

**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

Phillip Morrison, Mayor Pro-Tem