addressed to where it will not happen again. Ms. Hester stated they lost power on December 23rd and the way it's set up there is eighteen wells on three different legs, the emergency generator is only set to handle two legs. In preparing for the freeze, they had the third leg down & winterized. The generator came on in the middle of the night and ended up having an electrical issue and quit running so it took TRA a couple of hours to get it addressed but all the well heads froze during that time. They are currently working to find a generator that they can put on B Leg to have on backup.

Chief Raiford discussed the yearly racial profiling reports and end of year reports.

6. Old Business

- A. **Discussion and Action on any grant related business.** Mr. Morris with Goodwin Lasiter Strong

stated the Mitigation grant is moving along and they have looked at preliminary engineering and have ruled out the unknowns.

7. New Business.

- A. Discussion and Action with Jed Morris to consider engineer's recommendation to award the construction contract for the 2021 TDA CDBG Water System Improvements – TxCDBG No. CDV21-0116, contingent upon TDA's approval of the performance statement amendment.** Mr. Morris stated the bid opening was December 13, 2022 and four companies bid the project. Duplichain Contractor's bid was \$241,568, S-Co Incorporated's bid was \$328,302, Horton Excavating's bid was \$301,939 and 5-T Utilities bid was \$291,184.24. Mr. Morris recommended the city to award the base bid, alternate 1, and alternate 3 to the low bidder which is Duplichain Contractors, LLC contingent upon release of the funds from TDA. TDA is reevaluating the route since there were some changes from the original application. Mayor Pro-Tem Phillip Morrison made the motion to go with Mr. Morris's recommendation and award the construction contract to Duplichain Contractors, LLC. Councilman Bubba Smith 2nd the motion. All remaining members voted yea. Motion carried.
- B. Discussion and Action with Rodna Smith with Back Porch Bar & Grill concerning their sewer.** City Administrator Tim King stated he talked with TRA, Trinity Rural and TCEQ and none of them would commit to giving a hard answer but did say you can do it but they would not recommend doing it. Councilman Bubba Smith mentioned that he does not like the idea at all and it is too much of a liability for the city. The council agreed that we need to find out who is currently on the line and give them a 90 day period to get their own septic so we can terminate that line. Councilman Bubba Smith made the motion to not provide sewer to Back Porch Bar and Grill. Councilman Scott Womack 2nd the motion. All remaining members voted yea. Motion carried.
- C. Discussion and Action with Beth Newton regarding egress on Avanna Street.** Mrs. Newton stated she purchased property on South Street in June 2012 and they renovated the house that was there and were able to make it a rental property. Once it was rented, they had a road base road installed to the right of it which would start the development of the acre behind it. They put in 4 water meters, sewer and electrical meters, two out of the four are being utilized by two doublewides. Mrs. Newton stated when she had a survey done they determined Avanna Street is landlocked because it goes through Lot 8 which belongs to the house that is on Lot 7. She stated the road is in perfect working order and blends well with the environment. The road is on the high point of the property so the water drains very well so there are not any ruts in the road. Councilman Smith stated in the past we have our attorney look at the landlock issue and he would like to physically see the street before making any decisions. Councilman Clegg DeWalt made the motion to table the city adopting Avanna Street as a city-maintained street until the council can go look at the condition of the street. Councilman Bubba Smith 2nd the motion. All remaining members voted yea. Motion carried.
- D. Discussion and Action regarding quotes for servicing city vehicles.** Councilman Scott Womack stated the city received two bids for servicing the gasoline and diesel vehicles. Councilman Womack stated the bids from Trinity Muffler are as follows, for full synthetic for gasoline vehicles is \$74.99, for synthetic blend it is \$51.99 and for the diesel vehicles it is \$450.00. There bids from Pit Stop for full synthetic is \$89.00, for synthetic blend it is \$69.00 and for diesels it is \$410.00. Councilman Bubba Smith mentioned Trinity Muffler Shop has given the city a lot of breaks and anytime we have asked them for anything they have been spot on and the garbage trucks will not be changed as much as the gasoline vehicles. Councilman Bubba Smith made the motion to award Trinity Muffler Shop to do the servicing for the gasoline and diesel vehicles. Councilman Clegg DeWalt 2nd the motion. All remaining members voted yea. Motion carried.

E. Discussion and Action concerning water, sewer and solid waste rates. Councilman Bubba Smith does not want to raise the rates until the city can show him that it is needed and would like to wait until next year. Councilman Scott Womack stated during the budget meetings they proposed increasing the rates in this fiscal year. Councilman Clegg DeWalt stated he would like to see a profit/loss statement and they all knew when they worked the budget up that it was going to come down to raising the rates. Mayor Billy Goodin stated the TRA costs went up from \$63,343 a month to \$66,655 a month, cost of supplies are going up along with fuel costs. Mayor Goodin stated to be able to provide the service and make repairs you have to look at your revenue side just like you do with your expenses. Mayor Goodin stated if we do not raise the rates during this fiscal year the city will be below budget. Mr. Goodin said the General fund is supported by tax dollars which funds general government, the Police Department, Street Department, Library, Park Department, Fire Department and Municipal Court, the water, sewer and solid waste departments do not fall under the general funds so they have to be able to hold their own and should be profitable on their own. The water and sewer departments were in the red so the general fund had to support those departments as well because they have not been profitable so that takes away from us being able to do street paving and buying new equipment. Councilman Bubba Smith made the motion to table the rates until they can see a profit/loss statement. Councilman Clegg DeWalt 2nd the motion. All remaining members voted yea. Motion carried.

F. Discussion and Action to establish an ordinance to require City of Trinity water customers to put a cut off on their service line on their side of the water meter. Councilman Scott Womack suggested going forward any new residence or meter has to have a cut off on their side so the city does not have to go shut off their water every time they have a leak and go back and turn it on. An existing resident that needs their water cut off due to a leak or for a freeze, before the city has to go turn their water back on the resident must have a cut off valve installed. City Administrator Tim King stated that while our city workers were trying to prepare for the freeze, they kept getting called out to go turn off meters. Mr. King said it's approximately \$20-\$25 to get a cut off valve installed. Councilman Bubba Smith made the motion to establish an ordinance to require a cut off valve on the resident's side. Councilman Scott Womack 2nd the motion. All remaining members voted yea. Motion carried.

Chief Raiford introduced his new officers, Jose Martinez and Juan Ramirez. Councilman Scott Womack said he has watched these two officers work and they are doing a good job, they are out patrolling and doing a lot of traffic stops.

8. Adjourn. 8:11 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 February 2, 2023 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: Tim King

Councilman Absent:

Call meeting to order. -- Mayor Billy Goodin called the meeting to order at 6:26 p.m. and verified that a Quorum was present for the meeting.

Went into Executive Session. 6:27 p.m.

- 1. Discussion concerning personnel and contracts under Gov. Code 551.074.** Discussed Police Department personnel.
- 2. Reconvene in open session.** No Action was taken. 7:48 p.m.
- 3. Adjourn.** The meeting was adjourned at 7:49 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 February 9, 2023 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: Tim King

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 January 12, 2023 and Special Meeting February 2, 2023.** Mayor Pro-Tem Phillip Morrison made the motion to approve the minutes. Councilman Scott Womack 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 Scott Womack 2nd the motion. All remaining members voted yea. Motion carried.
4. **City Manager's Report** -- Our total funds at the end of January 2023 were **\$1,863,228**. Our bill paying account balance at the end of January 2023 was **\$1,309,662**. Accounts payable are **\$62,897**. Account receivables are **\$135,840**. The Municipal Court collected **\$4,298** for the month of January 2023 with the OMNI Program collecting **\$953** of that total. The sales tax collected for the month of January 2023 is **\$140,335**. The Fire Department donations for the month of January 2023 were **\$162**. The water collections for the month of January 2023 were **\$134,037**. Total deposits for the month of January 2023 were **\$766,943**.
 - A. **Grant Related Business.** Mr. King stated we had a conference call with Ottilia with GrantWorks and Jed Morris with Goodwin Lasiter Strong on the water line grant. Ottilia stated since the plans were changed it is taking longer to get the environmental review so the construction date has got pushed to mid-April. On the sewer line grant, they will be testing that line next week.
 - B. **Project Updates** - City Administrator Tim King stated Waters Construction has completed Church Street and Elizabeth Street. Mr. Waters sent a quote for Bette Street totaling \$35,615 to put rock to raise the elevation and the city would have to dig ditches and some of the residents will have to purchase culverts and the city will install them.
5. **Department Reports.** Jessica Hester stated the water quality samples were taken this week. An engineer will be coming in next week to do an assessment on the wastewater plant and she is going to get them to look at all the lift stations as well. The engineer is going to put her in contact with a grant company that specializes in populations of under 20,000 and the grants are normally half a million dollars.
6. **Unfinished Business**
 - A. **Discussion and Action to pass Ordinance #23-0001 to require City of Trinity water customers to put a cut off on their service line on their side of the water meter.** Councilman Clegg DeWalt clarified that this Ordinance pertains to new construction and any water the city is asked to go cut off for leaks or upcoming weather conditions and all others are grandfathered. Mayor Goodin answered yes but anyone can get one installed and the city can install it for \$25. Councilman Bubba Smith asked

if this pertained to commercial accounts as well and Mr. King advised yes, it is for all water accounts with the City of Trinity. Councilman Clegg DeWalt made the motion to approve the Ordinance. Mayor Pro-Tem Phillip Morrison 2nd the motion. All remaining members voted yea. Motion carried.

B. Discussion and Action to pass Ordinance #23-0002 regarding increasing water and sewer rates.

Councilman Clegg DeWalt stated if the City of Trinity does not periodically and appropriately raise the rates to keep up with inflation, we are going to end up like we were four years ago and not have any money. The profit/loss statement shows the city is losing a quarter million dollars just for this current budget year for the first quarter. The minimum for water will go from \$24 to \$26.50, the sewer minimum will go from \$10.50 to \$12.50. Councilman DeWalt said as long as we keep the periodic required necessary increases to the bare minimum, he does not have a problem with it. He asked if the calculation had been done to show what the increases will be for the cash flow so we are not losing a million dollars a year on services provided to the citizens. City Administrator Tim King stated, just basing it off the minimum usage it would be an increase of \$7,813 for residential inside the city limits, \$1,308 for residential outside the city limits, \$2,827 for commercial inside the city limits and \$17.50 for commercial outside city limits, which totals \$102,122 a year. Mayor Goodin stated when they did the budget the increases were figured in so we have went four months without the increases and that is why the revenue is so low. Councilman Bubba Smith asked with the increase how much would that make the minimum bill, Mr. King stated it will go from \$50.68 to \$56.25 for water, sewer and garbage. Councilman Smith would like to make the rates be effective March 1, 2023 and not tonight to be able to give customers a notice. Councilman Scott Womack said the newspaper will put out a notice of the increase of rates. Councilman Bubba Smith made the motion to pass the Ordinance with the effective date being March 1, 2023. Councilman Clegg DeWalt 2nd the motion. All remaining members voted yea. Motion carried.

C. Discussion and Action to pass Ordinance #23-0003 concerning increasing solid waste rates. The rates for residential hand pick up will increase from \$14.95 to \$17.25 and commercial hand pick-up will increase from \$25.74 to \$29.50. All dumpster rates will increase \$10.00. Mayor Pro-Tem Phillip Morrison made the motion to approve the Ordinance. Councilman Clegg DeWalt 2nd the motion. All remaining members voted yea. Motion carried.

D. Discussion and Action regarding egress on Avanna Street. Councilman Bubba Smith stated he called all the council members when he went to look at Avanna Street and he feels the city does not need to get involved. It would cost too much to bring it up to city specs and there are only two homes and one is vacant. Councilman Bubba Smith made the motion to decline the request of doing an egress on Avanna Street. Councilman Scott Womack 2nd the motion. All remaining members voted yea. Motion carried.

7. New Business. No New Business.

Mrs. Curly Hodge stated Yarborough Street has not had a street sign in ten years and the road is in bad shape. John Dozier mentioned there was a bad sewer problem at Andre Jackson's house across from Lonestar Church on FM 230 because it has caused a sink hole.

8. Adjourn. 7:41 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 March 9, 2023 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: Tim King

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 February 9, 2023.** Councilman Clegg DeWalt made the motion to approve the minutes. Councilman Scott Womack 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. Councilman DeWalt stated the City of Trinity pays \$66,655 a month to Trinity River Authority so that we can have all the water that we need, we pay \$5,100 a month for the garbage truck lease and \$1,100 a month for the water well lease, Mr. DeWalt just wanted to mention these big expenses to show that it takes a lot of money to run a city.
4. **City Manager's Report** -- Our total funds at the end of February 2023 were \$2,003,191. Our bill paying account balance at the end of February 2023 was \$1,434,281. Accounts payable are \$72,156. Account receivables are \$138,595. The Municipal Court collected \$6,572 for the month of February 2023 with the OMNI Program collecting \$930 of that total. The sales tax collected for the month of February 2023 is \$72,214. The Fire Department donations for the month of February 2023 were \$155. The water collections for the month of February 2023 were \$129,948. Total deposits for the month of February 2023 were \$483,615.
 - A. **Grant Related Business.** The sidewalk grant is closed out and there are some paving issues that Cervantez Construction will be coming back to fix. The sewer grant is almost completed, \$265,527 of the total budget of \$323,780 has been drawn down which includes the match. The environmental re-evaluation review on the water line grant was completed on March 6, 2023 but we are still waiting on the amendment to be approved from TDA to finish executing the construction contract with Duplichain, \$38,000 of the total budget of \$385,000 has been drawn down. The mitigation grant is in the engineering design phase, but we have been waiting on the GLO grant manager for months to hear about what we should do regarding the school acquisition, \$150,443.35 of the total budget of \$4,069,683 has been drawn down.
 - B. **Project Updates** – Mayor Billy Goodin stated we are waiting for a bid from Duplichain Contractors for the culvert on Jason Street. Waters Construction will pave Bette Street once the culverts get done.
5. **Department Reports.** Public Works Director Steve Alexander said one of the paddlewheels at the sewer plant is completely down and the other one they got it working. He has asked for quotes on a new paddlewheel and the rental of one. If we rented one, the cost of the rental would go towards the purchase of a new one. Jessica Hester stated Steve Alexander and herself met with an Engineer that did an assessment on the sewer plant and they missed application for a grant by a few days but the grant people will still come out and will

be able to submit the application next year. There was an SSO Plan done back in 2017 by Two Fifteen Consulting so they will be coming back next week to go over their findings and to pick up where they left off.

6. Old Business.

7. New Business.

A. Discussion and Action to pass Ordinance #23-0004 to update rules and regulations for wrecker services. This Ordinance requires any wrecker service that wants to be on rotation to have a yard in the city limits. It also requires the wrecker to arrive on scene within 15 minutes or the next rotation wrecker will be dispatched. Councilman Clegg DeWalt made the motion to pass the Ordinance. Councilman Scott Womack 2nd the motion. All remaining members voted yea. Motion carried.

B. Discussion and Action regarding the Police Chief. Discussed in Executive Session.

Executive Session: Adjourn from Regular Meeting: 7:18 p.m.

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

A. Reconvene in open session: 7:49 p.m.

A. Action necessary as a result of Executive Session. Councilman Scott Womack made the motion to decline making John Raiford Police Chief. Mayor Pro-Tem Phillip Morrison 2nd the motion. All remaining members voted yea. Motion carried. Daniel Kee will be acting as Interim Police Chief now.

8. Adjourn. 8:02 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 April 13, 2023 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: Tim King

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 March 9, 2023.** Mayor Pro-Tem Phillip Morrison made the motion to approve the minutes. Councilman Scott Womack 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 March 2023 were **\$1,897,404.** Our bill paying account balance at the end of March 2023 was **\$1,286,955.** Accounts payable are **\$65,407.** Account receivables are **\$157,949.** The Municipal Court collected **\$11,039** for the month of March 2023 with the OMNI Program collecting **\$2,066** of that total. The sales tax collected for the month of March 2023 is **\$74,817.** The Fire Department donations for the month of March 2023 were **\$156.** The water collections for the month of March 2023 were **\$133,646.** Total deposits for the month of March 2023 were **\$250,876.**
 - A. **Grant Related Business.** Notice to Proceed with Duplichain was signed on April 5, 2023 on the water line grant and that project will start in 2-3 weeks. We are still waiting to hear from Cervantez Construction to repave the section of Railroad Street. They are wanting to wait towards the end of their warranty which is in September 2023 but the city if not for that, we want it repaved as soon as possible.
 - B. **Project Updates** – City Administrator Tim King stated we signed up for the Entergy Initiative Program and are switching everything over to LED lighting. They will come out and tell us how to be more energy efficient then we can get money back on that. The sewer line on FM 356 is due to be shut down on May 12, 2023, there has only been two residents reach out to us on that. The culverts are done on Bette Street and Waters Construction has came in and put one load of rock down. A pothole has formed at Brantley Street and Hwy 19 South so Waters Construction will be fixing that.
5. **Department Reports.** Water/Wastewater Operator Jessica Hester stated the residuals have been staying around 2.5 for this quarter and last quarter. She will have to do lead and copper samples twice this year since TCEQ recognizes TRA as a new water source and if both times come out good they will put us back doing the samples every few years. They put Trumeters on the pumps at each lift station on March 31st which will show run times as well as inflow and infiltration. Two Fifteen Consulting had a SEP program with the city a while back and they are fixing to start it up again and come out to re-evaluate everything. Councilman Scott Womack mentioned the drainage seems to be much better now with the work that has been done. Police Chief Daniel Kee stated the Police Department purchased two 2015 DPS Chevrolet Tahoes for \$2,000.00, ordered

new uniforms, implemented a new reserve program that requires reserve officers to work 16 hours a month to allow them to be commissioned with the Trinity Police Department and if any fail to do their hours they will no longer be reserves with the department. The department also started cleaning out the evidence room and has found \$3,700.00 in cash that should have been put in the seizure account years ago. The three tasers are all back in working condition now and four refurbished handhelds and two mobile unit radios have been purchased. Traffic enforcement has been increased, 14 speeding citations, 33 expired registrations, 30 equipment violations, 10 no insurance violations and 9 miscellaneous.

6. Old Business.

7. New Business.

- 1. Discussion and Action concerning a quote from Duplichain Contractors regarding the culvert on Jason Street.** The city received one bid from Duplichain. Councilman Bubba Smith made the motion to table the item until we receive another quote. Councilman Clegg DeWalt 2nd the motion. All remaining members voted yea. Motion carried.
- 2. Discussion and Action regarding a quote from Duplichain Contractors concerning the sewer line on Emily Street.** The city received 2 bids for this project, Duplichain bid \$65,800.00 and Durus LLC bid \$133,575. Mayor Pro-Tem Phillip Morrison made the motion to award the job to the lower bidder, Duplichain Contractors. Councilman Clegg DeWalt 2nd the motion. All remaining members voted yea. Motion carried.
- 3. Discussion and Action on replacing paddlewheel at sewer plant.** Mayor Goodin suggested getting the company who manufactures the paddlewheels come out & repair them until we can get the assessment done at the plant and hopefully get a grant to help replace most of the equipment. Public Works Director Steve Alexander stated the paddlewheel now is in bad shape and does not know how long after repairing it that it will stay in working condition. To purchase a new paddlewheel the quote shows it to be \$39,175 and in the meantime the rental of one from the same company will go towards the purchase price. The rental will be \$2,700 for 3 months and 30% of that will go towards the purchase of the paddlewheel plus \$1,554 for mileage and labor of \$2,500 so total potential credit toward the purchase price of a new unit would be \$4,864.00. The grit sander is not working properly either so that could harm the new paddlewheel. Councilman Bubba Smith feels that buying it outright is better than renting one temporarily. Councilman Clegg DeWalt does not want to buy a new paddlewheel with the grit sander not working properly so it does not damage the new paddlewheel. Mr. Alexander says since the grit sander is so old he is having a hard time finding someone to give a quote to repair it. Councilman Clegg DeWalt made the motion to purchase a paddlewheel but repair or replace the grit sander before the new paddlewheel gets installed. Councilman Bubba Smith 2nd the motion. All remaining members voted yea. Motion carried.
- 4. Discussion and Action on replacing chlorinator at sewer plant.** Mrs. Hester stated there is already an automatic system connected but it does not work, it is not connected. By the state regulation, there has to be an automatic chlorine system because the chlorine feed is rated toward the flow and that flow constantly changes. The quote received from Core and Main for the chlorinator is \$10,315.00. Councilman Clegg DeWalt made the motion to purchase the chlorinator. Councilman Bubba Smith 2nd the motion. All remaining members voted yea. Motion carried.
- 5. Discussion regarding investment policy, strategy and investment officer.** Mayor Billy Goodin stated he would like the city to start investing their funds so that money can start earning interest. There are certain things you can invest in and they have to meet a certain criteria for you to even consider it with these two pools, TexPool and Texas Class. At this time, both pools

are paying 5% interest, is compounded daily, and the liquidity rate is less than 24 hours. Mayor Goodin stated we will have to have an investment officer and go through training every 2 years. Orrin Hargrave is the investment officer for the hospital and has said he would be interim investment officer until we can get someone else do it or we can continue to let Orrin do it. Councilman Bubba Smith made the motion to approve the investment policy. Councilman Scott Womack 2nd the motion. All remaining members voted yea. Motion carried.

6. Discussion and Action approving the Economic Development Board's recommendations.

Economic Board President Neal Smith stated they are going to start having their meetings the 2nd Thursday of the month at 6pm. Mayor Goodin had three proposals he presented to the board, one was the basketball court that has not been utilized in years. The Mayor would like to put up new goals and get that area straightened up, as well as taking the old goals and having them shortened to put on the tennis court. The Mayor also stated the baseball complex needs fence repairs and received two quotes. One quote was from Crockett Fence Company for \$112,452.00 and the other quote received was from Otis Barnes for \$7,334.81. The Economic Board voted for the low bid from Otis Barnes. Mayor Goodin lastly would like to add to the City of Trinity's Christmas decorations each year and wants to purchase them during the off season while they are a third of the price. The board voted to allow the city to spend up to \$10,000.00 for Christmas decoration the next two years and will look at it again after that.

Mr. Smith mentioned that 37 trees had to be removed from the Community Center property so it was bare so the city with the help of Neal's crew planted 20 trees. They also decided to put pex pipe around each tree to set up a watering system for each of the trees. 500 TO 600 a piece, \$1,000 donated Mr. Smith also stated the property the Economic Board has south of town with the 38 acres has a house on the property that he would like to be demolished because it is dilapidated. Two quotes were received for the demolition, one was for \$36,000 and the other was for \$8,500 from Weldon Pee, the board voted to go with the low bid from Weldon Pee. By the old wrecker yard there is an outlet that comes out from the highway department that dumps water which goes into the first tank behind that building that the board wants demolished, then it goes across to another tank with another outlet that dumps into that second tank, so there will always have to be a ditch there to carry the water to bell creek. The board already approved to have 60 foot of culverts installed and fill the ponds in. Mayor Pro-Tem Phillip Morrison made motion to approve all of the Economic Board's recommendations. Councilman Scott Womack 2nd the motion. All remaining members voted yea. Motion carried.

7. Discussion and Action regarding the Police Chief. This item was discussed in executive session.

Executive Session: Adjourn from Regular Meeting: 8:34 p.m.

A. Discussion concerning personnel and contracts under Gov. Code 551.074. 8:38 pm to 9:19 pm

B. Reconvene in open session: 9:19 p.m.

- a. **Action necessary as a result of Executive Session.** The Mayor and Council decided to make Daniel Kee Police Chief and not be Interim Police Chief anymore.

8. Adjourn. 9:21 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 April 27, 2023 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: Bubba Smith and Scott Womack

City Administrator: Tim King

Councilman Absent: Clegg DeWalt

Call meeting to order. -- Mayor Billy Goodin called the meeting to order at 6:07 p.m. and verified that a Quorum was present for the meeting.

- 1. Discussion and Action to pass Resolution #23-0001 to amend Ordinance #02-0101 that pertains to the City of Trinity's Investment Policy and Strategy.** Mayor Billy Goodin stated with this amendment he added Texas Class and Texas Pool to the investment policy as well as changed the investment limit from 50% to 80%. Councilman Bubba Smith made the motion to pass the Resolution. Mayor Pro-Tem 2nd the motion. All remaining members voted yea. Motion carried.
- 2. Discussion and Action to adopt a new Investment and Strategy Policy for the City of Trinity.** Mayor Pro-Tem Phillip Morrison made the motion to adopt the new Investment and Strategy Policy. Councilman Scott Womack 2nd the motion. All remaining members voted yea. Motion carried.
- 3. Discussion and Action to pass Resolution#23-0002 to appoint Orrin Hargrave as the City of Trinity Investment Officer.** Councilman Bubba Smith asked if the city was going to pay Mr. Hargrave and Mayor Goodin stated they may pay him a small fee. Mayor Pro-Tem made the motion to appoint Orrin Hargrave as the Investment Officer. Councilman Scott Womack 2nd the motion. All remaining members voted yea. Motion carried.
- 4. Discussion and Action to pass Resolution #23-0003 to authorize elected and employed officers to sign and countersign its checks.** Mayor Billy Goodin stated this will add City Administrator Tim King to the account. There are now four signers on the account, Mayor Billy Goodin, Mayor Pro-Tem Phillip Morrison, City Administrator Tim King and City Secretary Jennifer Priddy. Mayor Pro-Tem Phillip Morrison made the motion to approve the Resolution. Councilman Scott Womack 2nd the motion. All remaining members voted yea. Motion carried.
- 5. Discussion and Action to pass Resolution #23-0004 to designate person to act as agents to deposit and pick up the night depository bag.** Mayor Billy Goodin stated this removed Steve Jones and Susan Rush and added City Administrator Tim King and Secretary Lisa Cathey. The list now has City Administrator Tim King, City Secretary Jennifer Priddy, Secretaries Shelia Bankston and Lisa Cathey, and Stacy Davis. Mayor Pro-Tem Phillip Morrison made the motion to approve the Resolution. Councilman Scott Womack 2nd the motion. All remaining members voted yea. Motion carried.

Executive Session: Adjourn from Regular Meeting: 6:18 p.m.

- A. Discussion concerning personnel and contracts under Gov. Code 551.074.** Discussed Public Works Director Steve Alexander's salary.

B. Reconvene in open session: 6:19 p.m.

A. Action necessary as a result of Executive Session.

7. Adjourn. 6:34 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 May 11, 2023 at 7:05 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: Tim King

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 April 13, 2023 and Special Meeting April 27, 2023.** Councilman Scott Womack 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 Scott Womack 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 2023 were \$2,148,258. Our bill paying account balance at the end of April 2023 was \$1,262,555. Accounts payable are \$59,021. Account receivables are \$147,563. The Municipal Court collected \$10,725 for the month of April 2023 with the OMNI Program collecting \$482 of that total. The sales tax collected for the month of April 2023 is \$156,061. The Fire Department donations for the month of April 2023 were \$148. The water collections for the month of April 2023 were \$151,395. Total deposits for the month of April 2023 were \$337,162.
 - A. **Grant Related Business.** City Administrator Tim King stated Duplichain Contractors has the water line ran from ground storage just pass the tennis court now.
 - B. **Project Updates** – City Administrator Tim King stated he received street paving quotes from Waters Construction for W. San Jacinto Street, E. Bette Street, W. Bette Street, Robert/VanDyke Street and Sabine Street. The quote for all these streets totaled \$174,967.75. The sewer line on Emily Street that Duplichain is working on should be finished next week.
5. **Department Reports.** Public Works Director Steve Alexander would like to implement a summer work program since he is shorthanded at the moment. Police Chief Daniel Kee stated they received the new Police Tahoes and have been assigned to one officer each to preserve the wear and tear on the vehicles. Water/Wastewater Operator Jessica Hester stated they started the lead and copper samples and should be completed by next week. The automatic chlorine system has been installed and is running perfectly.
6. **Unfinished Business.**
 1. **Discussion and Action regarding bids for repairing the culvert on Jason Street.** Mr. Alexander stated he has asked Durus, LLC and Green Utility Construction but neither company has turned in a quote. Mayor Goodin said he has talked to Mr. Alexander to see what the city could do it for and compare prices and see if we can save money or go a cheaper route. Councilman Bubba Smith made the motion to table this item until further information can be gathered. Councilman Clegg DeWalt 2nd the motion. All remaining members voted yea. Motion

carried.

7. New Business.

- 1. Discussion and Action regarding the canvass of May 6, 2023 City Election.** For council position #4 Jimmy Paul McCasland Jr. received 30 votes, Bryan Buck received 77 votes and Willie Evans Jr. received 32 votes. For Council Position #5 Phillip Morrison was unopposed and received 110 votes. Councilman Bubba Smith made the motion to approve the canvass. Councilman Scott Womack 2nd the motion. All remaining members voted yea. Motion carried.
- 2. Swearing in Council Positions 4 and 5.** Mayor Billy Goodin swore in Bryan Buck for Council Position #4 and Phillip Morrison for Council Position #5.
- 3. Comments from newly elected Council Members.** Bryan Buck appreciated all the support he had with getting elected to this position and plans on doing everything he can to the best of his ability and hope he can do this office good. Phillip Morrison appreciated all the support from the citizens of Trinity, he has lived here for 45 years and he believes the City of Trinity is in the best shape he has ever seen.
- 4. Discussion and Action with David Drake of Asset Marketing Pros, LLC concerning his proposal.** Councilman Bubba Smith asked Mr. Drake if the city's fee is 30% or 40% and Mr. Drake stated there is an addendum in the contract for 30%. That cost covers all expenses incurred to conduct the auction and there are no added or hidden fees. It would be a consignment contract so they would come take possession and control of the items. Councilman Smith asked if Mr. Drake was insured in case there was a break in and Mr. Drake answered they are insured, bonded and have 6 security cameras. Chief Kee stated any seized weapon that could have been used in a crime must be sold at a public auction dealer only so it cannot be sold to the public, only dealers according to the District Attorney. Councilman Clegg DeWalt would like to table the item until more research can be done. Mayor Pro-Tem Phillip Morrison agreed with Councilman Clegg DeWalt and made the motion to table the item until more research can be done. Councilman Clegg DeWalt 2nd the motion. All remaining members voted yea. Motion carried.
- 5. Discussion and Action with David Kester of Martin Senior Citizen Center regarding help with the Center.** Mr. Kester was not present.
- 6. Discussion and Action with Tomas Geerts concerning the paving on Bette Street.** Mr. Geerts stated he at 175 Geerts Street on the east side of Bette Street. Mr. Geerts and his wife purchased this property in 2016 and once they got here realized Bette Street was not in the best of conditions. There is not any drainage on Bette Street so when it rains the road becomes a ditch that causes the road to be washed out. It is also creating wear and tear on vehicles. Mr. Geerts stated the paving of Bette Street stopped where the old paving portion ended and did not understand why the rest of Bette Street was not paved. Councilman Womack he stated Public Works Director Steve Alexander, City Administrator Tim King and himself drove down Bette Street today and he agrees the street needs to be paved but there are a few things that need to get done. One, there are fences up to the road on both sides along with power poles being where the ditches need to be. That part of Bette Street has never been paved so over the years the right of way has shrunk so the city would need to find out exactly where our right a way is to determine where we could put ditches. Councilman Womack stated the city needs to do the prep work so that it can be paved in the future. Mr. Geerts suggested putting the information of what streets will be paved in the newspaper or the city's website so the public can be informed. Mayor Billy Goodin asked Mr. Alexander if they could put Bette Street on a routine maintenance until we can get the street paved.

7. **Discussion and Action regarding wrecker services in the City of Trinity pertaining to Department of Licensing and Regulation (TDLR).** Councilman Smith stated TDLR requires a minimum of a 6 ft fence, the yard has to be mowed, and cannot be open to the public. Mr. Smith said Williams Wrecker Service is renting his property from Danny Martin where the storage building units are and that will be open to the public. He spoke with Chief Kee before the meeting and Chief Kee stated those regulations are enforced by TDLR and cannot be enforced by the city or county. Councilman Smith will call TDLR himself to see if someone from there can take a look at all 3 wrecker locations to see if they meet TDLR regulations and if they do not Chief Kee can take them off the rotation list.

8. **Adjourn.** 8:42 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 8, 2023 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: Tim King

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 11, 2023.** 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 Scott Womack 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 2023 were \$2,107,288. Our bill paying account balance at the end of May 2023 was \$1,215,065. Accounts payable are \$103,532. Account receivables are \$151,688. The Municipal Court collected \$17,501 for the month of May 2023 with the OMNI Program collecting \$2,256 of that total. The sales tax collected for the month of May 2023 is \$85,462. The Fire Department donations for the month of May 2023 were \$163. The water collections for the month of May 2023 were \$146,853. Total deposits for the month of May 2023 were \$373,283.
 - A. **Grant Related Business.** City Administrator Tim King stated Duplichain Contractors have laid all the water lines and will tie them all in next week and then get all the testing done as well. Cervantez Construction repaired Railroad Street and will come back before the warranty expires to make sure there is not any other issues.
 - B. **Project Updates –**
5. **Department Reports.** Police Chief Daniel Kee stated they had 418 calls for service, 32 arrests which were 26 misdemeanors and 18 felonies and approximately 180 traffic stops. Chief Kee stated Callie and himself put 50-60 cases together from past administrations and took to the County and District Attorney's this past week. Water/Wastewater Operator Jessica Hester stated they did all the lead and copper samples and had them submitted for the first part of the year and she is just waiting on those results to come in. They have also started doing the fire hydrant inventory. The pumps were installed at the wastewater plant and the paddlewheel should be in by the end of the month.
6. **Unfinished Business.**
 1. **Discussion and Action regarding bids for repairing the culvert on Jason Street.** Public Works Director Steve Alexander stated a load of stabilized sand would be \$650 a load since clay has washed out the last 3 times. It would be approximately \$2,600 for the stabilized sand and \$6,000 each for 2 bulkheads plus his crew doing the work. Mayor Pro-Tem suggested getting a quote for concrete. Councilman Bubba Smith made the motion to table this item until further

information can be gathered. Councilman Clegg DeWalt 2nd the motion. All remaining members voted yea. Motion carried.

2. **Discussion concerning the proposal for Asset Marketing Pros, LLC.** Mayor Billy Goodin asked about the exclusivity of the contract. David Drake stated an addendum could be added to exclude a certain property or a certain item but that property or item would be exclusive to Asset Marketing Pros, LLC for however long the contract is for.

7. New Business.

1. **Discussion and Action with Shunn Ruby Price regarding a street light to be installed on Fairdale Street.** Mrs. Price stated she has property located at 651 Fairdale Street across from the cemetery and it is very dark in that area. Mrs. Price is starting to develop that area for tiny homes and would like for a street light to be installed. Mayor Pro-Tem Phillip Morrison made the motion to approve the street light. Councilman Clegg DeWalt 2nd the motion. All remaining members voted yea. Motion carried.
2. **Discussion and Action concerning the quote from Waters Construction on the next phase of paving.** City Administrator Tim King stated he received a quote from Waters Construction last month for the following streets: San Jacinto Street (16' X 1,075') for \$28,189.00, W Bette Street (18' X 350') for \$14,973.00, Robert/VanDyke Street (18' X 975') for \$41,712.50 and Sabine Street (20' X 1,600') for \$52,436.25 which totals \$137,310.75. Councilman Bubba Smith made the motion to approve the quote. Councilman Clegg DeWalt 2nd the motion. All remaining members voted yea. Motion carried.
3. **Discussion and Action to delete Pecan Street from the 911 map.** City Administrator Tim King stated in September 2017 when Mayor Billy Joe Slaughter was in office, he signed a form from the 911 addressing office to have Pecan Street deleted from the 911 map but it did not go thru because it was never brought before the council. In order to remove Pecan Street from the 911 map it needs to be approved by the city council. After deleting Pecan Street from the map it will now be Sabine Street off of FM 1617 instead of it being Pecan Street and then it turning into Sabine Street. Councilman Scott Womack made the motion to delete Pecan Street from the 911 map. Councilman Clegg DeWalt 2nd the motion. All remaining members voted yea. Motion carried.

8. Adjourn. 7:45 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 13, 2023 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, Scott Womack, and Bryan Buck

City Administrator: Tim King

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 8, 2023.** Councilman Clegg DeWalt 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 Scott Womack 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 June 2023 were \$494,240. Our bill paying account balance at the end of June 2023 was \$257,130. Accounts payable are \$111,325. Account receivables are \$156,301. The Municipal Court collected \$10,815 for the month of June 2023 with the OMNI Program collecting \$409 of that total. The sales tax collected for the month of June 2023 is \$85,867. The Fire Department donations for the month of June 2023 were \$160. The water collections for the month of June 2023 were \$151,688. Total deposits for the month of June 2023 were \$898,373. Tex Class balance at the end of June 2023 was \$902,994.
 - A. **Grant Related Business.** City Administrator Tim King stated the water line grant is completed, it is all tied in and has been pressure tested and is good to go.
 - B. **Project Updates** – Mr. King stated he spoke with Ronnie Waters of Waters Construction and the paving should start mid-August or possibly before then. Councilman Womack asked how the drainage was coming along, Public Works Director stated the crew will start on that next week.
5. **Department Reports.** Public Works Director Steve Alexander stated the new water is doing what it's suppose to be doing, he cut the booster off for 4 hours, it dropped down to 60 PSI and helped them for 4 hours, so without the boosters they can give them water now. Jay Savanich of Trinity Rural and Stephen Dowdell (city employee) are handling the water now. Stephen needs 3 more classes until he can get his C water license but we have those classes set up. Police Chief Daniel Kee stated they had 4 arrests, 35 calls of service, traffic enforcement was 37 speeding tickets, 2 no insurance, 3 disregard stop sign, 13 defective equipment, 56 expired registration and 3 open containers.
6. **Unfinished Business.**
 1. **Discussion and Action regarding bids for repairing the culvert on Jason Street.** Councilman Bubba Smith asked if it would be cheaper for the city to do the work. He suggested the city dig the culvert out, put the clay in ourselves and put the culvert back and then put the concrete around it with the help of Precinct 3's equipment and manpower. Public Works Director Steve

Alexander stated they have put clay in 2 times and it has failed so he suggested using stabilized sand. Mayor Goodin asked Mr. Alexander to get a price on the city doing the work themselves with the help of Precinct 3. Mr. Mathis stated he put one of the bids in for this project, he suggests putting a tovall out in front down deep below the subgrade so it does not washout underneath, he would rebar it every 6 inches and lay concrete across it and also put wing walls on it. Councilman Bubba Smith made the motion to table this item until further information can be gathered. Councilman Clegg DeWalt 2nd the motion. All remaining members voted yea. Motion carried.

7. New Business.

- 1. Discussion with Don Clayton of Public Surplus.** Mr. Clayton stated Public Surplus is the largest online auction selling companies for government entities. They sell exclusively for the State of Texas. They have been in business since 1999, they have approximately 7-8 million hits on their website daily. Pubic Surplus has 6,500 governmental entities selling on their website and their website keeps an audit of every item sold. Councilman Bubba Smith asked Mr. Clayton what percentage Public Surplus takes from the auction, Mr. Clayton responded with zero, they charge the buyer a buyer's premium. Councilman Smith also asked if the item is sold in Trinity where does the sales tax go, Mr. Clayton answered Trinity. Councilman Phillip Morrison asked if there was a contract and Mr. Clayton said there is no contract.
- 2. Discussion and Action to approve the sale of the Fire Department surplus.** Assistant Fire Chief Keith Johnson stated the Fire Department has some old trucks at station 2 that are not usable anymore. They asked for sealed bids and they have 9 bids so far. Councilman Bubba Smith made the motion to let the Fire Department sell their surplus. Councilman Scott Womack 2nd the motion. All remaining members voted yea. Motion carried.
- 3. Discussion and Action to extend Ventura's EMS Contract.** Keith Shelley of Ventura EMS stated this is a proposal for a 2nd amendment. The 1st amendment was done April 12, 2013 which extended the original agreement that made the contract 10 years. Ventura EMS is still under contract with the City of Trinity until March 14, 2025, however when they look to reinvest into equipment and vehicles seeking capital normally requires a contract for the same length of time of a loan they may obtain. Mr. Shelley stated nothing is changing in the contract except the renewal clause, it would extend the contract 5 additional years from March 14, 2025. There is still an opt out clause that would need to be done by December 15, 2024. Councilman Bubba Smith made the motion to grant the extension. Councilman Clegg DeWalt 2nd the motion. Councilman Scott Womack did not vote due to being an employee of Ventura EMS. All remaining members voted yea. Motion carried.
- 4. Discussion and Action regarding quotes on the clarifier and grit chamber.** Councilman Bubba Smith suggested fixing the clarifier like they did before, rent a crane to pull it out, have Roger Leverett work on it and hire the welder that did the welding work on the other clarifier along with the help of the public works crew. Public Works Director Steve Alexander stated the one they repaired before is having problems with the chain getting out of balance with the motor. There were 3 bids to repair the clarifier, Sustanite Support Services, LLC quote was \$125,000, Pemsco quote was \$16,000 (this does not include the crane rental), and Reynold's Environmental quote is \$30,000. Mayor Billy Goodin stated he does not care who fixes it but would like someone with the precision that is required to put the clarifier together so that it is not problematic. Councilman Scott Womack made the motion to table this item until further information can be gathered but meet in 2 weeks to make a decision on it along with the Jason Street culvert. Councilman Clegg DeWalt 2nd the motion. All remaining members voted yea. Motion carried.

8. Adjourn. 8:17 p.m.

Executive Session: 8:23 p.m.

A. Discussion concerning personnel and contracts under Gov. Code 551.074. Closed executive at 8:50 p.m.

B. Reconvene in open session: 8:51 p.m.

A. Action necessary as a result of Executive Session. No action taken.

C. Adjourn. 8:52 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 July 27, 2023 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: Bubba Smith, Scott Womack, and Bryan Buck

City Administrator: Tim King

Councilman Absent: Clegg DeWalt

Call meeting to order. -- Mayor Billy Goodin called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m. and verified that a Quorum was present for the meeting.

- 1. Discussion and Action regarding repairs to the culvert and roadway on Jason Street.** There are 3 bids that were received, Duplichain Contractors bid was \$14,900.00, K & M Hay Services bid was \$20,500.00 and Burleson Contracting bid was \$39,000.00 if we do rock on top or \$49,000.00 if they do the rock. Mayor Billy Goodin stated Precinct 3 Commissioner Neal Smith will dig up the culvert to see where we are at, then see what it would take instead of doing bags of concrete, do forms and pour the concrete. Councilman Scott Womack made the motion to authorize the Mayor to spend up to \$15,000 on this project instead of having to keep going out for bids and let the city and Precinct 3 do the work. Mayor Pro-Tem Phillip Morrison 2nd the motion. All remaining members voted yea. Motion carried.
- 2. Discussion and Action regarding Ordinance #23-0005 permission for sign at the corner of FM 1617 and S. Robb Street.** City Administrator Tim King stated this Ordinance is to approve a placement for a welcome sign at the property located at the corner of FM 1617 and S. Hwy 19. TX Dot owns the property but the city leases it and this Ordinance has to be approved by the city so TX Dot will allow the welcome sign. Mayor Pro-Tem Phillip Morrison made the motion to approve the Ordinance. Councilman Scott Womack 2nd the motion. All remaining members voted yea. Motion carried.
- 3. Adjourn.** Councilman Scott Womack made the motion to adjourn. Councilman Bryan Buck 2nd the motion. All remaining members voted yea. Motion carried. 6:23 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 10, 2023 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: Tim King

Councilman Absent: Bryan Buck

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 13, 2023 and Special Meeting July 27, 2023.** Councilman Scott Womack 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 Bubba Smith 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 July 2023 were \$1,973,372. Our bill paying account balance at the end of July 2023 was \$186,840. Accounts payable are \$64,856. Account receivables are \$156,487. The Municipal Court collected \$13,510 for the month of July 2023 with the OMNI Program collecting \$25 of that total. The sales tax collected for the month of July 2023 is \$140,703. The Fire Department donations for the month of July 2023 were \$152. The water collections for the month of July 2023 were \$150,823. Total deposits for the month of July 2023 were \$353,877. Tex Class balance at the end of July 2023 was \$1,513,824. Texas Class interest earned for July 2023 was \$6,829 an overall interest is \$11,824.
 - A. **Grant Related Business.** City Administrator Tim King stated the water line grant is completed, it is all tied in and has been pressure tested and is good to go.
 - B. **Project Updates** – Mr. King stated we did get the 2023 Chevy Tahoe from Danny Brown's body shop so it is back on the road now. Burn ban signs have also been ordered to go on our city limit signs. Councilman Scott Womack asked the status on the culvert on Jason Street, Public Works Director stated his crew and Precinct 3's crew were able to get it dug out and put back in but now he is waiting on the guy to do the concrete work.
5. **Department Reports.** Police Chief Daniel Kee stated they picked back up the traffic enforcement due to school being back in session, they cited and warned 315 people. Five people were taken to jail for assault, possession of controlled substance, stalking, and suspicious vehicle. They also took four cases to grand jury which are all indictable and they are taking four more cases tomorrow. Public Works Director Steve Alexander stated his crew got VanDyke Street and Sabine Street ready to be paved and they just have San Jacinto Street left to do. Mr. King stated Code Enforcement Official Clay Mathis issued one building permit for \$721.50, four vending permits worth \$265 and two moving permits worth \$200. Mr. Mathis also issued three ordinance violations by mail and one by phone. He also received three complaints on a residence on Elm Street which it is being cleaned up but slowly and the resident was issued a citation. Councilman Bubba Smith asked about the status of the house on Parker Street, Mr. King stated they are in the process of cleaning

both the properties up, the issue with the 2nd house on the street is kids toys in the yard. The one on the corner they have mowed it and done some clean up but the city is pushing them to get it cleaned up.

6. Unfinished Business.

- 1. Discussion and Action regarding the sale of surplus equipment.** Mayor Billy Goodin stated the city received two proposals and it has been tabled twice so we need to make a decision. Councilman Scott Womack stated the Fire Department took sealed bids on some of their surplus equipment and opened the bids this past Monday and they accepted all but one and it was a smooth process. Mr. Womack suggested letting the department heads make a list of what they want to sell and bring it before council to approve the items and let the department heads decide which route they want to take on selling their items whether it be online, an auction or sealed bids. Councilman Scott Womack made his suggestion in a form of a motion. Mayor Pro-Tem Phillip Morrison 2nd the motion. All remaining members voted yea. Motion carried. Councilman Bubba Smith stated they are elected to make the best decisions for the city and is a firm believer in using local people as much as possible but also know they have to do what is in the best interest of the city. Mr. Smith does not want to sign any contracts and be obligated to one particular business and have the option to use someone else if they are not happy with the other business. If the sales tax is coming back to the city and everything that Public Surplus has said is true then that is the most cost-effective option for the city.

7. New Business.

- 1. Discussion and Action with Raymond Hamilton regarding a street light on Hamilton Avenue.** Mr. Hamilton started by thanking Public Works Director Steve Alexander and his crew for fixing a water meter issue he had at his residence and also thanked Councilman Scott Womack with his help on a medical call for his great grandchild. Mr. Hamilton stated he has grandkids and it is dark near his house located at 110 Hamilton Avenue and would like to brighten that area up. Councilman Bubba Smith made the motion to approve the street light. Councilman Scott Womack 2nd the motion. All remaining members voted yea. Motion carried.
- 2. Discussion and Action concerning security cameras.** Mayor Billy Goodin stated they received two bids and J-Tech had to do a revision to his since his bid was from last year. Councilman Bubba Smith asked Jewade Rauf with J-Tech about his warranty and Mr. Rauf stated his warranty is for five years for every camera. Mr. Smith said Elkins quote shows a one-year licensing for one year for \$12,752. Their quote from July for the city barn and City Hall was for \$25,758.26 and J-Tech's quote was just for the city barn for \$9,500.91. With Elkins quote for a five-year warranty the cost is \$15,886.66. It was also mentioned that Verkada has a pending lawsuit due to 150,000 security cameras being hacked. They do everything with a cloud while J-Tech does his on a hard drive (Network Video Recorder). There will be a network backup attached to the hard drive in case the hard drive fails then it would backup to a cloud. Cat 5 cable would be installed which will last 30-40 years and any new cameras in the future can be plugged into that existing cat 5 cable. Mr. Rauf stated he has a trade and save program for his existing customers so when a customer wants to upgrade their cameras, he will buy those cameras back and give a discounted price on the upgraded cameras. The cameras will also run on a peer-to-peer network so that the static ip addresses will not change. Councilman Bubba Smith made the motion to go with J-Tech's proposal. Councilman Clegg DeWalt 2nd the motion. Councilman Scott Womack did not vote due to Jewade Rauf being his son. All remaining members voted yea. Motion carried.
- 3. Discussion and Action reviewing the 2023 Tax Roll as certified by Trinity County Appraisal District.** Mayor Pro-Tem Phillip Morrison made the motion to approve the tax roll. Councilman Clegg DeWalt 2nd the motion. All remaining members voted yea. Motion carried.

8. Adjourn. 7:54 p.m.

Executive Session: 7:56 p.m.

A. Discussion concerning personnel and contracts under Gov. Code 551.074. Closed executive at 8:09 p.m.

A. Reconvene in open session: 8:10 p.m.

A. Action necessary as a result of Executive Session. No action taken.

B. Adjourn. 8:10 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 August 17, 2023 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, Scott Womack, and Bryan Buck

City Administrator: Tim King

Councilman Absent:

Call meeting to order. -- Mayor Billy Goodin called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m. and verified that a Quorum was present for the meeting.

- 1. Discussion and Action to propose the tax rate for 2023.** Mayor Billy Goodin stated our current tax rate is 0.62 and the proposed tax rate is 0.5837 which will generate \$54,169 for the upcoming tax year. Mayor Pro-Tem Phillip Morrison made the motion to go with the proposed tax rate of 0.5837. Councilman Scott Womack 2nd the motion. All remaining members voted yea. Motion carried.
- 2. Budget Workshop.** Mayor Billy Goodin stated he has copies of last years budget for the council to review and we also need to work on amendments. Mayor Goodin stated we will have another budget workshop in a couple of weeks.
- 3. Adjourn.** 6:40 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 September 14, 2023 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, Scott Womack, and Bryan Buck

City Administrator: Tim King

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 10, 2023 and Special Meeting August 17, 2023.** 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 Bubba Smith 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 August 2023 were \$1,755,507. Our bill paying account balance at the end of August 2023 was \$255,299. Accounts payable are \$63,140. Account receivables are \$166,487. The Municipal Court collected \$16,480 for the month of August 2023 with the OMNI Program collecting \$0 of that total. The sales tax collected for the month of August 2023 is \$80,182. The Fire Department donations for the month of August 2023 were \$152. The water collections for the month of August 2023 were \$152,004. Total deposits for the month of August 2023 were \$537,193. Tex Class balance at the end of August 2023 was \$1,202,412. Texas Class interest earned for August 2023 was \$6,383 an overall interest is \$20,440.
 - A. **Grant Related Business.** City Administrator Tim King stated the water line grant is completed, it is all tied in and has been pressure tested and is good to go.
 - B. **Project Updates** – Mr. King stated the paving of San Jacinto Street, W. Bette Street, Van Dyke Street and Sabine Street have been completed. They have discussed doing oil sands on some of the roads such as Trinlady Park Road.
5. **Department Reports.** Police Chief Daniel Kee stated they conducted 310 traffic stops, 27 felony cases, 27 misdemeanor A and B cases along with 24 class C arrests.
6. **New Business.**
 1. **Discussion with Stacey Brown with Healthcare Center of Southeast Texas regarding the mobile primary care.** Mrs. Brown stated Healthcare Center of Southeast Texas is an established healthcare entity with 5 locations which is Cleveland, Shepard, Livingston, Liberty and Dayton. They are a federally qualified healthcare system so they have grant funding that helps the indigent population as well as the medically underserved population. They received funding through their temple foundation that allowed them to purchase their mobile unit. It will be staffed with a medical doctor, nurse, medical assistant and a front desk representative. The mobile care

unit will not house narcotics but will have antibiotics, and other medications such as high blood pressure. Mrs. Brown spoke with Loaves and Fishes and the Martin Senior Citizen and they are both interested in hosting the mobile care unit and is open to other locations that may be willing to host.

2. **Discussion and Action with Matthew and Jennifer Budzise proposing a tiny home community located on Prospect Drive.** Mrs. Budzise stated they are in the process of purchasing the property at Crestway Street and Hwy 19 where the old dealership use to be. They have subdivided the property and did a survey and it is a little over an acre that they are wanting to turn into a tiny home community. The tentative plan shows 18 to 21 tiny homes with a laundry facility. They are also considering doing 3 or 4 units as an Airbnb instead of long term rentals. Mayor Goodin asked Public Works Director Steve Alexander how he plans on doing the utilities and Mr. Alexander suggested doing a meter for each structure. Mr. Budzise said they talked about doing a master meter but Councilman Scott Womack said the tenants would be more accountable if they had their own meter. Councilman Bubba Smith made the motion to table until all the kinks are worked out with the utilities. Councilman Clegg DeWalt 2nd the motion. All remaining members voted yea. Motion carried.
3. **Discussion and Action with Debbie Wilson of Trinity County Pet Fixers regarding the program and donation.** Mrs. Wilson stated she brought statistics that will show what last year's donation was able to provide. For the City of Trinity, they gave out a total of 34 spay and neuter vouchers totaling \$2,060.00. Trinity County Pet Fixers did receive a grant for a free spay and neuter day that will be October 4, 2023 at the Y in Groveton. It will be done by D Hart which is the mobile unit they give out the vouchers for. Councilman Bubba Smith made the motion to donate \$1,000.00 to Trinity County Pet Fixers. Councilman Clegg DeWalt 2nd the motion. All remaining members voted yea. Motion carried.
4. **Discussion and Action to pass Ordinance #23-0006 concerning water and sewer rates.** City Administrator Tim King stated last year's budget was based on an increase in water, sewer and solid waste but it did not get done for the first six months of the budget year so this increase is half of what the city went up then. It went up 10% in the last increase and it will go up 5% this time. Mayor Goodin stated the expenses did come down in water but we were short on the revenue side. Councilman Clegg DeWalt made the motion to approve the Ordinance. Mayor Pro-Tem Phillip Morrison 2nd the motion. All remaining members voted yea. Motion carried.
5. **Discussion and Action to pass Ordinance #23-0007 regarding solid waste rates.** Mr. King stated the solid waste rates went up 15% with the last increase so this increase is half of that at 7.5%. Residential pick-up will go from \$17.25 to \$18.54 monthly and dumpster prices will go up \$5.00. Councilman Bubba Smith made the motion to approve the Ordinance. Councilman Scott Womack 2nd the motion. All remaining members voted yea. Motion carried.
6. **Discussion and Action to pass Ordinance #23-0008 concerning signs and billboards.** Councilman Scott Womack stated there are multiple billboard signs that are an eyesore and need to be maintained. Letters can be sent to the owners by the Ordinance Enforcement Official to notify them to either remove or replace the signs. Mayor Goodin asked how it will be enforced if the owners fail to fix the issue. Mr. King said an amendment can be done to add fees to the Ordinance. Councilman Clegg DeWalt made the motion to approve the Ordinance. Councilman Scott Womack 2nd the motion. All remaining members voted yea. Motion carried.
7. **Discussion and Action to pass Ordinance #23-0009 fixing and levying Municipal Ad Valorem Taxes for the City of Trinity, Texas for the year 2023-2024 and directing the assessment and collection thereof.** Mayor Pro-Tem Phillip Morrison made the motion to approve the Ordinance. Councilman Scott Womack 2nd the motion. All remaining members

voted yea. Motion carried.

8. **Discussion and Action to pass Resolution #23-0005 on adopting the 2023 Tax Roll.** Mayor Pro-Tem Phillip Morrison made the motion to approve the Resolution. Councilman Scott Womack 2nd the motion. All remaining members voted yea. Motion carried.
9. **Discussion and Action to pass Resolution 23-0006 establishing interest and sinking funds for all debts owed by the city for the fiscal year October 1, 2023 to September 30, 2024.** Councilman Clegg DeWalt made the motion to approve the Resolution. Mayor Pro-Tem Phillip Morrison 2nd the motion. All remaining members voted yea. Motion carried.
10. **Discussion and Action to pass Resolution #23-0007 establishing deposit requirements to retire debts for fiscal year October 1, 2023 to September 30, 2024.** Councilman Clegg DeWalt made the motion to approve the Resolution. Mayor Pro-Tem Phillip Morrison 2nd the motion. All remaining members voted yea. Motion carried.
11. **Discussion and Action to pass Resolution #23-0008 on adopting the city budget for fiscal year October 1, 2023 to September 30, 2024.** Councilman Bubba Smith suggested tabling it until they can look at it further because he disagrees with every employee getting the same raise across the board. Mayor Goodin stated the 5% dollar amount was figured in so that does not mean every employee will get the 5% raise, that gives the dollar amount they have to utilize individual raises and consider market values. Mayor Goodin a meeting will be scheduled to discuss the raises. Mayor Pro-Tem Phillip Morrison made the motion to approve the budget. Councilman Scott Womack 2nd the motion. All remaining members voted yea. Motion carried.
12. **Discussion and Action to approve the Holiday calendar for fiscal year October 1, 2023 to September 30, 2024.** Councilman Clegg DeWalt made the motion to approve the Holiday calendar. Mayor Pro-Tem Phillip Morrison 2nd the motion. All remaining members voted yea. Motion carried.
13. **Discussion and Action to increase Municipal Court fines.** Councilman Scott Womack stated he looked at this yesterday and it should have been done years ago. Mr. Womack said it is not right that someone can be pulled over in the city limits by a city officer and the fine is one amount and the county can pull someone over in that same spot but the fine is more. He believes the city fines should match or at least be fairly close to the county fines. State court costs are \$144 per ticket collected, so if a fine is only \$181 the city only retains \$37.00 of it. Councilman Clegg DeWalt made the motion to approve increasing the court fines. Councilman Bubba Smith 2nd the motion. All remaining members voted yea. Motion carried.

County Attorney Colton Hay addressed some concerns regarding the Trinity Police Department.

7. **Adjourn.** 8:23 p.m.

Executive Session: 8:25 p.m.

- A. **Discussion concerning personnel and contracts under Gov. Code 551.074.** Closed executive at 8:58 p.m.
- B. **Reconvene in open session:** 8:59 p.m.
 - A. **Action necessary as a result of Executive Session.** No action taken.
- C. **Adjourn.** 8:59 p.m.

Mayor Billy Goodin

Phillip Morrison, Mayor Pro-Tem