

**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.

7. Adjourn. 8:39pm.

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