

**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 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, Scott Womack, and Bryan Buck

City Administrator: Tim King

Councilman Absent:

- A. 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.
- B. Approval of minutes for the Regular Meeting September 14, 2023.** Councilman Bubba Smith made the motion to approve the minutes. Councilman Clegg DeWalt 2nd the motion. All remaining members voted yea. Motion carried.
- C. Approve bills for payment.** Mayor Pro-Tem Phillip Morrison made the motion to approve the bills for payment. Councilman Bubba Smith 2nd the motion. All remaining members voted yea. Motion carried.
- D. City Manager’s Report** -- Our total funds at the end of September 2023 were \$1,834,959. Our bill paying account balance at the end of September 2023 was \$462,567. Accounts payable are \$66,793. Account receivables are \$174,141. The Municipal Court collected \$11,166 for the month of September 2023 with the OMNI Program collecting \$482 of that total. The sales tax collected for the month of September 2023 is \$82,144. The Fire Department donations for the month of September 2023 were \$150. The water collections for the month of September 2023 were \$166,487. Total deposits for the month of September 2023 were \$492,631. Tex Class balance at the end of September 2023 was \$1,086,815. Texas Class interest earned for September 2023 was \$5,138 an overall interest is \$25,053.
- A. Grant Related Business.** No grant related business.
- B. Project Updates** – City Administrator Tim King stated the concrete is completed on Jason Street and the road is opened back up.
- E. Department Reports.** Police Chief Daniel Kee stated they had 117 traffic citations, 13 felony cases and 19 misdemeanor cases. Public Works Director Steve Alexander said the water tower behind the bank is still overflowing but All Around Electric has ordered a mercury switch to see if that will fix the issue.
- F. Unfinished Business.**
- A. Discussion and Action with Matthew and Jennifer Budzise proposing a tiny home community located on Prospect Drive.** Mrs. Budzise stated the new drawings show where they will be putting the water and sewer lines. They are going to do the tiny homes in stages and try to do six tiny homes at a time. Each tiny home will have its own meter next to it and only one sewer tap will need to be done running along Crestway Street. Mayor Pro-Tem Phillip Morrison made the motion to approve the tiny home community located on Prospect Drive. Councilman Clegg DeWalt 2nd the motion. All remaining members voted yea. Motion carried.
- G. New Business.**
- A. Discussion and Action with Aleida Rodriguez concerning putting in a food court behind**

the vape shop located at 641 S. Robb Street. Mrs. Rodriguez stated she will rent out the spots to the mobile food trucks and each spot will have water, sewer and electricity. Councilman Clegg DeWalt made the motion to approve the food court. Councilman Bubba Smith 2nd the motion. All remaining members voted yea. Motion carried.

- B. Discussion and Action to vote for the Trinity County Appraisal District Board Members.** The current Board of Directors are Ivy Evans, Doug Page, James Due, Monty Huffman and Kevin Searcy. Councilman Clegg DeWalt made the motion to nominate all five of the current Board of Directors. Councilman Bubba Smith 2nd the motion. All remaining members voted yea. Motion carried.
- C. Discussion and Action to pass Resolution #23-0009 authorizing an interlocal agreement with the City of Trinity and Trinity County for the submission of an application of a Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP) through the US Forest Service.** Councilman Bubba Smith made the motion to approve the Resolution. Councilman Clegg DeWalt 2nd the motion. All remaining members voted yea. Motion carried.
- D. Discussion and Action to approve an Interlocal Agreement with the City of Trinity and Trinity County to allow Trinity County to apply for a grant of up to \$250,000 from the US Forest Service under the Community Wildfire Protection Plan Grant Program to develop and complete a Community Wildfire Protection Plan.** Councilman Bubba Smith made the motion to approve the interlocal agreement. Councilman Clegg DeWalt 2nd the motion. All remaining members voted yea. Motion carried.
- E. Discussion and Action concerning the date of the 2024 Fireworks Display.** Councilman Bubba Smith stated he would like to have it as close to July 4th as they can. Councilman Bubba Smith made the motion to have the 2024 Fireworks Display on Friday, July 5th. Councilman Clegg DeWalt 2nd the motion. All remaining members voted yea. Motion carried.

H. Adjourn. 7:28 p.m.

Executive Session: 7:36 p.m.

A. Discussion concerning personnel and contracts under Gov. Code 551.074. Closed executive at 8:12 p.m.

A. Reconvene in open session: 8:13 p.m.

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

B. Adjourn. 8:13 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 October 19, 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, Scott Womack and Bryan Buck

City Administrator: Tim King

Councilman Absent: Bubba Smith

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

- 1. Discussion and Action to pass Resolution #23-0010 to authorize the filling of a grant application with DETCOG for a regional solid waste grants program grant.** This grant would allow us to have four roll-off dumpsters put at the city barn on a Saturday from 8am to 12pm. The front and back gates will be open so that citizens can drive through and dump any heavy items they have. Councilman Scott Womack made the motion to approve the Resolution. Councilman Bryan Buck 2nd the motion. All remaining members voted yea. Motion carried.
- 2. Adjourn.** 6:07 p.m.

Billy Goodin, Mayor

Phillip Morrison, Mayor Pro-Tem

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The Special Meeting of the City Council of the City of Trinity was held on October 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: Scott Womack and Bryan Buck

City Administrator: Tim King

Councilman Absent: Clegg DeWalt and Bubba Smith

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

- 1. Discussion and Action to approve the Economic Development Board's recommendation of a Welcome to Trinity Sign.** Mayor Pro-Tem Phillip Morrison made the motion to approve the Welcome to Trinity Sign. Councilman Scott Womack 2nd the motion. All remaining members voted yea. Motion carried.
- 2. Discussion and Action to appoint a member to the Economic Development Board.** Mayor Billy Goodin recommended appointing Joy Neal to the Economic Development Board. Councilman Scott Womack made the motion to approve the Mayor's recommendation. Councilman Bryan Buck 2nd the motion. All remaining members voted yea. Motion carried.
- 3. Adjourn.** 6:02 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 November 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, Scott Womack, and Bryan Buck

City Administrator: Tim King

Councilman Absent:

A. 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.

B. Approval of minutes for the Regular Meeting October 12, 2023 and Special Meetings October 19, 2023 and October 27, 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.

C. 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.

D. City Manager’s Report -- Our total funds at the end of October 2023 were \$1,567,678. Our bill paying account balance at the end of October 2023 was \$150,753. Accounts payable are \$64,361. Account receivables are \$117,928. The Municipal Court collected \$12,310 for the month of October 2023 with the OMNI Program collecting \$0 of that total. The sales tax collected for the month of October 2023 is \$146,251. The Fire Department donations for the month of October 2023 were \$161. The water collections for the month of October 2023 were \$155,582. Total deposits for the month of October 2023 were \$360,296. Tex Class balance at the end of October 2023 was \$1,091,954. Texas Class interest earned for October 2023 was \$5,139 an overall interest is \$28,377.

A. Grant Related Business. City Administrator Tim King stated he had a presentation in Lufkin today regarding the grant from DETCOG for the clean-up program so that is moving forward.

B. Project Updates.

E. Department Reports. Public Works Director Steve Alexander said he still has not found anyone to give him a bid on the drying beds at the wastewater treatment plant but everything else is operating well at the moment. Mr. Alexander also said the Jason Street culvert is completed and the road is opened back up, he checked it after we had a good rain and he said it held up very well and does not see any problems with it in the future. Police Chief Daniel Kee stated they had 139 traffic stops, 12 felony arrests and 17 misdemeanor cases.

Economic Development Board President Neal Smith stated when the E.D. Board bought the property south of town five years ago, Lamar Signs had a billboard on the property and currently still does. Mr. Smith called the owner of the billboard years ago and the owner stated he would work up a contract and pay the lease on the billboard but the E.D. Board has not received any money yet. The owner called the City Hall a week ago stating he needed the E.D. Board to sign off on a permit for TX Dot for approval of a new billboard, Vice President Keith Johnson informed the owner they would not sign off on the permit due to no fees ever being received. The E.D. Board has decided to not allow the billboard to be on the property anymore and will send a certified letter to Lamar Signs stating they have 30 days to remove the current billboard. Mr. Smith would like the city to sign off on the letter as well.

F. Unfinished Business.

G. New Business.

- A. Discussion and Action regarding the Community Center and Annex contracts and rates.** Mayor Billy Goodin stated he would like the council to look over the current contracts and come up any suggestions on updates because they are going to make some adjustments to it.
- B. Discussion and Action concerning a quote from J-Tech for the City Hall and Police Department.** Councilman Clegg DeWalt stated the quote is \$23,000.00 and this item has been discussed previously and would like to approve the quote. Mayor Billy Goodin stated this was not budgeted and they will have to look at the budget to see if any amendments can be made. Mayor Pro-Tem Phillip Morrison made the motion to table this item until funding can be found. Councilman Clegg DeWalt 2nd the motion. All remaining members voted yea. Motion carried.

H. Adjourn. 7:26 p.m.

Executive Session: 7:28 p.m.

- A. Discussion concerning personnel and contracts under Gov. Code 551.074.** Closed executive at 7:56 p.m.
- B. Reconvene in open session:** 7:57 p.m.
A. Action necessary as a result of Executive Session. No action taken.
- C. Adjourn.** 7:57 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 November 16, 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 6:02 p.m. and verified that a Quorum was present for the meeting.

1. Discussion and Action regarding the Community Center and Annex contracts and rates.

Councilman Scott Womack stated the reason he brought this before council is because the contract currently shows the city is charging a \$75.00 non-refundable clean-up fee so renters could leave the building in a mess and there is no repercussions for it. Councilman Womack suggested making the clean-up deposit that is large enough for renters to clean up after themselves. Councilman Womack also stated the Officer needs to be present during the whole duration of the event instead of the last 4 hours. Mayor Goodin suggested changing the fee for the main hall without kitchen from \$250.00 to \$300.00 and if the kitchen will be used change it from \$25.00 to \$50.00, so that would make the total rental cost \$425.00 instead of \$350.00. Mayor Goodin also stated the events should end at midnight and everyone should be out of the community center by 1:00 a.m. Mayor Pro-Tem Phillip Morrison made the motion to approve the new rates, the Officer being present for the whole duration of the event and everyone should be out by 1:00 a.m. Councilman Bubba Smith 2nd the motion. All remaining members voted yea. Motion carried.

2. Discussion and Action concerning a quote from J-Tech for the City Hall and Police Department surveillance.

Mayor Goodin stated when he received this proposal he was uncomfortable about a couple of things. One was the budget, and second, he does not know if this was a good bid or not because he does not know what the price is. There were two other bids around \$17,000.00 but Jewade's bid was \$25,000.00. Mayor Goodin stated City Administrator Tim King and himself did some research and where the big difference is was on the markup on the equipment. Mayor Goodin figured it to be a 390% markup on the cameras. Councilman Bubba Smith stated he is a firm believer and feels that the city needs to update their security because the last time it was updated was in 2013. Councilman Smith stated J-Tech usually compares his camera prices to others and some companies use 1080i and J-Tech's is megapixel which is a better quality. Mayor Goodin stated they looked at those exact cameras and it shows a 390% markup. Mayor Goodin asked since the cameras were not budgeted can we get by with what we currently have or do some minor upgrades until next fiscal year. Councilman Smith believes it can wait and he will get with Mr. Rauf on his pricing. He also suggested if the city could do at least one camera it needs to be put in the jail in case of any incidents. Councilman Smith made the motion to table the cameras until we can figure out the budget for one and consider doing one camera above the jail cells. Councilman Clegg DeWalt 2nd the motion. All remaining members voted yea. Motion carried.

3. Discussion and Action to approve proclamations on Veterans Appreciation and Haley Burk.

Mayor Billy Goodin stated the Veterans Appreciation Day Proclamation was presented Monday, November 13, 2023 at the River Pointe Nursing Home. Haley Burk was in a fatal car accident and her mother has done scholarships and fundraisers in her memory and would like her birthday December 23 to be proclaimed as Be Kind Day. Mayor Goodin stated it is similar to pay it forward. Mayor Pro-Tem Phillip Morrison made the motion to approve the Proclamations. Councilman Clegg DeWalt 2nd the motion. All remaining members voted yea. Motion carried.

4. Discussion and Action to approve the Economic Development Board's recommendations in regards

to the Lamar Sign company. Economic Development Board's Vice President Keith Johnson stated there are currently four billboards on their property and the owner of Lamar Signs has given the Board the run around for years now and will not pay the lease on the signs and now wants the E.D. Board to sign off on a TX DOT permit to upgrade the signs. The E.D. Board has decided to have the billboards removed from the property. Mayor Pro-Tem Phillip Morrison made the motion to approve the Economic Development Boards recommendations. Councilman Bubba Smith 2nd the motion. All remaining members voted yea. Motion carried.

5. Adjourn. 6:50 p.m.

Billy Goodin, Mayor

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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:

- A. 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.
- B. Approval of minutes for the Regular Meeting November 9, 2023 and Special Meeting November 16, 2023.** Councilman Clegg DeWalt made the motion to approve the minutes. Councilman Scott Womack 2nd the motion. All remaining members voted yea. Motion carried.
- C. 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.
- D. City Manager’s Report** -- Our total funds at the end of November 2023 were \$1,568,111. Our bill paying account balance at the end of November 2023 was \$191,722. Accounts payable are \$65,213. Account receivables are \$159,919. The Municipal Court collected \$14,482 for the month of November 2023 with the OMNI Program collecting \$1,534 of that total. The sales tax collected for the month of November 2023 is \$80,562. The Fire Department donations for the month of November 2023 were \$135. The water collections for the month of November 2023 were \$153,721. Total deposits for the month of November 2023 were \$411,743. Tex Class balance at the end of November 2023 was \$1,096,978. Texas Class interest earned for November 2023 was \$5,024 an overall interest is \$33,401.

A. Grant Related Business.

- B. Project Updates.** Mayor Goodin stated the city and Precinct 3’s crew will help install culverts for the new dirt business south of town so the heavy trucks coming in and out will not break the water or sewer lines on the City’s right of way.

- E. Department Reports.** Public Works Director Steve Alexander stated he has the drying beds patched up at the moment and they are able to use them as is but still needs to get them fixed properly. Mr. Alexander also thanked the Mayor and City Council for his full work crew and said his guys are doing great work. Police Chief Daniel Kee is in a training class in Odessa so Sergeant Hester filled in and stated they had 270 traffic stops, 6 felony arrests and 19 misdemeanor cases for the month of November 2023.

- F. Unfinished Business.** Mayor Billy Goodin presented Shane Williford a Proclamation for Haley Burke Day.

G. New Business.

- A. Discussion and Action with Davis, Heinemann & Company, P.C. regarding the 2021-2022 fiscal year audit.** Pam Huggins stated the financial statements present fairly in all material respects, the respective financial position for the City of Trinity for the year ending September 30, 2022. The cash for the general fund was \$3,060,312 and the liabilities were \$514,935 leaving a fund balance of \$2,323,489. The cash for the water and sewer funds were in a negative position

of (\$1,280,474) and the solid waste fund is in a positive position at \$1,684,148. A majority of the negative position in the water and sewer funds is from years of not charging enough for those services. On the general fund's budget versus actual, the variance under total revenues, \$1,991,500 was budgeted but only \$1,846,454 was collected so it was lower than what was budgeted. On the expense side, \$1,773,635 was budgeted and \$1,970,663 was spent so the excess was (\$342,074) so the ending fund balance for the general fund balance was (\$110,569). Mrs. Huggins stated this audit was a single audit due to \$1,015,979 in federal spending of grant funds. Mayor Pro-Tem Phillip Morrison made the motion to approve the 2021-2022 fiscal year audit. Councilman Clegg DeWalt 2nd the motion. All remaining members voted yea. Motion carried.

- B. Discussion and Action with Jason Schweitzer of Bobcat concerning leasing equipment.** Public Works Director Steve Alexander stated the city got off the lease program with Bobcat a few years ago and would like to get back on the program to be able to get newer equipment and have less maintenance. Mr. Schweitzer with Bobcat stated they had to come up with a new program that is a municipal program. It will be based on the hours the equipment will be used and how many years we want the equipment to figure out what the cost will be. It is also based on the machine size, the capabilities and how they auction the equipment. To change our S550 trac loader to a T66 trac loader would be \$11,000 a year for 400 hours. For a 3-year plan it would be \$7,472.00 for 600 hours per year. The hours can be adjusted which would change the price as well. Mayor Billy Goodin would like to see a justification on how many hours we use the equipment a year and what expenses we currently have without being on the municipal program so they can have a comparison. Councilman Bubba Smith made the motion to table this item until they can have prices on what it cost the city on the equipment we currently have versus what this new program will cost. Councilman Clegg DeWalt 2nd the motion. All remaining members voted yea. Motion carried.
- C. Discussion and Action to vote for the Appraisal District Board of Directors.** Councilman Bubba Smith stated the school board has two of their members on the Appraisal District Board so he feels they will get reelected with no problem but when Doug Page served as County Judge he served on the Appraisal District Board as well. Councilman Smith would like to have the current County Judge Danny Martin serve on the Board and the city give their votes to Judge Martin, James Due and Ivy Evans. Councilman Bubba Smith made the motion to give 100 votes to Danny Martin, 50 votes to James Due and 50 votes to Ivy Evans. Councilman Clegg DeWalt 2nd the motion. All remaining members voted yea. Motion carried.
- D. Discussion and Action to post deadline of Candidate filing for the 2024 City of Trinity Election.** Councilman Bubba Smith made the motion to approve the posting of the deadline. Councilman Scott Womack 2nd the motion. All remaining members voted yea. Motion carried.
- E. Discussion and Action to approve the updated rental contracts for the Community Center and Annex building.** Councilman Bubba Smith asked if something needed to be changed in the contracts in the future could it be, the Mayor and Council answered yes. The cost of renting the Community Center changed from \$350 to \$425, the event must be over with by midnight and everyone must be out of the building by 1am. Also, an Officer will be there when alcohol is involved for the whole duration of the event. Councilman Scott Womack made the motion to approve the updated rental agreements. Councilman Bubba Smith 2nd the motion. All remaining members voted yea. Motion carried.
- F. Discussion regarding the monthly increase for the monthly purchase from Trinity River Authority (TRA).** Mayor Billy Goodin and City Administrator Tim King had a meeting with TRA regarding the monthly increase of \$23,081.00. TRA said the cost of the process chemicals tripled in price from \$23,936.00 a year to \$65,477.00. TCEQ is requiring an Arc Flash Study that cost \$62,000.00 and repairs and maintenance to the plant went from \$63,500 to \$178,375,

the bulk of that is they are changing filter media in 6 pumps which is \$139,000.00. Mayor Goodin said from this point forward the City of Trinity will be a part of their budget process which will be prior to our budget so we will know where we stand each year. Mayor Goodin also asked TRA to do a long-range plan for maintenance and repairs that they foresee in the next five years.

- G. Discussion and Action to approve a local intergovernmental agreement between the City of Trinity and Precinct #3 pertaining to Precinct #3 being able to help the City of Trinity with maintenance.** Commissioner Neal Smith stated in order for one entity to help another entity there needs to be a paper trail. This agreement will be continuance until one of the entities ends it. Mayor Pro-Tem Phillip Morrison made the motion to approve the intergovernmental agreement. Councilman Clegg DeWalt 2nd the motion. All remaining members voted yea. Motion carried.

H. Adjourn. 8:12 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 January 11, 2024 at 5:00 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:

- A. Call meeting to order.** – Mayor Billy Goodin called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. and verified that a Quorum was present for the meeting.
- B. Approval of minutes for the Regular Meeting December 14, 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.
- C. 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.
- D. City Manager’s Report** -- Our total funds at the end of December 2023 were \$1,543,880. Our bill paying account balance at the end of December 2023 was \$142,555. Accounts payable are \$68,089. Account receivables are \$162,956. The Municipal Court collected \$7,910 for the month of December 2023 with the OMNI Program collecting \$487 of that total. The sales tax collected for the month of December 2023 is \$85,571. The Fire Department donations for the month of December 2023 were \$136. The water collections for the month of December 2023 were \$134,460. Total deposits for the month of December 2023 were \$322,780. Tex Class balance at the end of December 2023 was \$1,102,184. Texas Class interest earned for December 2023 was \$5,206 an overall interest is \$38,607.
- A. Grant Related Business.** City Administrator Tim King stated he spoke with Jed Morris with Goodwin, Lasiter and Strong regarding the mitigation grant. Mr. Morris said all the environmental tests have been cleared but still has to get core samples at Rockdale and at the wells and do some geotechnical testing. It should take approximately 30 days to get the tests cleared and approximately 60 days for TCEQ approval and then the project will be ready for bids. Mr. Morris has been hesitant because he just bid a 200,000 gallon tank for the City of Onalaska at \$1.5 million. The City of Trinity asked for a 150,000 gallon tank and it was budgeted at \$850,000 in the grant. He is having to prioritize and figure if the tank is more than \$850,000 we may have to cut back on the Scada system or something else that was in the grant.
- B. Project Updates.**
- E. Department Reports.** Public Works Director Steve Alexander stated the tower behind First National Bank and on W. Pine Valley need to be painted and cleaned on the inside of the towers. He has asked for bids for these repairs and hopes to have them at the next council meeting. Police Chief Daniel Kee stated for the year 2023, they had a total of 2,059 traffic contacts, 654 arrests, 395 of those were felony arrests and 259 were citation arrests. They sent over 96 cases to the County Attorney’s Office and 57 cases to the District Attorney’s Office.
- F. Unfinished Business.**

G. New Business.

A. Discussion and Action with Erez Koskas seeking approval of a mobile home park located at 157 FM 1617 Trinity, TX 75862. Tony D’Cunha is representing Mr. Koskas and stated he knows that mistakes have been made and would like to apologize and come to a compromise. There are currently 4 mobile homes and a cabin on the property currently. Mr. Koskas was not aware that having 4 or more mobile homes on a property turns it into a mobile home park. Two of the mobile homes are 14 foot and 15 foot apart and are suppose to be 20 foot apart. The other 2 mobile homes are not hooked up to city water and sewer yet so they plan on moving those. Councilman Womack stated all cities have ordinances and Mr. Koskas knew very well when he bought this property it was within the city limits but preceded to put in the mobile home park without checking ordinances and obtaining permits. Mr. Womack also stated TXDOT has a 40 foot right of way and the mobile homes are 53 foot and asked where they planned on the residents parking because there is not enough room to put culverts or a road because it would be on the state right of way. Mr. D’Cunha was not aware of this but is asking for an exemption for the 2 mobile homes that have already been tied into city water and sewer. Mr. Womack stated it is fire code that the mobile homes be 20 foot apart and does not feel the city should give a variance due to the safety of the residents. Councilman Bubba Smith mentioned there is another mobile home park that has moved in mobile homes that are not 20 foot apart as well and said everyone needs to be treated the same. Mayor Billy Goodin asked if Mr. Koskas owns South Oaks Trailer Park and Mr. D’Cunha answered yes, Mayor Goodin said he does not want another one like that and will not be for one like that. Mr. D’Cunha wants the new mobile home park to succeed and their plan to do that is when it gets warmer, they are going seed it with grass, put shrubs and trees as well. Mayor Goodin asked what his plans were for the South Oaks Mobile home park since nothing has been done since he purchased it and feels since there has not been any progress with the existing one there will not be with the new one. Mr. D’Cunha said he could give that in writing that they would landscape it, plant some trees and shrubs. Councilman Womack has been in some of those mobile homes at South Oaks and said that some are barely livable, the trailer park is trashed and the road coming in and out of the trailer park is in bad shape but Mr. Koskas wants to put in another mobile home park like this one and asked how would this improve the City of Trinity. Mr. D’Cunha stated there is a maintenance guy that picks up the trash and mows. Mayor Goodin wants something in writing that tells what the plans are, how they plan to proceed, what it is going to look like and what the plans are for the South Oaks mobile home park. Mr. Goodin stated there is a lot of work to do in our town but we cannot make progress if we allow these things to happen. He needs some type of guarantee and assurance that this will be an asset to the community and not a dump. Councilman Clegg DeWalt made the motion to table this until Mr. D’Cunha can bring something in writing of his plans for the 2 mobile home parks. Mayor Pro-Tem Phillip Morrison 2nd the motion. All remaining members voted yea. Motion carried.

H. Adjourn. 5:50 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 February 8, 2024 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:

- A. 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.
- B. Approval of minutes for the Regular Meeting January 11, 2024.** Mayor Pro-Tem Phillip Morrison made the motion to approve the minutes. Councilman Clegg DeWalt 2nd the motion. All remaining members voted yea. Motion carried.
- C. 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.
- D. City Manager’s Report** -- Our total funds at the end of January 2024 were \$1,476,857. Our bill paying account balance at the end of January 2024 was \$161,828. Accounts payable are \$88,218. Account receivables are \$185,963. The Municipal Court collected \$15,109 for the month of January 2024 with the OMNI Program collecting \$545 of that total. The sales tax collected for the month of January 2024 is \$137,096. The Fire Department donations for the month of January 2024 were \$147. The water collections for the month of January 2024 were \$172,721. Total deposits for the month of January 2024 were \$597,459. Tex Class balance at the end of January 2024 was \$1,096,195. Texas Class interest earned for January 2024 was \$5,158 an overall interest is \$43,765.
- A. Grant Related Business.** City Administrator Tim King stated the DETCOG grant has been approved, the gloves and t-shirts for the volunteers have been ordered. We are just waiting for the road beautification committee to set a date for the event. On the mitigation grant we are now 60 days out on when we can start the bidding process.
- B. Project Updates.**
- E. Department Reports.** Public Works Director Steve Alexander stated they are currently working on streets and the drainage. Water Operator Stephen Dowdell stated the residual readings are staying within the average range and the water loss has been less due to less water leaks. Councilman Scott Womack asked what the condition was of the ground storage tank at the wells. Mr. Dowdell said it needs the chlorine system revamped and it does have some leaks that need to be sealed up. Mayor Billy Goodin asked how the sewer plant was, Mr. Alexander stated it is doing good and he spoke with a company about getting a quote to fix the drying beds. Police Chief Daniel Kee stated they had a total of 133 traffic stops, 13 arrests, 10 misdemeanors and 3 felonies were filed for the month of January 2024. The Ordinance Officer sent out 20 certified letters, made 4 contacts and 13 addresses are being investigated.
- F. Unfinished Business.**
- A. Discussion and Action with Tony D’Cunha seeking approval of a mobile home park located at 157 FM 1617 Trinity, TX 75862.** Mr. D’Cunha stated he met with TX Dot regarding the

road and parking for the mobile home park and they did not like the original plans. They proposed this plan which they really liked, one driveway will T off to both sides which will eliminate the parking in front along FM 1617. Therefore, a road will be installed at the back of the property for easy access to each trailer with one main entrance connected to FM-1617. The Fire Chief suggested putting a turn around spot at each end so fire trucks will not have to backup to leave so Mr. D’Cunha said they will be putting in a 4-foot pad for that. Councilman Womack asked what the road and driveway will consist of, Mr. D’Cunha stated they are looking at crushed concrete, Mayor Pro-Tem Phillip Morrison stated in his experience crushed rock would be better, Mr. D’Cunha said they would take that into consideration. Mr. D’Cunha presented a landscaping plan which will consist of grass being planted as ground cover throughout the property, magnolia trees, azalea shrubs and roses be planted around each unit with ground solar lights being installed to each tree. Each unit will have 16 inch by 16 inch stepping stones from the driveway to the porch. Skirtings for the trailers will be done with smartboard instead of vinyl skirting and paint will be applied on all units. Councilman Womack stated he is not seeing any improvements being done to South Oaks trailer park & what is going to prevent the new trailer park to not end up like South Oaks. Mr. Koskas stated he bought South Oaks 2 ½ years ago and the creek with the trash has been an ongoing issue that he is trying to get resolved. Councilman Womack stated he would like to see South Oaks be brought up to code and cleaned up first before the new trailer park gets approved. Councilman Bubba Smith stated they are not here to talk about South Oaks, they did everything the Mayor asked them to do and brought plans of how the new mobile home park will be and the city will hold him accountable to these plans. Mayor Goodin understands that Mr. Koskas is wanting to get the new mobile home park going so he can get them rented to allow him to invest in improvements. Councilman Bubba Smith stated he needs a variance because one of the mobile homes was not 20 feet apart from another mobile home. Councilman Bubba Smith made the motion to allow the variance and approve the mobile home park. Mayor Pro-Tem Phillip Morrison 2nd the motion. Councilman Womack asked if they allow this and hold them to it what is the repercussion if they do not. Councilman DeWalt asked if the mobile homes will have window units hanging out of the windows or will there be central air and heat? Mr. Koskas said they are looking into installing mini split systems. Councilman Smith stated the city has ordinances for that. Councilman Scott Womack did not vote. All other remaining members voted yea. Motion carried.

G. New Business.

- A. Discussion and Action to pass Resolution #24-0001 regarding amendments to the 2023-2024 budget.** 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.
- B. Discussion and Action to put bulkheads for the culverts on Tatom Street.** There was only 1 bid received for this and it was from David Williams for \$15,101.65. Commissioner Neal Smith suggested putting bags of concrete to build it up and it would be cheaper. Councilman Bubba Smith made the motion to table the item until some of the council members can go look at the site and get more suggestions on properly fixing it. Mayor Pro-Tem Phillip Morrison 2nd the motion. All remaining members voted yea. Motion carried.
- C. Discussion and Action regarding leasing equipment from Bobcat of Houston.** Public Works Director Steve Alexander stated Bobcat will buy our machines for \$42,000.00. With that trade in the cost of the new equipment would be \$6,926 per year for a E42 with 600 hours per year, \$7,923 per year for a E50 for 600 hours per year and \$7,472.00 for a T66 for 300 hours per year which would be a yearly cost of \$22,321 for 3 years. Mr. Alexander stated he needs a bigger skid steer most importantly. Councilman Bubba Smith suggested just leasing the bigger skid steer and keeping the other 2 machines that we currently own. Mr. Alexander stated we need new tracs for the other machines as well. Mayor Pro-Tem Phillip Morrison made the motion to trade in our skid steer for the bigger one and buy tracs for the other 2 machines that we currently

own. Councilman Clegg DeWalt 2nd the motion. All remaining members voted yea. Motion carried.

D. Discussion and Action concerning water tower repairs. Brooks Pranger with Viking stated they did an exterior and interior inspection of the water tower on Railroad Street and W. Pine Valley. Mr. Pranger stated the interior is worse on the tower on Railroad Street. For the W. Pine Valley tower the interior repairs are \$89,750.00 and exterior repairs are \$103,300.00 for a total of \$193,050.00. The interior repairs would consist of blast interior surface, full coat of zinc epoxy, stripe coat of epoxy on all seams of high build epoxy, full coat of high solids epoxy, replace interior ladder and install interior handrail. For the exterior repairs it would consist of pressure wash surface, hand tool rusted areas, 1 full coat of epoxy, 1 full coat of polyurethane, balcony repairs, replace vent, replace manway, welding repair & cable safety climb upper ladder. For the tower on Railroad Street the interior repairs are \$89,250.00 and exterior repairs are \$86,300.00 for a total of 175,550.00. For the interior repairs it would consist of blast interior surface, full coat of zinc epoxy, stripe coat of epoxy on all seams of high build epoxy, full coat of high solids epoxy, replace interior ladder, install interior handrail and fix leak. For the exterior repairs it would consist of pressure wash surface, hand tool rusted areas, 1 full coat of epoxy, 1 full coat of polyurethane, redo logo, install ladder gate, cable safety climb upper ladder, welding repair and replace vent. The total cost of both towers for interior and exterior repairs from Viking is \$368,600.00. Mr. Pranger stated they also offer yearly maintenance plans which prolong interior coatings. They also offer a cost spread option where the total cost does not have to be paid out all at once.

Jimmy Amerine with Tandem Tank and Tower did a comprehensive inspection of the towers as well. For the Railroad Street tower it would be a total of \$74,500.00. This would consist of furnishing and installing interior ladder and top hatch, sandblast all interior surfaces of the tank, apply 1 primer coat of S/W Galva-Pac Zinc and a finish coat of S/W Sher-Plate. They would touch up exterior where welding occurred and where current bare metal is showing with the rust stain on the riser will be spot coated. To pressure wash and overcoat the entire exterior of this tank it would be \$39,550.00. For the W. Pine Valley tower it would be a total of \$121,500.00. This would consist of furnishing and installing interior ladder and top hatch, sandblast all interior surface of the tank to a Near-White standard, apply 1 primer coat of S/W Galva-Pac Zinc and a finish coat of S/W Sher-Plate, pressure wash exterior with 3,000 PSI water blast, power tool clean rust areas to bare metal and spot prime with S/W 920 Pre-Prime then apply a finish coat of Sherwin Williams Sher-Cryl HPA to the entire tank. For the total of both tanks from Tandem Tank and Tower would be \$196,000.00 or \$235,000.00 with the pressure wash & overcoat of the entire exterior of the Railroad Street tower. Councilman Bubba Smith made the motion to table the item to make sure both companies bid the same work since the bids were such a significant amount apart. Mayor Pro-Tem Phillip Morrison 2nd the motion. All remaining members voted yea. Motion carried.

E. Discussion and Action on installing lights at the wastewater treatment plant. Public Works Director Steve Alexander stated he received 2 bids, one was from All Around Electric for \$7,725.59 which consists of labor and material to replace 7 flat panels inside of the building, install 3 new UFOs in the warehouse and install 12, 50K area lights on the existing poles, equipment rental 50' pull behind lift. The bid from Alexander Electric Inc. for \$10,200.00 consists of providing and installing 10 new LED floods equal to 1000W each with articulating mount on exiting wooden poles, provide new fixture supply wire, bell box and wire connectors as needed, provide 4X4 boom lift rental to complete installation and troubleshoot existing lighting circuitry to insure proper operation of new lighting. It was suggested to get with Entergy to see what their cost would be to install lighting around the perimeter. Mayor Pro-Tem Phillip Morrison made the motion to table the item until we can get a price from Entergy. Councilman Bubba Smith 2nd the motion. All remaining members voted yea. Motion carried.

H. Adjourn. 8:36 p.m.

Executive Session: 8:40 p.m.

B. Discussion concerning personnel and contracts under Gov. Code 551.074. Closed executive at 8:57 p.m.

C. Reconvene in open session: 8:57 p.m.

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

D. Adjourn. 8:58 p.m.

Mayor Billy Goodin

Phillip Morrison, Mayor Pro-Tem

**THE STATE OF TEXAS
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The Special Meeting of the City Council of the City of Trinity was held on February 15, 2024 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 6:00 p.m. and verified that a Quorum was present for the meeting.

A. New Business

- 1. Discussion and Action to put bulkheads for the culverts on Tatom Street.** The Council did not approve the bid from David Williams for \$15,101.65 for the bulkheads. They decided to build it up with bags of sakrete. Councilman Bubba Smith made the motion to use the bags of sakrete. Mayor Pro-Tem Phillip Morrison 2nd the motion. All remaining members voted yea. Motion carried.
- 2. Discussion and Action concerning water tower repairs.** The Council decided to go with the bids from Tandem Tank and Tower for \$235,550.00. Councilman Bubba Smith made the motion to approve the bids from Tandem Tank and Tower but only do the north tower for \$121,500.00 now and do the Railroad Street in the next budget fiscal year of 2024-2025 for \$113,500.00. Councilman Scott Womack 2nd the motion. All remaining members voted yea. Motion carried.
- 3. Discussion and Action on installing lights at the wastewater treatment plant.** Public Works Director Steve Alexander met with Travis Howard of Entergy and decided on 7 new poles with 1000W LED lights around the perimeter of the wastewater plant. The only fee associated with this would be a monthly fee on the bill for \$322.05, it is \$29.59 per pole and \$9.59 per light plus a maintenance fee. There are no upfront costs with the install. Entergy will install, maintain and replace any fixtures as long as we have them. We are responsible for the rate associated with each fixture per month. This is essentially a maintenance fee for the lights, we do not pay for the electricity for the fixtures, everything is installed in front of the meter. Councilman Scott Womack made the motion to approve having the lights installed by Entergy. Councilman Bubba Smith 2nd the motion. All remaining members voted yea. Motion carried.
- 4. Discussion and Action to Order General Election for the May 4, 2024 City of Trinity Election.** Councilman Bubba Smith made the motion to Order the General Election. Councilman Clegg DeWalt 2nd the motion. All remaining members voted yea. Motion carried.
- 5. Discussion and Action to approve the Economic Development Board's recommendations.** No action was taken by the Economic Development Board.

B. Adjourn. 6:36 p.m.

Billy Goodin, Mayor

Phillip Morrison, Mayor Pro-Tem

**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 March 14, 2024 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:

- A. 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.
- B. Approval of minutes for the Regular Meeting February 8, 2024 and Special Meeting February 15, 2024.** Mayor Pro-Tem Phillip Morrison made the motion to approve the minutes. Councilman Clegg DeWalt 2nd the motion. All remaining members voted yea. Motion carried.
- C. 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.
- D. City Manager’s Report** -- Our total funds at the end of February 2024 were \$1,632,804. Our bill paying account balance at the end of February 2024 was \$261,896. Accounts payable are \$84,968. Accounts receivables are \$170,442. The Municipal Court collected \$16,519 for the month of February 2024 with the OMNI Program collecting \$360 of that total. The sales tax collected for the month of February 2024 is \$75,774. The Fire Department donations for the month of February 2024 were \$140. The water collections for the month of February 2024 were \$160,373. Total deposits for the month of February 2024 were \$509,559. Tex Class balance at the end of February 2024 was \$1,095,218. Texas Class interest earned for February 2024 was \$4,766 an overall interest is \$48,531.
- A. Grant Related Business.** City Administrator Tim King stated he spoke with Jed Morris of Goodwin Lasiter Strong Engineering. Mr. Morris said the core bores have been drilled for geotechnical engineering, upon receiving that report the plans will be completed. The elevated storage tank plans are substantially complete. The underground storage tank project date to turn into TCEQ and wait the 60 days for their approval is March 29, 2024. The booster plant tie is expected to be turned in on April 26, 2024. Scada valves will be April 26, 2024 as well. TRA uses chloramines and the city uses chlorine so usually when those mix it causes brown water but Mr. Morris said this will be solved when we do the underground storage tank because we will be switching to a chloramine system. There was \$500,000.00 set aside for color control so now we can use that money towards the water tower since those prices have gone up significantly.
- B. Project Updates.** City Administrator Tim King stated the work on the wash out on Tatom Street has been completed. Public Works Director Steve Alexander said the new basketball goals were put up and the old ones they took down he will turn those into seven-foot goals for the smaller kids. Mr. Alexander stated the street signs came in as well. He wants to redo all the street sign poles so they will all match.
- E. Department Reports.** Police Chief Daniel Kee stated they had a total of 352 calls for service, 341 traffic contacts and 20 arrests for the month of February 2024.
- F. Unfinished Business.**

G. New Business.

- A. Discussion and Action concerning the 2023 4th quarter investment report.** Mayor Goodin stated this is our first report that our Investment Officer Orrin Hargrave has put together. We will have one of these reports every quarter
- B. Discussion and Action with Terry Weaver in regards to using the city's name in a movie.** Mr. Weaver stated he is a writer, actor and first-time feature-length film producer with a partner. They are currently working on a film and would like to use Trinity in the movie and movie title, it will be called The Beast of Trinity, TX. It will be a mystery-myth drama blend and ultimately the message will be positive. Mr. Weaver would like the Mayor and Council's blessing to use Trinity in the title and movie. Councilman Bubba Smith asked where the movie will be filmed, Mr. Weaver stated it will be filmed in Trinity County, he was interested in the courthouse area in Groveton, the VFW in Trinity, the Veterans of Foreign Wars Memorial Bridge and they are looking at other locations in the county as well. Mayor Pro-Tem Phillip Morrison made the motion to approve Trinity being used in the movie and movie title. Councilman Bubba Smith 2nd the motion. All remaining members voted yea. Motion carried.
- C. Discussion and Action to approve any Economic Development Board recommendations.** No recommendations from the Economic Development Board.

H. Adjourn. 7:25 p.m.

Mayor Billy Goodin

Phillip Morrison, Mayor Pro-Tem