

**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 10, 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 September 12, 2024 and Special Meeting September 19, 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 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.
- D. City Manager's Report --** Our total funds at the end of September 2024 were \$1,058,266. Our bill paying account balance at the end of September 2024 was \$141,412. Accounts payable are \$42,259. Accounts receivables are \$174,661. The Municipal Court collected \$11,099 for the month of September 2024 with the OMNI Program collecting \$0 of that total. The sales tax collected for the month of September 2024 is \$81,736. The Fire Department donations for the month of September 2024 were \$143. The water collections for the month of September 2024 were \$272,723. Total deposits for the month of September 2024 were \$389,832. Tex Class balance at the end of September 2024 was \$795,937. Texas Class interest earned for September 2024 was \$3,610 an overall interest is \$81,183.

- A. Grant Related Business.** City Administrator Tim King stated the application has been initiated in TDA Go for the CDBG 2025-2026.
- B. Project Updates.** Public Works Director Steve Alexander stated Entergy has installed the extra lighting at the Wastewater Treatment Plant, Community Center and Fire Training Field.

Department Reports. Police Chief Daniel Kee stated for the month of September 2024 they had a total of 59 traffic enforcements and 409 calls for service. Public Works Director Steve Alexander stated they have had a few leaks on Pinecrest Drive and would like to repair this line in the near future because it is an old galvanized line that feeds Trinity Cove. Mr. Alexander stated they won the bid from the City of Huntsville for a tractor with a boom mower for \$9,000.00.

E. Unfinished Business.

F. New Business.

- A. Discussion and Action with Jed Morris of Goodwin Lasiter Strong regarding his recommendation to award a Contractor for the GLO Contract No. 22-082-021-D447 for Site 1 Well Plant.** The City of Trinity received 3 bids for this project. Doughtie Construction Co., Inc. had a base bid of \$950,666.00, Additive Alternate 1 was \$15,500.00 and Additive Alternate 2 was \$0. Duplichain Contractors, LLC had a Base Bid of \$975,404.00, Additive Alternate 1 was \$459,800.00, and Additive Alternate 2 was \$55,000.00. Horton Excavating,

LLC had a Base Bid of \$1,224,422.00, Additive Alternate 1 was \$477,000.00 and Additive Alternate 2 was \$104,500.00. Mr. Morris stated Doughtie Construction used the originally issued Bid Schedule for bidding rather than the revised Bid Schedule which was issued by addendum prior to the bid opening. After the bid opening, Mr. Doughtie communicated by telephone and intended for the value listed as the price for Additive Alternate 1 to be used for Additive Alternate 2. Mr. Doughtie's bid did not include a price for upsizing the ground storage tank to 150,000 gallons. Mr. Morris recommended that Doughtie Construction Co., Inc. bid be rejected on the basis that he did not use the current bid schedule, resulting in an incomplete bid. The instructions to bidders for construction, paragraph 4.a requires that "all bids must be submitted on the forms provided." Paragraph 5.d of the same document states: "The City/County may consider as irregular any bid on which there is an alteration of or departure from the bid form and, at its option, may reject any irregular bid." Mr. Morris recommends that the Base Bid be awarded to Duplichain Contractors, LLC in the amount of \$975,404.00. The amount budgeted for this project is \$1,195,000.00. Councilman Bubba Smith made the motion to award the Base Bid to Duplichain Contractors, LLC for 975,404.00. Councilman Clegg DeWalt 2nd the motion. Councilman Scott Womack abstained. All remaining members voted yea. Motion carried.

- B. Discussion and Action with Jed Morris of Goodwin Lasiter Strong regarding his recommendation to award a Contractor for the GLO Contract No. 22-082-021-D447 for Site 2 Elevated Storage Tank.** The City of Trinity received 3 bids for this project on September 12, 2024. Maguire Iron, Inc. had a Base Bid of \$1,588,200.00 with an Additive Alternate 1 of \$10,000.00. Caldwell Tanks, Inc. had a Base Bid of \$1,630,830.00 with an Additive Alternate 1 of \$6,500.00. Phoenix Fabricators & Erectors, LLC had a Base Bid of \$1,677,000.00 with an Additive Alternate 1 of \$3,000.00. Mr. Morris recommends the Base Bid be awarded to Maguire Iron, Inc. in the amount of \$1,588,200.00. The amount budgeted for this project is \$890,000.00. Councilman Bubba Smith made the motion to award the Base Bid to Maguire Iron, Inc. for \$1,588,200.00. Councilman Scott Womack 2nd the motion. All remaining members voted yea. Motion carried.
- C. Discussion and Action regarding bids for vehicle servicing.** City Administrator Tim King stated they bid the vehicle servicing again since it has been a year since the last bid. There was 2 bids received from Trinity Muffler Shop who currently does our vehicle servicing and Pit Stop. Trinity Muffler Shop's bid was \$89.99 for 6 quarts of oil and Pit Stop's bid was 89.00 for 5 quarts of oil. Councilman Scott Womack made the motion to award the bid to Trinity Muffler Shop. Councilman Clegg DeWalt 2nd the motion. All remaining members voted yea. Motion carried.
- D. Discussion and Action to pass Ordinance #24-0011 to increase water and sewer rates.** Councilman Bubba Smith mentioned having different rates for the commercial rates instead of those rates being the same as the residential rates. Also, the wrong amount was put down for outside the city limits for sewer rates. Councilman Bubba Smith made the motion to table the Ordinance to look into rates for commercial accounts and fix the rate for outside city Councilman Clegg DeWalt made the motion to pass the Resolution. Mayor Pro-Tem Phillip Morrison 2nd the motion. All remaining members voted yea. Motion carried.
- E. Discussion and Action to pass Ordinance #24-0012 to increase solid waste rates.** Councilman Clegg DeWalt made the motion to approve the Ordinance. Councilman Bubba Smith 2nd the motion. All remaining members voted yea. Motion carried.
- F. Discussion and Action to increase water and sewer taps.** The water tap fee will increase from \$950.00 per tap to \$1,500.00 per tap. The sewer tap fee will increase from \$540.00 to \$650.00. Councilman Clegg DeWalt made the motion to approve the Ordinance. Councilman Bryan Buck 2nd the motion. All remaining members voted yea. Motion carried.

G. Discussion and Action regarding rental of dumpsters. Councilman Scott Womack would like to start renting temporary dumpsters to non-commercial residents within the city limits when dumpsters are available. There is a policy stating the rules, regulations, and fees. It also indicates what items cannot be placed in the dumpsters. Councilman Bubba Smith made the motion to approve the policy for rental of dumpsters. Councilman Clegg DeWalt 2nd the motion. All remaining members voted yea. Motion carried.

H. Discussion and Action concerning the City Administrator.

I. Discussion and Action regarding the Chief of Police.

J. Adjourn from Regular Meeting. 7:47 p.m.

Executive Session: 9:06 p.m.

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

A. Reconvene in open session: 9:07 p.m.

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

B. Adjourn. 9:07 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 17, 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, Scott Womack, and Bryan Buck

City Administrator:

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.

A. Discussion and Action regarding Trinity Police Department staffing. Went into Executive Session.

Executive Session: 6:03 p.m.

1. Discussion concerning personnel under Gov. Code 551.074.

B. Reconvene in open session: 6:49 p.m.

1. Action necessary as a result of Executive Session. From the October 10, 2024 Council Meeting for Item H. Discussion and Action concerning the City Administrator, Mayor Pro-Tem Phillip Morrison made the motion to accept City Administrator Tim King's termination. Councilman Clegg DeWalt 2nd the motion. All remaining members voted yea. Motion carried.
For Item I. Discussion and Action regarding the Chief of Police, Mayor Pro-Tem Phillip Morrison made the motion accept Police Chief Daniel Kee's resignation. Councilman Scott Womack 2nd the motion. All remaining members voted yea. Motion carried.

C. Adjourn. 6:49 p.m.

Billy Goodin, Mayor

Phillip Morrison, Mayor Pro-Tem

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The Regular Meeting of the City Council of the City of Trinity was held on November 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:

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 10, 2024 and Special Meeting October 17, 2024.** Councilman Scott Womack 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 Scott Womack 2nd the motion. All remaining members voted yea. Motion carried.
- D. Finance Report --** Our total funds at the end of October 2024 were \$986,018. Our bill paying account balance at the end of October 2024 was \$70,179. Accounts payable are \$82,380. Accounts receivables are \$144,798. The Municipal Court collected \$5,700 for the month of October 2024 with the OMNI Program collecting \$456 of that total. The sales tax collected for the month of October 2024 is \$153,656. The Fire Department donations for the month of October 2024 were \$152. The water collections for the month of October 2024 were \$170,801. Total deposits for the month of October 2024 were \$276,626. Tex Class balance at the end of October 2024 was \$797,172. Texas Class interest earned for October 2024 was \$3,403 and the overall interest is \$84,586.

A. Grant Related Business.

B. Project Updates.

Department Reports. Water Operator Justin Kellum stated they attempted to start the refurbish on the water tower behind First National Bank but had to quickly shut the project down. When the valve was closed to drain the tower, at that point it took the relief off of the lines but it caused 90 psi to run through the system which caused numerous water leaks. Mr. Kellum stated we do not have a VFD (Variable Frequency Drive) system at the moment which would help regulate the pressure and cause a smooth start and smooth stop to eliminate the water hammers. An electrician is coming out Friday, November 15, 2024 to look at what we have to get a VFD installed, ballpark figure without looking at it is around \$5,000.00 which also comes with a phase protector. This would be installed at ground storage.

E. Unfinished Business.

- A. Discussion and Action to pass Ordinance #24-0011 to increase water and sewer rates.** Commercial accounts will now have a different water and sewer rate than residential accounts. Inside city limit water rates did not change but sewer rates did increase. Outside city limit water and sewer rates increased. Councilman Scott Womack made the motion to approve the ordinance. Mayor Pro-Tem Phillip Morrison 2nd the motion. All remaining members voted yea. Motion carried.

F. New Business.

- A. Discussion and Action with Jed Morris of Goodwin Lasiter Strong regarding his recommendation to award a Contractor for the GLO MIT Contract No. 22-082-021-D447 for miscellaneous work to integrate the new elevated storage tank into the water system.** The City of Trinity received 2 bids for this project which were opened on October 16, 2024. Base bids consist of construct water line, meter assembly, enclosure and associated work necessary to integrate the new elevated storage tank into the water system. Additive Alternate 1 consists of Wood Street booster plant demolition, Additive Alternate 2 consists of Calvin Street waterline improvements, Additive Alternate 3 consists of Railroad Street Elevated Storage Tank control valve assembly and associated work, and Additive Alternate 4 consists of Hwy 94 Elevated Storage Tank control valve assembly and associated work. S-Co incorporated. had a base bid of \$172,626.00, Additive Alternate 1 was \$39,195.00, Additive Alternate 2 was \$48,173.00, Additive Alternate 3 was \$63,212.00 and Additive Alternate 4 was \$47,883.00. Duplichain Contractors, LLC had a Base Bid of \$215,880.00, Additive Alternate 1 was \$65,000.00, Additive Alternate 2 was \$50,030.00, Additive Alternate 3 was \$55,000.00 and Additive Alternate 4 was \$45,000.00. Mr. Morris stated the amount budgeted for this work is \$217,161.50, but because the previously bid projects for Sites 1 and 2 came in over budget, we need to make every reasonable effort to reduce costs moving forward. Additive Alternates 1, 2, and 4 are not critical for making the water system function properly. Therefore, Mr. Morris recommends awarding the Base Bid and Additive Alternate 3 to S-Co Incorporated in the amount of \$235,838.00. Councilman Bubba Smith made the motion to go with Mr. Morris' recommendation and award the Base Bid to S-Co Incorporated for \$235,838.00. Councilman Scott Womack 2nd the motion. All remaining members voted yea. Motion carried.
- B. Discussion and Action with Ray Vann of Raymond K. Vann and Associates, LLC to approve Resolution #24-0010 to apply for a 2025-2026 CDBG Community Development Grant through the Texas Department of Agriculture.** Mr. Vann stated this is the grant that the City of Trinity has applied for several times over the decades. Over the years, the grant amount has increased from \$250,000.00 to \$500,000.00, but for this cycle it has increased to \$750,000.00. Mr. Vann stated this sounds good but in reality, with TDA increasing the grant amount there is not more money coming to the state, it just means there will be less projects being funded so it will be a more competitive process. With this cycle, the application process will be different than the ones in the past. Instead of having a project in mind, TDA wants you to present a Resolution that the City of Trinity wants to participate in the community application. Grant consultants are calling it Phase 1 because it basically says we want to get in the door and this is what we will commit to. Resolution #24-0010 states we do want to participate in the Texas Community Development Block Grant Program and would like an application submitted on our behalf that will be placed in the competition with those other communities in DETCOG. It also states that 51% of the funds the City of Trinity receives will go towards a project that is considered a first priority project in DETCOG. Each COG had an ability to set priorities. DETCOG decided to set every eligible project as a priority one project. The reason for this is instead of having water and sewer are top priorities and you get the maximum points for that, they decided to give everybody the same points and allow each city and county to determine what their priorities are. This grant will have a 5% match which will be \$37,500.00. Councilman Bubba Smith made the motion to pass the Resolution. Councilman Clegg DeWalt 2nd the motion. All remaining members voted yea. Motion carried.
- J. Discussion and Action concerning the City Administrator position.** Councilman Clegg DeWalt made the motion to hire Tracy Hutto as City Administrator. Councilman Bryan Buck 2nd the motion. All remaining members voted yea. Motion carried. Mrs. Hutto thanked the Mayor and Council for the opportunity and addressed the community by saying she looks

forward to this, working for you and with you and asks for patience and support while she transitions into her new role.

K. Discussion and Action regarding the Chief of Police position. Executive session.

Julia McMichael with the Chamber of Commerce stated Aeria Bacon is now the President of the Chamber of Commerce and they are requesting for their yearly donation for the annual Christmas event Saturday, December 7, 2024. Mrs. McMichael stated Jonathan Minson has been their MC that brings his own equipment for the last 5 years and will set up from 10am to 8pm. She would also like to give \$250 for first place in the 6 parade categories but hopes to get some of the businesses to donate to that.

G. Adjourn from Regular Meeting. 7:46 p.m.

Executive Session: 7:50 p.m.

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

B. Reconvene in open session: 8:27 p.m.

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

C. Adjourn. 8:27 p.m.

Mayor Billy Goodin

Phillip Morrison, Mayor Pro-Tem

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The Special Meeting of the City Council of the City of Trinity was held on November 26, 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: Tracy Hutto

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.

A. Interviews with Chief of Police applicants. Went into Executive Session to interview four applicants.

Executive Session: 6:03 p.m.

2. Discussion concerning personnel under Gov. Code 551.074.

B. Reconvene in open session: 8:02 p.m.

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

C. Adjourn. 8:02 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 December 9, 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: Tracy Hutto

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. Discussion and Action regarding hiring a Chief of Police.

Executive Session: 6:02 p.m.

1. Discussion concerning personnel under Gov. Code 551.074.

B. Reconvene in open session: 7:14 p.m.

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

C. Adjourn. 7:15 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 December 12, 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: Tracy Hutto

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 14, 2024 and Special Meeting November 26, 2024.** Councilman Clegg DeWalt made the motion to approve the minutes. Councilman Bryan Buck 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. Finance Report --** Our total funds at the end of November 2024 were \$1,073,525. Our bill paying account balance at the end of November 2024 was \$75,842. Accounts payable are \$63,871. Accounts receivables are \$154,082. The Municipal Court collected \$4,968 for the month of November 2024 with the OMNI Program collecting \$808 of that total. The sales tax collected for the month of November 2024 is \$84,718. The Fire Department donations for the month of November 2024 were \$147. The water collections for the month of November 2024 were \$165,767. Total deposits for the month of November 2024 were \$440,680. Tex Class balance at the end of November 2024 was \$871,087. Texas Class interest earned for November 2024 was \$3,209 and the overall interest is \$87,795.
- E. Grant Related Business.** Public Works Director Steve Alexander stated he met with Jed earlier this week and the work at the wells will begin after the first of the year and the work at the water tower started last month.
- F. Project Updates.**
- G. Department Reports.** Public Works Director Steve Alexander stated they have had quite a few water leaks and had to go under a boil water notice today due to the leak on Tatom Street.
- H. Unfinished Business.**
- I. New Business.**
- A. Discussion and Action to post deadline of Candidate filing for the 2025 City of Trinity Election.** Councilman Bubba Smith made the motion to approve the Candidate filing. Councilman Clegg DeWalt 2nd the motion. All remaining members voted yea. Motion carried.
- B. Discussion and Action to pass Ordinance #24-0012 regarding the Drought Contingency Plan.** This plan has to be looked at every five years per TCEQ and if any changes need to take place, then the Drought Contingency Plan would be updated. At this time, no updates were needed but has to be reapproved. Councilman Bubba Smith made the motion to approve the Drought Contingency Plan. Councilman Bryan Buck 2nd the motion. All remaining members

voted yea. Motion carried.

- L. Discussion and Action to pass Resolution #24-0011 to authorize elected and employed officers to sign and counter sign its checks.** This resolution will update the signature cards at First National Bank that will add City Administrator Tracy Hutto, and the three others will remain the same, Mayor Billy Goodin, Mayor Pro-Tem Phillip Morrison and City Secretary Jennifer Priddy. Mayor Pro-Tem Phillip Morrison made the motion to pass the Resolution. Councilman Scott Womack 2nd the motion. All remaining members voted yea. Motion carried.
- M. Discussion and Action to pass Resolution #24-0012 to designate a person to act as agents to deposit and pick up the night depository bag.** This resolution will add City Administrator Tracy Hutto as a designee and the other three designees will remain the same, Sheila Bankston, Lisa Cathey and Jennifer Priddy. Council Scott Womack made the motion to pass the Resolution. Councilman Clegg DeWalt 2nd the motion. All remaining members voted yea. Motion carried.
- N. Discussion and Action on the Economic Development Board's recommendations.** Economic Board President Neal Smith stated George McMichael came before the board and asked for \$23,900.00 for three awnings. One would be for 104 N. Robb Street that use to be All Around Electric, future business will be Child Care. For an awning, gutters, and labor for this address will be \$6,000.00. This will consist of installing custom fabricated 24-gauge eave trim, rake, trim, head wall, counter flashing and a steel U panel roof. At 112 E. Main Street that use to be Trinity Standard, future new business will be The Standard American Bistro. For this location, the awning, gutters and labor will be \$13,100.00. This one will consist of installing custom fabricated copper residential profile eave trim on rakes and eave. Install custom fabricated standing seam copper roof on entire front awning and head wall and counter flashing. The last location will be 102 W. Main Street that use to be the Main Street Emporium, no future business named at this time. For this location, the awning, gutters and labor will be \$4,800.00. This will consist of constructing 23'by 8' wood awning on the front of the building over the sidewalk. Councilman Bubba Smith made the motion to approve the funds for the awnings. Councilman Clegg DeWalt 2nd the motion. All remaining members voted yea. Motion carried.
- Mr. Smith stated the baseball organization has asked for bathrooms for the last ten years because they have been having to rent porta potties and they cannot host tournaments. The Economic Board received two quotes for building the bathrooms, one from Hester Construction for \$118,400.00 and Kibbey Builders for \$110,970.00. The board decided to go with Hester Construction because he is local. The work will consist of foundation, cinder block walls, doors, wood framing, OSB decking, metal roof, electrical, plumbing, partitions, inside finish, insulation and paint. Mayor Billy Goodin stated he has asked for a long-range plan that consists of an assessment of what the needs are in the future, what land can be utilized, how the land can be used to the fullest potential and have some type of plan for the future to expand the fields. The Mayor and Council are not against building the bathrooms and for all improving that complex but would like some future planning to be done first. Councilman Clegg DeWalt made the motion to approve Hester Construction building the bathrooms under the stipulation that the Mayor and Council receives a long-term plan from the baseball organization before construction starts in July 2025. Mayor Pro-Tem Phillip Morrison 2nd the motion. All remaining members voted yea. Motion carried.

K. Adjourn from Regular Meeting. 7:50 p.m.

Executive Session: 7:53 p.m.

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

A. Reconvene in open session: 8:30 p.m.

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

B. Adjourn. 8:30 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 January 2, 2025 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: Tracy Hutto

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. Discussion and Action regarding a Chief of Police.

Executive Session: 6:02 p.m.

1. Discussion concerning personnel under Gov. Code 551.074. Interviewed one applicant.

B. Reconvene in open session: 7:19 p.m.

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

C. Adjourn. 7:20 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 9, 2025 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: Tracy Hutto

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. Citizens' Forum.** Fire Chief Keith Johnson stated they had more calls in 2024 than they ever have with 239 calls. They have an issue with their ladder truck so they are trading it in for another one. Chief Johnson has applied for a couple of grants, one is with Texas Forrest Service for a Brush truck and thinks they have a good chance of getting approved and the other is with Assistance to Firefighters for an Engine worth \$898,000.00 with a 10% match. They will be having their dedication for their historical marker on Saturday, February 15, 2025 and their annual Fire Banquet on Thursday, February 13, 2025 at 7pm. Bobby Heifner with Circle of Brothers stated they donate to the less fortunate. They would like to bring back the street dance and would like the proceeds to go to the Boys and Girls Club. Mayor Billy Goodin asked if they could get some plans on what they are wanting to do so they can be put on the agenda. George McMichael stated he is at a standstill on his businesses and needs the City's help. Behind the old Trinity Standard building he needs his water and sewer connected. In the alley of the Post Office, he is having a drainage problem that is flooding the four buildings. Councilman Bubba Smith stated they would have to come check it to make sure it is not the owner's responsibility.
- C. Approval of minutes from the Regular Meeting December 12, 2024 and Special Meetings December 9, 2024 and January 2, 2025.** 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.
- D. 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.
- E. Finance Report --** Our total funds at the end of December 2024 were \$1,018,401. Our bill paying account balance at the end of December 2024 was \$224,153. Accounts payable are \$42,741. Accounts receivables are \$261,243. The Municipal Court collected \$4,061 for the month of December 2024 with the OMNI Program collecting \$0 of that total. The sales tax collected for the month of December 2024 is \$88,348. The Fire Department donations for the month of December 2024 were \$133. The water collections for the month of December 2024 were \$135,274. Total deposits for the month of December 2024 were \$563,548. Tex Class balance at the end of December 2024 was \$692,649. Texas Class interest earned for December 2024 was \$2,919 and the overall earned since October 2024 is \$9,530.
- F. Grant Related Business.** City Administrator Tracy Hutto stated Raymond Vann and Associates notified the City that we did not get approved for the 2025-2026 Community Development Block Grant.
- G. Project Updates.** Mrs. Hutto stated the contractors for the water tower have been onsite and making progress with the ground work.
- H. Department Reports.**

I. Unfinished Business.

J. New Business.

- A. Discussion and Action concerning generator repairs.** Councilman Bubba Smith stated he was under the impression all the generators have been working and does not understand why it has not been brought to someone's attention. City Administrator Tracy Hutto and Councilman Scott Womack put together an audit checklist so that a preventive maintenance schedule can be maintained. There are bids from Taylor services and All Around Electric was suppose to give a bid but we did not receive it yet. Councilman Bubba Smith made the motion to table the generator repairs until there are other bids. Councilman Clegg DeWalt 2nd the motion. All remaining members voted yea. Motion carried.
- B. Discussion and Action to pass Ordinance #25-0001 regarding the reconnect fees for non-payments.** These fees have been the same since 2001, it is \$30.00 for the first three disconnects and any after that is \$50.00. This Ordinance would change the first three disconnects to \$50.00 then any after that would be \$75.00. Councilman Bubba Smith made the motion to approve the Ordinance. Councilman Clegg DeWalt 2nd the motion. All remaining members voted yea. Motion carried.
- C. Discussion and Action regarding the 2025 4th of July fireworks.** The price this year from Sky Wonder Pyrotechnics will be \$10,900.00 to have it on any day but July 4th, to have it on July 4th would be \$35,000.00. Councilman Clegg DeWalt made the motion to have the fireworks on Saturday, July 5, 2025. Mayor Pro-Tem Phillip Morrison 2nd the motion. All remaining members voted yea. Motion carried.
- D. Discussion and Action regarding a Chief of Police.** Mrs. Hutto stated the most recent applicant withdrew due to not being ready to come out of retirement. Mayor Goodin stated he would like to get it put back on TML's website and go from there. Councilman Smith said they are going to have to look at salaries because every chief applicant they have talked to who is qualified expects \$15,000.00 to \$20,000.00 more then what the previous Chief was making. Mr. Smith is having a hard time understanding how a Sheriff who has approximately 35 employees makes \$75,000.00 and a Police Chief is wanting \$85,000.00 and only has approximately 13 employees. He just does not see how that is feasible when the county brings in much more money and budgeted much more for their department. Mr. Smith also stated under previous Chiefs, officers are hired and work pretty hard at first then eventually slack off and he does not see guaranteeing someone that kind of money with what little Trinity has going on. Councilman Womack stated previously there has been 0% oversight, there is no guidelines or standards of operating procedures so the next Chief will have to come in and build the Police Department from the ground up. Mayor Pro-Tem Phillip Morrison feels a retired applicant would be in the City's best interest because a young person might do the job a few years then go to a better paying agency. Councilman Womack stated currently, we are paying our officers approximately \$8,000.00 less than what TDCJ pays their Correctional Officers.
- K. Adjourn.** Councilman Scott Womack made the motion to adjourn. Mayor Phillip Morrison 2nd the motion. All remaining members voted yea. Motion carried. 7:40 p.m.

**THE STATE OF TEXAS
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CITY OF TRINITY**

The Special Meeting of the City Council of the City of Trinity was held on January 13, 2025 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: Tracy Hutto

Councilman Absent:

- A. Call meeting to order.** -- Mayor Billy Goodin called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m. and verified that a Quorum was present for the meeting.
- B. Discussion and Action with Circle of Brothers regarding the 2025 street dance.** City Administrator Tracy Hutto stated Mr. Heifner called and had to reschedule due to getting called in to work.
- C. Discussion and Action to pass Ordinance #25-0002 to amend Ordinance #24-0011 regarding water and sewer rates.** Councilman Bubba Smith made the motion to approve the Ordinance. Councilman Clegg DeWalt 2nd the motion. All remaining members voted yea. Motion carried.
- D. Discussion and Action regarding a Police Chief.** Executive Session.

Executive Session: 6:18 p.m.

1. Discussion concerning personnel under Gov. Code 551.074.

A. Reconvene in open session: 6:51 p.m.

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

B. Adjourn. 6:51 p.m.

Billy Goodin, Mayor

Phillip Morrison, Mayor Pro-Tem

**THE STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF TRINITY
CITY OF TRINITY**

The Special Meeting of the City Council of the City of Trinity was held on January 20, 2025 at 1:00 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: Tracy Hutto

Councilman Absent:

- A. Call meeting to order.** -- Mayor Billy Goodin called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. and verified that a Quorum was present for the meeting.
- B. Discussion and Action to hire a Chief of Police.** Mayor Billy Goodin stated when the city started taking applications for Chief of Police, he had deep concerns with salary ranges and budget. With the help of the City Administrator Tracy Hutto, they collected quite a bit of data on Police Chief salaries in the State of Texas and the surrounding areas. They also found that Police Chief's significantly make more than Sheriffs. After discussing Steven Jeter's desired pay, they discovered it was not out of line with the state average. With the City of Trinity being a small town that works with a small budget, they have come up with a three-year plan that will take two budget cycles to make the desired salary possible. Mayor Goodin expressed our Police Department is in bad shape at the moment and needs a lot of work, with Mr. Jeter's expertise he thinks it can be accomplished. Mayor Billy Goodin recommended Steven Jeter as Chief of Police for the City of Trinity. Council Scott Womack made the motion to accept Mayor Goodin's recommendation. Councilman Clegg DeWalt 2nd the motion. Mayor Pro-Tem Phillip Morrison and Councilman Bryan Buck voted yea. Councilman Bubba Smith voted nea. Motion carried.

Councilman Scott Womack stated the Council members all decided at one point in time to throw their hat in the ring and represent the citizens of Trinity. The intent has always been to do what they think is best for the citizens of this city. None of the council members will say they have always made the right decisions; they do make mistakes but strive to learn from them. However, they do make good decisions and hope they continue to do so. Throughout the process of hiring a Police Chief, there have been things said, for instance, this city does not need a retired Texas Ranger and the citizens of Trinity do not want a good Police Department, and to some degree there are some citizens that do not want a good substantial Police Department but the good law-abiding citizens do. With the council's decision to hire Mr. Jeter as Chief of Police today, Councilman Womack believes it has put them in the right direction to make that happen.

Sheriff Woody Wallace thanked the Mayor and Council as well and said this is something that has needed to be done for quite some time. Sheriff Wallace stated Mr. Jeter has integrity and was the Texas Ranger for our county for several years and anytime Mr. Wallace had to call Mr. Jeter he was there day or night and arrived on scenes as fast as he could. Mr. Jeter was a great help to the county as a Ranger and knows he will be an excellent Police Chief for the City of Trinity and commends the Mayor and Council to make the effort to bring the pay where it needs to be because the pay for law enforcement is pitiful. It takes good and courageous men to stand up for what is right for law enforcement and those that do not like law enforcement are against it. Mr. Wallace feels it is time to stand up and bring real law enforcement into the City of Trinity and Trinity County and keep it there to enforce the laws equally as they should be. Sheriff Wallace said he had a great working relationship with Mr. Jeter in the past and knows they will have a great one in the future and the Council did a great thing today and is proud.

District Attorney Bennie Schiro stated he has worked with Mr. Jeter back when he was with Walker County when Mr. Jeter was a Trooper. Mr. Jeter worked his way through and became a Ranger and Rangers are the best of the best. Mr. Schiro has worked with a number of Rangers but Mr. Jeter has been the best by far. Mr. Schiro could always count on Ranger Jeter to show up and handle the situation. He has a ninety-five percent

solve rate on his crimes and having Mr. Jeter as Police Chief will be a breath of fresh air. Councilman Clegg DeWalt thanked Sheriff Woody Wallace with his offer of assistance to the City of Trinity and thanked Mr. Schiro as well. Council DeWalt stated he looks forward to working with Mr. Jeter and bring the professionalism that the city needs to have a Police force that is visible in the City of Trinity. Mr. Jeter stated it is an honor to be selected and like he said before, he has worked this county for several years and has always had a fondness for crossing that river. He has always enjoyed working in this county along with Sheriff Wallace and District Attorney Bennie Schiro. They have a working relationship that will allow them to hit the ground running and knows the Police Department is bare bones currently until he can get some help hired. He thanked the Mayor and Council for giving him this opportunity and he is not use to failing and has never taken a job he has failed at. He believes with the Mayor, Council, and county's support, they can all make this place a place they can all be proud of.

C. Discussion and Action regarding a Police Chief. Executive Session.

Executive Session: 1:01 p.m.

1. Discussion concerning personnel under Gov. Code 551.074.

2. Adjourn from Executive Session. 1:15 p.m.

D. Reconvene in open session: 1:16 p.m.

1. Action necessary as a result of Executive Session. No action.

E. Adjourn. 1:25 p.m.

Billy Goodin, Mayor

Phillip Morrison, Mayor Pro-Tem

**THE STATE OF TEXAS
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The Regular Meeting of the City Council of the City of Trinity was held on February 13, 2025 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: Tracy Hutto

Councilman Absent:

- A. 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.
- B. Citizens' Forum.** Rickey Dennis mentioned he is being charged sewer but has an aerobic system. Mayor Billy Goodin asked if he contacted the City Office regarding this matter and Mr. Dennis stated yes, City Administrator Tracy Hutto said she would look into it tomorrow. Public Works Director Steve Alexander said Mr. Dennis is correct and does not have city sewer where he lives.
- C. Approval of minutes from the Regular Meeting January 9, 2025 and Special Meetings January 13, 2025 and January 20, 2025.** Councilman Bubba Smith made the motion to approve the minutes. Mayor Pro-Tem Phillip Morrison 2nd the motion. All remaining members voted yea. Motion carried.
- D. 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. Councilman Smith asked to do a four-month history report on Hughes Petroleum because it seems the price keeps increasing.
- E. Finance Report --** Our total funds at the end of January 2025 were \$1,230,461. Our bill paying account balance at the end of January 2025 was \$335,337. Accounts payable are \$53,575. Accounts receivables are \$197,855. The Municipal Court collected \$3,684 for the month of January 2025 with the OMNI Program collecting \$281 of that total. The sales tax collected for the month of January 2025 is \$190,125. The Fire Department donations for the month of December 2024 were \$133. The water collections for the month of January 2025 were \$206,374. Total deposits for the month of January 2025 were \$583,275. Tex Class balance at the end of January 2025 was \$721,516. Texas Class interest earned for January 2025 was \$2,625 and the overall interest earned since October 2024 is \$12,155.
- F. Grant Related Business.** City Administrator Tracy Hutto stated she met with Michelle Bobo with GrantWorks today, Mrs. Bobo mentioned a five-year FEMA broad procurement. There would be no costs unless the City of Trinity had an approved disaster declaration during the five years and their grant administration would come out of the FEMA reimbursement the city would receive. The procurement would allow GrantWorks to do all the paperwork FEMA requires.
- G. Project Updates.** Mrs. Hutto stated Maguire is waiting on the water tower to be delivered. S-CO has been here all week and are getting ready to start laying the water line.
- H. Department Reports.** Public Works Director Steve Alexander stated he has lost five employees this past month. He would also like to start stock piling some clay at the barn because he is having a hard time getting it recently. There has been quite a few water leaks and his guys have been doing a great job at getting them all fixed. Police Chief Steven Jeter stated it has been a good first two weeks with getting accumulated on what they have and do not have. The TCOLE files are mostly in order at this point but there are still some things that have to get done. Chief Jeter said they are short staffed, he currently only has two officers, he has

three potential applicants in background, hopefully in the next week or two he will know if they are liable candidates to come to work here or not. He has five dispatchers and six reserves; without the reserves they would not be able to have anyone on the streets certain parts of the day. The community has rolled out the red carpet and has been very receptive along with the people working with him. Councilman Smith stated in the past they have had issues with reserves not putting in their required hours, Chief Jeter responded under his leadership that will not happen. Currently, he is requiring all the reserves to put in 36 hours a month until they get fully staffed then they will be required to put in 16 hours a month. They will be required to be involved in community events and parades. Chief Jeter also mentioned he has some professional uniforms ordered, a LAPD police blue.

I. Unfinished Business.

- A. Discussion and Action with Circle of Brothers regarding the 2025 street dance for the 4th of July.** No show.

J. New Business.

- A. Discussion and Action to pass Ordinance #25-0003 regarding reconnect fees for non-payments.** City Administrator Tracy Hutto stated this was passed last month due to the fees not being increased since 2001, but after looking over all the past due accounts there was a large amount of businesses that do not pay their water bills in a timely manner so there is now a separate fee for commercial accounts. The Public Works crew spends entire day going to the locations to turn off the water and the people normally pay shortly after and then the crew has to turn around and go back to that location to turn it back on. Mrs. Hutto stated it is counterproductive to implement this since it takes away from other jobs Public Works needs to do. Councilman Scott Womack made the motion to pass the Ordinance. Mayor Pro-Tem Phillip Morrison 2nd the motion. All remaining members voted yea. Motion carried.
- B. Discussion and Action on bids for mass alert system notifications.** City Administrator Tracy Hutto stated she received two bids from Onsolve (Code Red) and Genasys. The bid from Onsolve was \$4,200.00 for a 3-year contract but has limits on the messages. The bid from Genasys was \$17,500.00 for a 5-year contract but does not have any limits on messages and the Police and Fire Department would have their own login as well. It also provides a team that would come in and help us get set up and also help get an official Facebook page. This alert system includes, emails, texts, and phone calls and are all unlimited. She spoke with Richard Steptoe who is the Emergency Operations Coordinator with Trinity County and he stated they use Genasys and received funding assistance from DETCOG, so Mrs. Hutto is going to call DETCOG next week to see if the City of Trinity could receive any assistance with funding as well. Councilman Bubba Smith made the motion to approve the bid for Genasys but first check with DETCOG on funding. Councilman Scott Womack 2nd the motion. All remaining members voted yea. Motion carried.
- C. Discussion and Action Ordering of General Election for the 2025 City of Trinity Election for Council Position #4.** Councilman Bubba Smith made the motion to approve the Ordering of General Election. Councilman Scott Womack 2nd the motion. All remaining members voted yea. Motion carried.
- D. Discussion and Action with Arthur Romo regarding placing the bleachers near the basketball court.** Mr. Romo stated he has talked to the local businesses about getting donations for bleachers for the basketball court and talked to Patriot Erectors about making them but they were worried about being sued if an individual got hurt on them. Mr. Romo does not want anyone getting sued over it but just wanted some bleachers to be available for the basketball court because there does tend to be a crowd at times and there is no seating available. The Council assured Mr. Romo that the City of Trinity does have insurance and that

should fall under that but we will double check that to be sure. Mr. Romo stated he will come back next month with plans on where he would like the bleachers to be set. Councilman Scott Womack made the motion to table the bleachers until Mr. Romo comes back next month with plans. Councilman Bubba Smith 2nd the motion. All remaining members voted yea. Motion carried.

E. Discussion and Action to approve the Economic Development Board's recommendations.

Economic Development Board President Neal Smith stated the Board met at 5:00 p.m. today and agreed to pay for the City of Trinity's 2025 Fireworks display for \$10,900.00. Mayor Pro-Tem Phillip Morrison made the motion to approve the recommendation. Councilman Bryan Buck 2nd the motion. All remaining members voted yea. Motion carried.

K. Adjourn. Councilman Scott Womack made the motion to adjourn. Councilman Clegg DeWalt 2nd the motion. All remaining members voted yea. Motion carried. 6:32 p.m.

Mayor Billy Goodin

Phillip Morrison, Mayor Pro-Tem

**THE STATE OF TEXAS
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The Regular Meeting of the City Council of the City of Trinity was held on March 13, 2025 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: Tracy Hutto

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. Citizens' Forum.** Debra Grooms asked if a speed bump could be put on Hamilton Street due to people speeding, the Council advised they typically do not put in speed bumps but could put children at play signs up to see if that would help. Chief Jeter stated the Police Department would patrol that area as well. Mrs. Grooms also asked for the wash out to be repaired in the curve on Hamilton Street.
- C. Approval of minutes from the Regular Meeting February 13, 2025.** Councilman Clegg DeWalt made the motion to approve the minutes. Councilman Bubba Smith 2nd the motion. All remaining members voted yea. Motion carried.
- D. Approve bills for payment.** Mayor Pro-Tem Phillip Morrison made the motion to approve the bills for payment. Councilman Scott Womack 2nd the motion. All remaining members voted yea. Motion carried.
- E. Finance Report --** Our total funds at the end of February 2025 were \$1,422,275. Our bill paying account balance at the end of February 2025 was \$318,795. Accounts payable are \$61,630. Accounts receivables are \$201,265. The Municipal Court collected \$7,035 for the month of February 2025 with the OMNI Program collecting \$2,327 of that total. The sales tax collected for the month of February 2025 is \$87,716. The Fire Department donations for the month of February 2025 were \$191. The water collections for the month of February 2025 were \$219,599. Total deposits for the month of February 2025 were \$566,145. Tex Class balance at the end of February 2025 was \$1,079,155 Texas Class interest earned for February 2025 was \$2,323 and the overall interest earned since October 2024 is \$14,479.
- F. Grant Related Business.** Jed Morris with Goodwin Laster Strong stated the only grant we have at the moment is the mitigation grant which has several projects underway. Duplichain has the contract at the well plant, they are currently working on their submittals and getting supplies ordered. The company that will put the tank up is scheduled to be here May 20, 2025 plus or minus two weeks. Duplichain will mobilize to that site quickly to get the foundation completed. That project is going well, it is mostly just paperwork at the moment. Maguire Tanks has completed the site work and foundation for the elevated storage tank and it looks really good. The next step is for them to bring the tank and start going vertical with it which will come in three phases, the first step will be the erection crew which will come in and put the main part of the tank up. The second step will be for another crew to come in to do all the seal welding and put all the extra pieces and parts to get is constructed. The last step will be the paint crew, they will come in and finish it up. The miscellaneous work that S-Co Company is working on is extending that 10-inch water line that runs from Wood Street to the elevated storage tank, they are approximately 50% done with that. They will also build a fiberglass enclosure and put a meter system there. This is the site he has concerns with at the moment, he is going to talk to S-Co in the morning about clean up because they have a mess down there.
- G. Project Updates.** Mrs. Hutto stated Green Pump Supply came out today and will be back tomorrow to work on the 10th Street lift station. The new panels will be installed and completed tomorrow. Green Pump Supply

also gave bids for the FM 1617 lift station. One bid consists of repairing the 4" ductile iron discharge, confined space labor, equipment, materials and fuel. Bypass pumping and plug lines to wet well and a bottom clean for \$22,150.00. Another bid is for the replacement of both 4" ductile iron pump discharge pipes with 4" schedule 40 stainless steel pipe, flanges, bng kits. New stainless steel slide rails, new base elbows and rail brackets. Bottom clean wet well, confined space labor and equipment and bypass plug and pump for \$49,685.75. The last bid was to replace the duplex control panel and install new alert system for \$15,607.00.

H. Department Reports. Police Chief Steven Jeter stated he hired two officers last week and has one vacancy still. The total calls in January 2025 before he started February 1st was 717, service calls were 238, traffic calls were 42, 7 citations were given along with 22 warnings. In February 2025, the total calls were 756, service calls were 317, traffic calls were 139, 32 citations were given along with 90 warnings. Chief Jeter stated they had just under 1,000 calls that came into dispatch and even with limited staff, they are moving and working and doing what they are asked to do.

I. Unfinished Business.

A. Discussion and Action with Arthur Romo regarding placing bleachers near the basketball court.
Called to cancel for this meeting.

J. New Business.

A. Discussion and Action with Jed Morris of Goodwin Lasiter Strong to approve plans and authorize GLS to advertise for bids for rehabilitation of Rockdale Booster Station, GLO MIT Contract No. 22-082-021-D447. Mr. Morris stated the Rockdale Booster needs to be replaced but there was not enough money left in the budget for replacing it but the city cannot keep going with the existing one. The tank is shot and we are switching to chloramines so it will need liquid ammonia sulfate there. He would like to install a generator and transfer switch; the pad is already there so it should be an efficient installation. Mr. Morris recommends rehabilitating the existing tank. They will take the tank down, replace the hatch, screen and brush blast it so there will be no contamination on the inside. The outside will also be painted. The tank rehab will install an ammonia injector along with improvements to the chlorine system. He wants there to be 2 bottles and 2 scales with an automatic switch so the guys will have flexibility so it does not run out. The building is not in good condition so he would like to patch and seal the cracks inside and out and repaint it. Councilman Bubba Smith made the motion to approve the advertisement for bids. Mayor Pro-Tem Phillip Morrison 2nd the motion. All remaining members voted yea. Motion carried.

B. Discussion and Action to review and approve the 2025 Polk-Trinity County Basic Emergency Management Plan. City Administrator Tracy Hutto stated the plan was not in the packets due to it being 63 pages but it is in the office if they want to look at it. Mrs. Hutto has reviewed it and the plan has to be submitted to Texas Department of Emergency Management (TDEM) every 5 years. Mayor Pro-Tem Phillip Morrison made the motion to approve the plan. Councilman Scott Womack 2nd the motion. All remaining members voted yea. Motion carried.

C. Discussion and Action concerning the 2024 2nd, 3rd, and 4th quarter investment reports.
Councilman Bubba Smith made the motion to approve the investment reports. Councilman Scott Womack 2nd the motion. All remaining members voted yea. Motion carried.

D. Discussion and Action to pass Resolution #25-0001 amending the 2023-2024 4th quarter budget.
Councilman Bubba Smith made the motion to approve the resolution. Councilman Clegg DeWalt 2nd the motion. All remaining members voted yea. Motion carried.

E. Discussion and Action to pass Resolution #25-0002 amending the 2024-2025 1st quarter budget.
Councilman Bubba Smith made the motion to approve the resolution. Mayor Pro-Tem Phillip

Morrison 2nd the motion. All remaining members voted yea. Motion carried.

- F. Discussion and Action to pass Resolution #25-0003 regarding a Trinity County Community Wildfire Defense Grant.** Councilman Clegg DeWalt made the motion to approve the resolution. Mayor Pro-Tem Phillip Morrison 2nd the motion. All remaining members voted yea. Motion carried.
- G. Discussion and Action to pass Resolution #25-0004 to apply for a grant through the Downtown Revitalization Program offered by the Texas Department of Agriculture.** City Administrator Tracy Hutto said this is a one-million-dollar grant with a \$50,000.00 match. There are different projects that can be done other than sidewalks which will be decided in Phase 2 if we are approved for the grant. Mayor Pro-Tem Phillip Morrison made the motion to approve the resolution. Councilman Bryan Buck 2nd the motion. All remaining members voted yea. Motion carried.
- H. Discussion and Action to approve a contract concerning TDCJ inmate labor for the City of Trinity.** City Administrator Tracy Hutto met with Regional Director Michael Britt and Warden Bruce Johnson from the Ellis Unit. Mrs. Hutto showed Warden Johnson areas she would like the work crew to focus on. TDCJ will provide the vehicle to transport the inmates and the City of Trinity will provide their lunch. Mrs. Hutto hopes to have the work crew start in a couple of weeks. Councilman Clegg DeWalt made the motion to approve the contract. Councilman Bryan Buck 2nd the motion. All remaining members voted yea. Motion carried.
- I. Discussion and Action authorizing a voting clerk for early voting for the May 3, 2025 General Election.** Councilman Clegg DeWalt made the motion to authorize Haden Hudson as the early voting clerk. Councilman Bryan Buck 2nd the motion. All remaining members voted yea. Motion carried.
- J. Discussion and Action to appoint an election judge for the City of Trinity General Election Day May 3, 2025.** Councilman Bubba Smith made the motion to authorize Haden Hudson as the Election Judge for Election Day. Councilman Scott Womack 2nd the motion. All remaining members voted yea. Motion carried.
- K. Discussion and Action regarding bids for camera at the Police Department.** Discussed in executive session. Councilman Scott Womack stated regardless of what they do tonight, the Police Department needs the cameras. If we keep prolonging it and something happens, we are just as liable by waiting as we are by not having them. Mayor Pro-Tem Phillip Morrison made the motion to accept the bid from Full Armor. Councilman Bryan Buck 2nd the motion. Councilman Clegg DeWalt voted yea. Councilmen Scott Womack and Councilman Bubba Smith abstained. Motion carried.
- L. Discussion and Action with Jeff Scales of Hydros.** Discussed in executive session. Mayor Pro-Tem Phillip Morrison made the motion to hire Hydros. Councilman Scott Womack 2nd the motion. All remaining members voted yea. Motion carried.

K. Adjourn from Regular Meeting. 7:46 p.m.

L. Executive Session: 7:47 p.m.

- A. Discussion concerning personnel and contracts under Gov. Code 551.074.** Discussed contract bids for cameras from Full Armor in the amount of \$13,974.57, J-Tech in the amount of \$21,014.86 and Agent Security in the amount of \$32,052.39. Mayor and Council would like to start doing sealed bids and make sure bids are specific and comparable to one another. Discussed hiring Hydros to oversee water and wastewater operations and current personnel.
- B. Adjourn from executive session.** 8:47pm

M. Reconvene in open session: 8:48 p.m.

A. Action necessary as a result of Executive Session. See Item K and Item L.

N. Adjourn. 8:53p.m. Councilman Clegg DeWalt made the motion to adjourn. Councilman Scott 2nd the motion. All remaining members voted yea. Motion carried.

Mayor Billy Goodin

Phillip Morrison, Mayor Pro-Tem

**THE STATE OF TEXAS
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The Regular Meeting of the City Council of the City of Trinity was held on April 10, 2025 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: Tracy Hutto

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. Citizens' Forum.**
- C. Approval of minutes from the Regular Meeting March 13, 2025.** Councilman Bubba Smith made the motion to approve the minutes. Mayor Pro-Tem Phillip Morrison 2nd the motion. All remaining members voted yea. Motion carried.
- D. Approve bills for payment.** Mayor Pro-Tem Phillip Morrison made the motion to approve the bills for payment. Councilman Scott Womack 2nd the motion. All remaining members voted yea. Motion carried.
- E. Finance Report --** Our total funds at the end of March 2025 were \$1,359,993. Our bill paying account balance at the end of March 2025 was \$245,108. Accounts payable are \$75,120. Accounts receivables are \$189,127. The Municipal Court collected \$9,144 for the month of March 2025 with the OMNI Program collecting \$1,386 of that total. The sales tax collected for the month of March 2025 is \$93,079. The Fire Department donations for the month of March 2025 were \$181. The water collections for the month of March 2025 were \$196,328. Total deposits for the month of March 2025 were \$321,885. Tex Class balance at the end of March 2025 was \$1,083,130 Texas Class interest earned for March 2025 was \$3,975 and the overall interest earned since October 2024 is \$18,454.
- F. Grant Related Business.** City Administrator Tracy Hutto stated we applied for the Downtown Revitalization Grant last week. For the 2025-2026 CDBG Grant that we applied for, we did not score high enough for that round.
- G. Department Reports.** Mrs. Hutto stated our Auditors will be here May 12, 2025 to do our annual audit. Mrs. Hutto met with DETCOG on April 2, 2025 and found out that DETCOG will cover the entire cost of \$17,500.00 for the Genasys alert notification system. Michael Smith with TDEM (Texas Department of Emergency Management) asked if we were interested in Water and Wastewater training that will be provided by TEEX free of charge May 13-16, 2025. The trainer is willing to do some walk-thru assessments of our water and wastewater operations free of charge as well. We had our TCEQ water inspection March 26, 2025 and March 28, 2025, there were some findings, some we were able to fix on the spot, others the crew is currently working on. Our water operators will have the opportunity to shadow other operators at other cities as well to get more hands-on experience. Councilman Bryan Buck would like to have the parking stops removed in the downtown areas so that we can get a street sweeping company to come in and clean up the streets. Mrs. Hutto also stated all the water contracts we have are close to expiring so she would like to retain a lawyer who specializes in water contracts to look over them. We are still looking for applicants for the Ordinance Official position, at this time there has not been anyone to apply. Chief Jeter stated there has been an increase in dog bites and there is not an Animal Control Officer on staff at this time as well. Mrs. Hutto thanked Fire Chief Keith Johnson and his department for fixing the nets at the ballfields. Public Works Director Steve Alexander stated they fixed the washout on Hamilton Street that was brought up in last month's

council meeting. The crew worked on Cemetery Street and was able to get the road smoothed out to Church Street. For water and sewer taps, the crew has 10 working days to get those completed now. The month of March 2025, there were 15 water taps, 5 sewer taps, 20 sewer calls, 25 water leaks, 10 street calls, 12 pothole calls, 10 clean out culvert and ditches calls, and 25 animal calls. Mr. Alexander stated the wastewater plant is needing some work with operations. Councilman Bubba Smith mentioned with the lots being sold in Milltown, 4th Street and 5th Street will need to be developed in the near future. Police Chief Steven Jeter stated the total calls for March 2025 were 945, of that 807 were Trinity Police Department calls, service calls were 156, traffic calls were 175, 68 citations were given along with 105 warnings. The Trinity Volunteer Fire Department had 99 calls and Public Works had 22 after hour calls.

H. Unfinished Business.

A. Discussion and Action with Arthur Romo regarding placing bleachers near the basketball court.

Mr. Romo stated he does not have any updates; Patriot Steel has not returned his calls and he has not been able to raise money at this time.

I. New Business.

A. Discussion and Action with Richard Steptoe concerning the Emergency Management Plan for Trinity County. Mr. Steptoe stated there were issues when Covid hit back in 2020, Trinity County was under the umbrella of Polk County which was implemented when Mark Evans was County Judge. Polk County did all the paperwork and kept up with everything so Trinity County did not have to hire an Emergency Management Coordinator. Mr. Steptoe found out during Covid, when Trinity County needed testing, Polk County would not allow Trinity County to send one person to get tested and would not give any assistance to Trinity County. The commissioners voted for Trinity County to have their own Emergency Management Coordinator so that they could get out of Polk County's Plan. Under the new Emergency Management Plan with Trinity County, Mr. Steptoe has worked with TDEM (Texas Department of Emergency Management) to get the plan established and needs the mayor's signature. City Administrator Tracy Hutto asked if the funds and assistance would be evenly distributed from Groveton to Trinity during emergencies. Mr. Steptoe stated he could not answer that, it would have to be a commissioner's court question. Mr. Steptoe did say that Trinity is one of his first priority due to having more nursing homes and senior assisted living. He will do his best to get Trinity what they are entitled to. Councilman Bubba Smith made the motion to approve the plan. Mayor Pro-Tem Phillip Morrison 2nd the motion. All remaining members voted yea. Motion carried.

B. Discussion and Action with Fire Chief Keith Johnson regarding the Standard Operating Guidelines. Fire Chief Keith Johnson stated he has been working on these guidelines for two years now. The Fire Department was formed in 1914 and they came up with bylaws on how they operate, it served very well for a long time and they did a good job of putting it together. In the 90's they were re-evaluated them by removing and adding some things and made the bylaws a little stronger. However, the department always needed guidelines for new members joining the fire department along with current members. Mayor Goodin stated Mr. Johnson did a great job at putting this together. Mayor Pro-Tem Phillip Morrison made the motion to approve the Standard Operating Guidelines. Councilman Scott Womack 2nd the motion. All remaining members voted yea. Motion carried.

C. Discussion and Action to pass Ordinance #25-0004 to update the Drought Contingency Plan. Councilman Scott Womack made the motion to approve the Ordinance. Councilman Bubba Smith 2nd the motion. All remaining members voted yea. Motion carried.

D. Discussion and Action changing the time of the Council Meeting from 7 p.m. to 6.p.m. Councilman Womack stated he does not have a problem moving the time to 6 p.m., the city employees have to stay over and wait the two hours for the meeting to start. Mayor Pro-Tem Phillip

Morrison made the motion to approve the time change. Councilman Scott Womack 2nd the motion. All remaining members voted yea. Motion carried.

E. Discussion and Action regarding Hydros. Mayor Pro-Tem Phillip Morrison made the motion to rescind the hiring of Hydros. Councilman Scott Womack 2nd the motion. All remaining members voted yea. Motion carried.

F. Discussion and Action concerning contract for Chief of Police. Councilman Bubba Smith stated one of the council members said the reason the city was able to go ahead and pay Chief Jeter more money than they wanted to pay was because he was not asking for a contract which was one of their vocal points for approving the pay. Mayor Goodin said it is an agreement which is not different than a letter of employment. The agreement states what his duties are and states what the city said they would do. Councilman Smith said it is worded as “contract”, Mayor Goodin stated he had Mrs. Hutto change the verbiage from contract to agreement. Mayor Pro-Tem Phillip Morrison made the motion to approve the agreement with Police Chief Steven Jeter. Councilman Scott Womack 2nd the motion. All remaining members voted yea. Motion carried.

J. Adjourn from Regular Meeting. 7:59 p.m.

K. Executive Session: 8:01 p.m.

B. Discussion concerning personnel and contracts under Gov. Code 551.074. Discussion regarding the hiring of Hydros in last month’s council meeting.

C. Adjourn from executive session. 8:31 p.m.

L. Reconvene in open session: 8:31 p.m.

A. Action necessary as a result of Executive Session. See Item E.

M. Adjourn. 8:32 p.m. Mayor Pro-Tem Phillip Morrison made the motion to adjourn. Councilman Scott 2nd the motion. All remaining members voted yea. Motion carried.

Mayor Billy Goodin

Phillip Morrison, Mayor Pro-Tem

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The Regular Meeting of the City Council of the City of Trinity was held on May 8, 2025 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: Tracy Hutto

Councilman Absent:

A. 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.

B. Citizens' Forum.

C. Approval of minutes from the Regular Meeting April 10, 2025. Councilman Bubba Smith made the motion to approve the minutes. Mayor Pro-Tem Phillip Morrison 2nd the motion. All remaining members voted yea. Motion carried.

D. Approve bills for payment. Mayor Pro-Tem Phillip Morrison made the motion to approve the bills for payment. Councilman Scott Womack 2nd the motion. All remaining members voted yea. Motion carried.

E. Finance Report -- Our total funds at the end of April 2025 were \$1,338,807. Our bill paying account balance at the end of April 2025 was \$213,497. Accounts payable are \$39,213. Accounts receivables are \$182,899. The Municipal Court collected \$10,065 for the month of April 2025 with the OMNI Program collecting \$2,069 of that total. The sales tax collected for the month of April 2025 is \$146,484. The Fire Department donations for the month of April 2025 were \$132. The water collections for the month of April 2025 were \$187,302. Total deposits for the month of April 2025 were \$549,749. Tex Class balance at the end of April 2025 was \$1,087,086 Texas Class interest earned for April 2025 was \$3,956 and the overall interest earned since October 2024 is \$22,410.

F. Grant Related Business. No grant related business at this time.

G. Department Reports. City Administrator Tracy Hutto stated the new notification system, Genasys, will launch May 15, 2025 and would like everyone to get registered so they can receive the notifications. Mrs. Hutto also stated the inmate work crew from TDCJ Ellis Unit started this week and are making needed repairs and maintenance at the Community Center.

Public Works Director Steve Alexander stated Duplichain poured the slab for the storage tank at the wells and should have it going in a couple of weeks. The elevated storage tank behind the ballfield is currently being built offsite. Councilman Bubba Smith suggested waiting for the elevated storage tank to be ready before rehabbing the water tower behind First National. The month of April 2025, there were 3 line locates, 20 sewer calls, 19 water leaks, 12 street calls, 5 pothole calls, 6 clean out culvert and ditches calls, and 5 animal calls. The maintainer is up and running and Greg was able to do E. Pegoda Road, Odessa Street, and Bette Street today, when other roads dry up, he will get those done as well. All the commodes at the community center have been replaced with commercial ones and stated the inmates are doing a great job. Mr. Alexander stated they did 50 residential cut-offs for non-payment and 2 commercial accounts.

Police Chief Steven Jeter stated the total calls for April 2025 were 1,107, service calls were 210, traffic stops were 92, 48 citations were issued, 42 warnings, and 2 parking tickets. The Trinity Volunteer Fire Department had 18 calls and Public Works had 17 after hour calls. Chief Jeter has several candidates wanting to come on board for dispatch and officers and hopes to be fully staffed in a couple of weeks.

Mayor Goodin introduced Debbie Vandyke of the Beautification Committee, he stated they have been helping

with projects around town such as the planters around town, signs on each end of town, help with Christmas decorations and doing the anti-litter program with the Elementary.

H. Unfinished Business.

I. New Business.

A. Discussion and Action regarding the canvass of the May 3, 2025 City of Trinity Election.

<u>Council Position #4</u>		<u>Council Position #4 (Recount)</u>		<u>Council Position #5</u>	
Bryan Buck	237	Bryan Buck	237	Phillip Morrison	322
Art Walker	234	Art Walker	235	Jaimie Grider Gentry	131

Councilman Bubba Smith made the motion to approve the May 3, 2025 canvass. Councilman Scott Womack 2nd the motion. All remaining members voted yea. Motion carried.

B. Swearing in Council Positions #4 and #5. Mayor Goodin swore in Council Position #4 Bryan Buck and Council Position #5 Phillip Morrison.

C. Comments from newly elected Council Members. Council Position #5 Phillip Morrison thanked the citizens of Trinity for keeping him for another 2 years. He stated as far as election goes, in 45 years he does not think the city has been in good as shape as it is right now and he hopes it gets better. Council Position #4 Bryan Buck thanked the citizens of Trinity as well and for choosing him for this position for the second time. He looks forward to helping the city to grow and prosper and he has seen a lot of good changes the last couple of years.

D. Discussion and Action to pass Resolution #25-0005 to amend the 2nd Quarter 2024-2025 budget. Mayor Pro-Tem Phillip Morrison made the motion to approve the resolution. Councilman Clegg DeWalt 2nd the motion. All remaining members voted yea. Motion carried.

E. Discussion and Action to approve City of Trinity Human Resources Policies and Procedures Handbook. Councilman Smith stated he just received the handbook tonight and asked what was different. City Manager Tracy Hutto stated the city did not have a handbook and did not have these policies and procedures. Mrs. Hutto has worked on this for several months but suggested tabling so the council could have more time to look over it. Councilman Bubba Smith made the motion to table. Councilman Clegg DeWalt 2nd the motion. All remaining members voted yea. Motion carried.

F. Larry Turner to present concerns with Millican Cemetery and future plans. Mr. Turner asked the city to annex the property and begin maintaining the Millican Cemetery which is overgrown. Mr. Turner stated the cemetery was first used in 1876 and members of his family are buried there. He provided history of his work on rehabilitating the cemetery which started 2 years ago. Susanne Waller, chair of the Trinity County Historical Commission, has been working with Mr. Turner to have the cemetery designated as historical and previously approached the County Commissioners Court about maintenance of the cemetery. The Commissioners id agree to clean the cemetery once but would not assume responsibility for it as the cemetery is located on private land. Mr. Turner has now reached out to the City of Trinity because he thinks it is in the city's extraterritorial jurisdiction. Current property owners have granted permission for this to happen. However, Mr. Turner wants to retire from his mission and have the city take over by appointing someone to lead the effort. Councilman Bubba Smith would like to know all the details before anything is decided on. Mayor Goodin stated without research and answers there is no way he could let the city commit to anything. Mr. Goodin feels this is going to take several hours to gather all the necessary documentation. Councilman Smith let Mr. Turner know that at this time there is not much the city can do but maybe at a later date get something going on it once more information is gathered.

L. Adjourn. Councilman Scott Womack made the motion to adjourn. Councilman Bubba Smith 2nd the motion. All remaining members voted yea. Motion carried. 7:00 p.m.

Mayor Billy Goodin

Phillip Morrison, Mayor Pro-Tem

**THE STATE OF TEXAS
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The Regular Meeting of the City Council of the City of Trinity was held on June 12, 2025 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: Tracy Hutto

Councilman Absent:

- A. 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.
- B. Citizens’ Forum.** Levi Barton discussed the concerns and needs of having an animal control officer.
- C. Approval of minutes from the Regular Meeting May 8, 2025.** Councilman Bubba Smith made the motion to approve the minutes. Mayor Pro-Tem Phillip Morrison 2nd the motion. All remaining members voted yea. Motion carried.
- D. 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.
- E. Finance Report --** Our total funds at the end of May 2025 were \$1,373,269. Our bill paying account balance at the end of May 2025 was \$238,927. Accounts payable are \$52,638. Accounts receivables are \$195,258. The Municipal Court collected \$12,938 for the month of May 2025 with the OMNI Program collecting \$1,586 of that total. The sales tax collected for the month of May 2025 is \$88,507. The Fire Department donations for the month of May 2025 were \$114. The water collections for the month of May 2025 were \$192,206. Total deposits for the month of May 2025 were \$384,704. Tex Class balance at the end of May 2025 was \$1,091,163 Texas Class interest earned for May 2025 was \$4,077 and the overall interest earned since October 2024 is \$26,487.
- F. Grant Related Business.** No grant related business at this time.
- G. Department Reports.**
Public Works Director Steve Alexander stated for the month of May 2025, there were 2 water and sewer taps, 16 sewer calls, 29 water leaks, 7 street calls, 5 pothole calls, 5 clean out culvert and ditches calls, and 7 animal calls. Duplichain has poured the 2 slabs for the water tower and aerator at the wells and currently are on a standstill due to the rain. For the ground storage replacement, we are just waiting for the elevated tower to get built, once built it will get moved into the location. Mr. Alexander has a company coming out to repair the clarifier that is currently down. They have the sludge trailer going but have to replace a couple of parts then it will be ready to take on the sludge. All the drying beds need to be repaired so they are calling companies to get quotes for that.
Police Chief Steven Jeter stated the total calls for May 2025 were 1,188, service calls were 275, traffic stops were 165, 102 citations were issued, 48 warnings, and 6 parking tickets. The Trinity Volunteer Fire Department had 29 calls and Public Works had 21 after hour calls. Chief Jeter said he is fully staffed; Officer Blackketter is leaving but his replacement will start next Wednesday and has hired 2 part time dispatchers. Chief Jeter is also wanting a presence when big events are happening in town and will have more staff come in.
- H. Unfinished Business.**

- A. Discussion and Action to approve City of Trinity Human Resources Policies and Procedures Handbook.** Councilman Bubba Smith stated the reason why he tabled this item last month was because he was confused what was in it but after talking to City Manager Mrs. Hutto, she explained to him that the city did not currently have a handbook on file. Mayor Pro-Tem Phillip Morrison made the motion to approve the handbook. Councilman Scott Womack 2nd the motion. All remaining members voted yea. Motion carried.

I. New Business.

- A. Discussion and Action with Jed Morris of Goodwin Lasiter Strong to consider and possible award contract for rehabilitation/reconstruction of Rockdale Booster Station.** Mr. Morris stated the bids were opened last week for this project. There were not enough funds remaining to build a brand-new Rockdale Booster station on the same side as the library last year in November when the other projects were bid on. They took another look at it and put together another set of bid documents to rehabilitate the booster station. There were concerns of rehabilitating the station in the condition that it is currently in so they bid an alternate package to rehab the existing booster station but replace the ground storage tank with a new ground storage tank located on the opposite side of the street where it would have been if we built a new booster station. Package A bid that includes the rehab of the booster station fell within the grant budget but Package B that includes the rehab of the booster station plus replace the ground storage tank was not within the grant funds. To award Package B that includes the construction of the new ground storage tank, the city would have to match an additional currently uncommitted \$111,000.000, if Package A gets awarded there will be approximately \$200,000.00 left in grant funds that can be used for other projects. Councilman Smith asked Mr. Morris if he thinks the Booster Station can be repaired, Mr. Morris answered yes but the tank has served its life, the top is shot and there is a possibility it will not hold up to a blast. Councilman Smith stated they put band aides on things for so long and he hates to spend the extra \$111,000.00 but he also does not want to spend the money and it not do the job and have to do it again in 5 or 6 years. Mayor Goodin asked how soon do they need to make a decision on this, Mr. Morris answered with no later than the next council meeting. Councilman Bubba Smith made the motion to table the item. Councilman Clegg DeWalt 2nd the motion. All remaining members voted yea. Motion carried.

J. Adjourn from Regular Meeting. 6:43 p.m.

K. Executive Session: 6:52 p.m.

- A. Discussion concerning personnel and contracts under Gov. Code 551.074 and 551.071.**
B. Adjourn from executive session. 8:02 p.m.

L. Reconvene in open session: 8:02 p.m.

- A. Action necessary as a result of Executive Session.**

M. Adjourn. 8:03 p.m. Scott Womack made the motion to adjourn. Mayor Pro-Tem Phillip Morrison 2nd the motion. All remaining members voted yea. Motion carried.

Mayor Billy Goodin

Phillip Morrison, Mayor Pro-Tem

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The Special Meeting of the City Council of the City of Trinity was held on June 13, 2025 at 1:00 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: Tracy Hutto

Councilman Absent: Clegg DeWalt, Bubba Smith

A. Call meeting to order. Mayor Billy Goodin called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. and verified that a Quorum was present for the meeting.

B. Discussion and Action regarding water contracts. Mayor Billy Goodin stated they will go into Executive Session to discuss the contracts with Attorney Howard Slobodin.

C. Executive Session: 1:01 p.m.

- 1. Discussion concerning contracts under Gov. Code 551.071.**
- 2. Adjourn from Executive Session.** 2:00 p.m.

D. Reconvene in open session: 2:00 p.m.

- 1. Action necessary as a result of Executive Session.** No action.

E. Adjourn. 2:00 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 July 10, 2025 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: Tracy Hutto

Councilman Absent:

A. 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.

B. Citizens' Forum.

C. Approval of minutes from the Regular Meeting June 12, 2025 and Special Meeting June 13, 2025. Councilman Bubba Smith made the motion to approve the minutes. Councilman Clegg DeWalt 2nd the motion. All remaining members voted yea. Motion carried.

D. 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.

E. Finance Report -- Our total funds at the end of June 2025 were \$1,350,214. Our bill paying account balance at the end of June 2025 was \$203,212. Accounts payable are \$82,929. Accounts receivables are \$194,434. The Municipal Court collected \$13,563 for the month of June 2025 with the OMNI Program collecting \$397 of that total. The sales tax collected for the month of June 2025 is \$94,993. The Fire Department donations for the month of June 2025 were \$124. The water collections for the month of June 2025 were \$177,136. Total deposits for the month of June 2025 were \$310,507. Tex Class balance at the end of June 2025 was \$1,095,118 Texas Class interest earned for June 2025 was \$3,955 and the overall interest earned since October 2024 is \$30,442.

F. Grant Related Business. Jed Morris with Goodwin Lasiter Strong stated there are currently 3 projects underway. The foundation has been constructed for the elevated storage tank by the ballfield but there is a delay with the tank company due to them and all other tank companies getting more work. The estimated completion date for this project is mid-2026. Councilman Womack asked how the delay will affect everything else? Mr. Morris answered we will not be able to put the work at the well plant in service with the new pumps until the elevated tank is put in. The well plant project is on a better schedule, Duplichain has the foundation for the tank built. After the ground storage tank is put in place, the aerator and piping can be moved and install the ammonia which will switch us to chloramines. Then we will be waiting for the elevated tank to get finished so we can use the well plant. The third project is now complete, S-Co installed a 10" line from Wood Street to Oak Street to the new elevated storage tank.

G. Department Reports.

City Manager Tracy Hutto stated since the last meeting, an Ordinance Officer has been hired, Alan Kinsel and an Animal Control Officer, Devon Grishman. Mrs. Hutto has a meeting scheduled tomorrow with TRA to discuss potential damage to the road leading to TRA's water well field off of Doug Bell Road. Public Works Director Steve Alexander stated he has a company today at the wastewater plant working on the wet well, it has been completely refurbished, it has 2 brand new pumps and a control panel. Mr. Alexander said for the month of June 2025, there were 5 water, 2 sewer taps, 12 sewer calls, 15 water leaks, 9 street calls, 6 pothole calls, 5 clean out culvert and ditches calls, 5 trash calls, and 10 animal calls. He also is going to have a crew trimming off brush hanging over the city roadways.

Police Chief Steven Jeter stated the total calls for June 2025 were 1,014, service calls were 233, traffic stops were 170, 78 citations were issued, 71 warnings, and 7 parking tickets.

H. Unfinished Business.

- A. Discussion and Action with Jed Morris of Goodwin Lasiter Strong to award contract for rehabilitation/reconstruction of Rockdale Booster Station.** Mr. Morris the project was bid with 2 alternatives. Duplichain Contractors, LLC package A bid was \$252,670.00 and package B bid was \$552,590.00. McDonald Municipal & Industrial package A bid was \$408,469.00 and package B bid was \$958,669.00. Duplichain Contractors, LLC was the lowest bidder. The basic project was to rehabilitate the existing Rockdale Booster Station since there was not enough funds to build a completely new booster station across the highway. The rehabilitation includes a new generator, automatic transfer switch, liquid ammonia sulfate facilities because of the chloramine conversion, dressing up the inside and outside of the building to make it look more presentable and to extend the life of it. The piping and pumps would remain the same. Package A and package B both included that basic work. Package A involved rehabilitation as best we could with that existing 12,000-gallon ground storage tank. If package A is awarded, there would \$153,000 left in grant funds to possibly spend on a controlled system, scaled back system of SCADA. Package B also includes the basic work but instead of keeping the old tank in service, we would build a new 30,000-gallon tank across the highway by the library. It would also involve construction water lines to tie it into the existing distribution system and into the pump stations. If package B is awarded, the City of Trinity would have to come up with \$111,288.50. Councilman Smith stated he has thought a lot about this since the last meeting; he hates to spend the money but does not want to keep putting band-aids on things and would like to do it right. Councilman Clegg DeWalt stated anytime we can improve the aesthetic quality of this community, we need to do that. Councilman Smith added you do not know what you get when you continue to patch things but you do know what you get with something brand new. Mayor Goodin stated it is doable financially. Councilman Smith made the motion to award GLO MIT Contract # 22-082-021-D447 to Duplichain Contractors, LLC for Package B, \$552,590.00 with the City of Trinity committing the additional match of \$111,288.50. Councilman Scott Womack 2nd the motion. All remaining members voted yea. Motion carried.

I. New Business.

- A. Discussion and Action with Larry Grant regarding animal control.** Mr. Grant thanked the Mayor and Council for hiring Police Chief Steven Jeter. He said we have a more professional law enforcement now. Mr. Grant also wanted to thank Levi Barton for speaking at the council meeting last month and voicing his concerns for the need of an animal control officer. Mr. Grant wanted to let everyone know Crimestoppers is not just handling pet adoptions, they are still working with law enforcement to help solve crime. They recently awarded 2 tips, one for \$1,000.00 for a sex offender fugitive for failing to comply and one for \$500.00 award for a narcotics case. There are pet adoptions set up this month, Saturday, July 12 at the Trinity Tractor Supply from 9 am to 3 pm and Saturday, July 26 at the Crockett Walmart from 9 am to 3 pm. There is quite a bit involved with the pet adoptions that include transporting the animals which takes 2 people pulling the trailers to and from the kennels, setting everything up and then taking it all down. It is approximately 120 manhours. The transports are 86 miles each. In the last year, there have been 8 adoptions with 79 dogs being adopted out and 26 of those went out of Trinity County. There is an 85% adoption rate which is very successful. Crimestoppers has spent over \$4,000.00 on this project on vet bills, worming meds, vaccines and \$50 vouchers. Mr. Grant also thanked the Mayor and Council for recently purchasing a movable kennel that has 7 stalls, automatic watering and electrical wiring. Crimestoppers donated \$1,000.00 to the City of Trinity to help with moving this unit. There was a county wide meeting that included the Sheriff's Department, City of Trinity, City of Groveton and Crimestoppers to see if they can all get together to handle the animal control for all of Trinity County. Mr. Grant asked the City of Trinity to revise the animal control ordinance.

- B. Discussion and Action to amend Ordinance #20-0001 and pass Ordinance #25-0005 regarding Cross Connection Control.** City Manager Tracy Hutto stated this Ordinance had to be updated and it is part of TCEQ's corrected action. The previous ordinance had Russell Crawley as the backflow inspector so it has been updated to remove him and add our water system or a designated agent will conduct those inspections. Councilman Bubba Smith made the motion to approve the Ordinance. Mayor Pro-Tem Phillip Morrison 2nd the motion. All remaining members voted yea. Motion carried.
- C. Discussion and Action to amend Ordinance #04-0005 and pass Ordinance #25-0006 concerning Community Center rental rules, regulations and fees.** Mrs. Hutto stated the deposits would not cover any damages renters may damage while they have it rented. Therefore, the deposits for both the Community Center and Annex room have been increased as well as the cleaning fee. Local non-profit organizations in Trinity with a 501(c)(3) will pay \$150.00 for the rental and a cleaning fee of \$150.00. Inspections will now be made after each rental before deposits are refunded to make sure no damages occurred. Another addition added to the ordinance is inflatables such as moonwalks, obstacle courses, and water slides are not permitted. The exception to inflatables is during an organized special, community-wide event that has obtained prior approval from the city with a lease agreement will be required along with a deposit. Councilman Smith wants to make sure it is clarified what organizations get charged and who do not. Councilman Clegg DeWalt made the motion to table the Ordinance until we come up with the proper clarification. Mayor Pro-Tem Phillip Morrison 2nd the motion. All remaining members voted yea. Motion carried.
- D. Discussion and Action to approve the 2025 1st and 2nd Quarter Investment Reports.** Councilman Bubba Smith made the motion to approve the investment reports. Councilman Scott Womack 2nd the motion. All remaining members voted yea. Motion carried.
- E. Discussion and Action concerning the Whitson Family Contract.** Mayor Billy Goodin stated this contract is our water well lease. Mrs. Hutto spoke with Kevin Hunt regarding the contract and he requested a few changes. The monthly lease has not been increased in 18 years so Mr. Hunt would like to increase the monthly lease from \$1,100.00 to \$3,300.00 a month with an annual cost of living increase at a minimum rate of 1% and maximum rate of 3% using the Consumer Price Index. Also, the royalty rate will increase from \$0.07 to \$0.21 per 1,000 gallons over the 13,000,000 gallons per month. The City of Trinity has never gone over the 13,000,000 gallons in a month but if it did occur Mr. Hunt would collect royalties. Mr. Hunt will purchase 2 cattle guards to replace the need for gates on the main road and the City of Trinity will install them. Councilman Bubba Smith does not understand why we did not negotiate and counteroffer on the monthly increase. Mr. Smith asked if they were done with hauling the dirt and rock from the property, Mrs. Hutto answered yes. Mr. Smith stated once the city fixes the road this time it should be a good road. Mayor Pro-Tem Phillip Morrison made the motion to approve the changes to the Whitson Family Contract. Councilman Scott Womack 2nd the motion. Councilman Bubba Smith voted nay. All remaining members voted yea. Motion carried.
- F. Discussion and Action regarding the appointments of the Economic Development Board due to expiration of terms.** Mayor Goodin stated this is a part of it but he wants to do a restructure of that. The reasoning for this is due to a city close to us having issues. Mayor Goodin provided the Council with the basic information to know what the Economic Development Board and being accountable. Councilman Smith stated he read the material Mayor Goodin provided last month, it states the council appoints the board, the terms are typically 2 years, reappointment for multiple terms are generally allowed unless restricted by local regulations. At this time, we do not have restricted regulations. It also says there is no state wide maximum term limit for an Economic Development Board member of Texas. Councilman Smith stated in the last meeting it was told the term limits were 6 years, Mayor Goodin said that is for Type A. Mr. Smith said a couple of the members did not know they were a Type B and there are different rules than others. Councilman Smith likes the idea of the restructure, but feels no one on the council should be on the Economic Development

Board. This would allow more of a variety and get more people from the community involved. The council makes the final decision on all Economic Development Board recommendations. This would allow the council to stay out of it until it comes before the city council for approval. Mayor Goodin stated you can have council members on the board but he does not think it is good practice. Mr. Smith said if we cut all the members from the board now then we will have to start all over and have brand new members. Mr. Smith feels if they weed out members here and there instead of all at once that makes more sense. Councilman Womack stated the board has not met since February 2025, the object of the board is to reinvest money into the community and as of right now they have approximately 3 million in funds with a majority of that being tied up in CD's so if we wanted to use it we cannot unless we pay penalties. Councilman Womack said there are not any projects going on, no meetings being held, there is a baseball complex that needs work, and there is a lot of things the board can be doing but they are actively doing absolutely nothing and he is on the board. Mayor Goodin wants to appoint people to the board that will do a good job. Mr. Goodin is not wanting to appoint new members tonight, he provided the information and he wants feedback on how they are going to do it as a council. The city is ultimately responsible for the Economic Development Board so if anything happens it is on the City of Trinity. Councilman Smith asked what the board has done wrong, Mr. Goodin said the council does not get financial statements routinely. The City of Trinity gives the Economic Development Board 25% of sales tax collected every month which is approximately \$300,000.00 a year. That money is suppose to be used actively to promote the economic development of the city and for the people in the city. Mayor Goodin would like to know what the Economic Development Board's mission is which is the pledge to the people on what the board is going to do to promote the economic growth in their community. So there needs to be a plan to attract economic development or add to it. The board has the ability to do a lot for the community, he is not saying anyone is right or wrong, there is just room for improvement and we should do better and utilize that board to do what it is suppose to do and promote the city. Mr. Goodin believes the citizens expect that. With Trinity growing, we have new streets that are fixing to be opened up, he would think the economic development of our city would be a priority issue that we should be looking at seriously. Councilman Smith would like to choose members who are good with money and do not throw away money. Mayor Goodin stated the Economic Development Board's purpose is not to save money, it is to utilize those funds to put back into our community to help us. The citizens do not care what we have in the bank, if we are not fixing their streets, fixing water pipes, sewer, etc. Councilman Smith asked why would we have to restructure the entire board and Mayor Goodin answered with because there needs to be a change in that area and there is a lot of improvements the board could do. Mr. Goodin would like to see a proactive board that is out looking for opportunities and not waiting for them to come knock on their door. Councilman Clegg DeWalt stated he agrees with the Mayor but he has been on the economic development board for many years and he is proud of the things they have done in the past, but will gladly withdraw if it would facilitate the transition that he wants. Mayor Goodin is not saying the board has not made accomplishments but he thinks the board has the potential to have a big influence on the City of Trinity. No action taken.

J. Adjourn. 7:11 p.m. Scott Womack made the motion to adjourn. Mayor Pro-Tem Phillip Morrison 2nd the motion. All remaining members voted yea. Motion carried.

Mayor Billy Goodin

Tracy Hutto, City Manager

**THE STATE OF TEXAS
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The Regular Meeting of the City Council of the City of Trinity was held on August 14, 2025 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: Tracy Hutto

Councilman Absent:

- A. 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.
- B. Citizens' Forum.** Regional Manager Larry Clark with Infomark stated they do water and wastewater contracts and is from the area. Mr. Clark believes Infomark and the City of Trinity could be mutually beneficial to each other. Infomark merged with a company called ESG Engineering out of Atlanta, Georgia, that can get any grant known to man that there is. They also merged with Azuria out of Pennsylvania which is a billion-dollar trenchless pipeline repair and replacement company. Shannon Boston is on the Juneteenth Committee and a proud descendant of black veteran. Mrs. Boston stated Lois Saldana told her the Black Veterans Memorial donated the land which is the baseball fields as well as the Community Center to the City of Trinity. One of the stipulations was the blacks would be able to use this property rent free for the Juneteenth Celebration. In last month's meeting it was discussed that fees would be going up for the rental of the Community Center. The Juneteenth Celebration would be willing to pay for any damages that may occur. Mrs. Boston stated the Juneteenth Committee strictly operates on donations therefore they are not able to afford security.
- C. Approval of minutes from the Regular Meeting July 10, 2025.** 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.
- D. 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.
- E. Finance Report.** Our total funds at the end of July 2025 were \$1,059,444. Our bill paying account balance at the end of July 2025 was \$108,337. Accounts payable are \$49,789. Accounts receivables are \$197,546. The Municipal Court collected \$12,526 for the month of July 2025 with the OMNI Program collecting \$100 of that total. The sales tax collected for the month of July 2025 is \$248,092 (additional one-time audit payment). The Fire Department donations for the month of July 2025 were \$112. The water collections for the month of July 2025 were \$190,890. Total deposits for the month of July 2025 were \$342,070. Tex Class balance at the end of July 2025 was \$899,223 Texas Class interest earned for July 2025 was \$4,106 and the overall interest earned since October 2024 is \$34,547.
- F. Grant Related Business.**
- G. Department Reports.** Public Works Director Steve Alexander stated there were 25 sewer calls, 23 water leaks, 10 street calls, 8 potholes, 13 ditch calls, 11 garbage calls, and 6 animal calls. Chief Jeter stated there is nothing new to report but they have been busy solving crimes mentioned he has a good group of men and women working hard.

H. Unfinished Business

- A. Discussion and Action to amend Ordinance #04-0005 and pass Ordinance #25-0006 concerning Community Center rental rules, regulations and fees.** City Manager Tracy Hutto stated the deposit fees have been increased to \$200.00 for both the Community Center and Annex. The Community Center Fee with the deposit has been increased to \$500.00 and without the kitchen it is \$450.00. The alcohol deposit will remain \$1,000.00 but the Police Officer fee has increased to \$40.00 an hour for a 4-hour minimum, the Officer will attend the whole duration of the event. Mrs. Hutto stated she wanted to address damages being made, the deposit has been increased so if damages occur the deposit can cover it. All deposits are subject to refund only after the Community Center/Annex inspection has been conducted and certified by the City of Trinity. Rental fees will be waived for Government (city, county, state and federal) entities. Local Non-Profit Organizations with a 501(c)(3) will pay a fee of \$200.00 along with a \$200.00 deposit. Inflatables such as moonwalks, obstacle courses, and water slides are not permitted unless during an organized special, community-wide event that has obtained prior approval from the city. A lease agreement will be required along with a deposit. Councilman Scott Womack made the motion to approve the Ordinance. Mayor Pro-Tem Phillip Morrison 2nd the motion. Councilman Bubba Smith opposed. All remaining members voted yea. Motion carried.

I. New Business

- A. Discussion and Action to pass Ordinance #25-0007 to change the late charge on water bills from \$10.00 to 10% for commercial accounts only.** City Manager Tracy Hutto stated there is approximately 45 businesses that are late every month. Most of the neighboring communities have a 10% late fee but this will only affect the business accounts not residential accounts. Councilman Bubba Smith made the motion to approve the Ordinance. Mayor Pro-Tem Phillip Morrison 2nd the motion. All remaining members voted yea. Motion carried.
- B. Discussion and Action to propose the tax rate for 2025.** Councilman Bubba Smith made the motion to keep the tax rate the same as .6000. Mayor Pro-Tem Phillip Morrison 2nd the motion. Mayor Goodin stated the city submits financial information to the Appraisal District that includes maintenance, operation and debt. After the Appraisal District reviews the finances, they compute a spreadsheet showing the available tax rates the city can choose from. The city can only pay for what the tax payers are willing to pay for. The city's job is to be good sports of that money and use it effectively, to save costs and to utilize the money to its fullest potential. Mayor Goodin asked the Council to look at these numbers and be realistic based on costs and what it takes to provide the services the citizens need and deserve. If the city stayed with the same rate as .6000 it would only generate \$42,478 more in revenue, however the .6500 rate would generate \$105,521 more in revenue. Councilman Clegg DeWalt stated the city has done its due diligence with trying to turn the city around. Councilman Scott Womack stated he does not want to propose the rate until he has a better picture of where we are budgetarily before we vote on a tax rate and lock us in on a tax rate that could be too high or too low. Mayor Goodin stated he would like to know how you are going to justify that staying with the same tax rate is going to be sufficient to run this city and he has yet to hear any information that tells him that. Councilman Womack said he knows there is a motion and a 2nd on the table but he thinks we need to look at the budget before we finalize the tax rate. Councilman DeWalt stated he cannot make a judgement on the tax rate without knowing what we need to operate the city. Councilman Smith stated we had to do numerous addendums because we spent different amounts we were not expected to spend. He also knows it is going to take quite a bit of money to open up the undeveloped roads in milltown and provide the water and sewer. Councilman DeWalt stated it is inevitable the city is going to have to raise the tax rate and Councilman Smith stated he does not think so. Councilman DeWalt asked Councilman Smith where is that money going to come from? Councilman Clegg DeWalt, Councilman Scott Womack and Councilman Bryan Buck opposed the motion. Councilman Scott Womack made the motion to table and have a special meeting next week. Councilman Clegg DeWalt 2nd the motion. Mayor Pro-Tem Phillip Morrison opposed. All remaining members voted yea. Motion carried.

C. Discussion and Action regarding the appointments of the Economic Development Board.

Councilman Clegg DeWalt stated you cannot advance in this life without change and change is good. He stated it has been a pleasure working on the Economic Development Board and has the greatest respect for Mayor Goodin. Councilman DeWalt stated to show that his heart is in the right place he gladly resigns from the Economic Development Board so the Mayor can direct the organization in the direction he sees fit. Councilman DeWalt listed items the Economic Development Board has approved over the years, amounting to \$3.05 million in projects, including the purchase of 31.79 acres for an industrial park along with \$2.5 million accruing interest in certificates of deposit. Mayor Goodin thanked the former board members for their service and said the change is not about performance, it is not about what they have not done because they have accomplished a lot, it is about how we move forward in the future, getting new ideas and new people involved with new perspectives to strengthen the city. Mayor Goodin stated they received bios from people who were interested in serving on the board, he said they were all really good. Mayor Goodin's recommendations are Joy Neal, Billy Coleman, Bill Thomas, Tommy Hastings, Patrick Ross, Kent Copley and Tally Jo Stout. Councilman Scott Womack made the motion to approve the new members. Mayor Pro-Tem Phillip Morrison 2nd the motion. Councilman Bubba Smith opposed. All remaining members voted yea. Motion carried. Mayor Goodin stated one of the first things will probably be workshops for the new members and a consultant will help reorganize the board.

J. Adjourn. 7:21 p.m. Councilman Scott Womack made the motion to adjourn. Councilman Clegg DeWalt 2nd the motion. All remaining members voted yea. Motion carried.

Mayor Billy Goodin

Tracy Hutto, City Manager

**THE STATE OF TEXAS
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The Special Meeting of the City Council of the City of Trinity was held on August 21, 2025 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, Bryan Buck

City Administrator: Tracy Hutto

Councilman Absent: Scott Womack

- A. 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.
- B. Discussion and Action to propose the tax rate for 2025.** Councilman Clegg DeWalt stated the current tax rate is .6000 and if we kept that rate it would generate an extra \$42,478.00, but if we went with the .6500 tax rate it would generate an additional \$63,000.00 and cost the tax payers approximately \$50.00 per year if their home is appraised at \$100,000.00. Councilman Bubba Smith stated even if we went with the .6881 rate it would still not be enough and like someone in the audience said the infrastructure issues will not be fixed over night, he said it could be stretched in the next three years. Councilman Smith made the motion to keep the tax rate at .6000. Mayor Pro-Tem Phillip Morrison 2nd the motion. Councilman DeWalt stated the physical position of the city is more important to him than his position so he opposes and wants to go with the .6500 tax rate. Mayor Pro-Tem Morrison asked the audience if they think the city should raise taxes to please raise their hand, the residents overwhelmingly raised their hands and showed support for the tax hike. Councilman Bryan Buck opposed. Mayor Goodin broke the tie and opposed as well. Councilman Bryan Buck made the motion to propose the tax rate of .6500. Councilman DeWalt 2nd the motion. Councilman Bubba Smith opposed. Mayor Pro-Tem Phillip Morrison voted yea. Motion carried.
- C. Budget Overview.** Mayor Goodin stated he is going to do an overview of the budget and the processes for the people in our community who do not really know what our processes are. Mayor Goodin stated the city can be compared to a corporation in a sense, the Mayor and Council members are like board of directors and the citizens can be compared as shareholders or investors so you have an invested interest in the city and most people who are in invested expect a return on their investment. The accounts of the city are divided up into four different funds, the general account is funded by taxes which includes the general, police, street, library, park, fire and court departments. Then there is the water fund, sewer fund, and the solid waste (trash) fund which only are funded by water, sewer and solid waste revenue. These three should operate as three separate businesses and they should stand on their own two feet. However, if they cannot carry themselves, it is legal to take from the general fund and subsidize from the general fund, therefore that takes away from improving streets, etc. During the council meetings a finance report is given and total funds normally total a little over one million dollars, but that total includes designated funds that can only be used for certain expenditures. The bill paying fund is the only account that can be used to operate the four funds. There is money in the Texas Class account so it can draw close to five percent interest but when we need the money, we transfer it into the bill paying fund. The debt service account can only be used for time warrants and loans, this is funded out of a percentage of the ad valorem taxes. We are fixing to start working on the budget and that is a projection of revenue and expenditures for the upcoming fiscal year starting October 1, 2025 through September 30, 2026. We use past expenditures and revenues as a guide but the hard part of the budget is the unexpected expenditures and revenue, however unexpected revenue is a positive. Some of the problems we are facing on the upcoming budget is we have a projected loss on water of \$208,326.00 as of today. Just our Trinity River Authority bill alone not including all other expenses associated with the water department is \$81,872 per month, starting December 1, 2025 that price per month will increase to

\$88,342. The city also faces infrastructure deterioration with the water and sewer departments. Mayor Goodin showed pictures of the deterioration with the wastewater treatment plant and the water tower on Railroad Street. These issues have to be addressed as soon as possible. The water tower rehab is \$79,600, the rehab for the Rockdale Booster Plant will be \$111,000.00, the grant match for the mitigation grant is \$40,000.00 and generators for the lift stations will be approximately be \$292,000.00, all these projects need to be completed in the upcoming 2025-2026 budget. Mayor Goodin stated a contract with Westwood Shores is in the works to sell them water.

D. Adjourn. 7:16 p.m. Councilman Smith made the motion to adjourn. Councilman Clegg DeWalt 2nd the motion. All remaining members voted yea. Motion carried.

Mayor Billy Goodin

Tracy Hutto, City Manager

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The Regular Meeting of the City Council of the City of Trinity was held on September 11, 2025 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: Tracy Hutto

Councilman Absent:

- A) 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.
- B) Citizens' Forum.**
- C) Approval of minutes from the Regular Meeting August 14, 2025 and Special Meeting August 21, 2025.** 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.
- D) Approve bills for payment.** Councilman Clegg DeWalt made the motion to approve the bills for payment. Councilman Bryan Buck 2nd the motion. All remaining members voted yea. Motion carried.
- E) Finance Report.** Our total funds at the end of August 2025 were \$1,248,229. Our bill paying account balance at the end of August 2025 was \$379,172. Accounts payable are \$64,483. Monthly checks accounts payable were \$387,982. Accounts receivables are \$196,118. The Municipal Court collected \$13,644 for the month of August 2025 with the OMNI Program collecting \$1,149 of that total. The sales tax collected for the month of August 2025 is \$95,636. The Fire Department donations for the month of August 2025 were \$136. The water collections for the month of August 2025 were \$187,452. Total deposits for the month of August 2025 were \$885,395. Tex Class balance at the end of August 2025 was \$833,615 Texas Class interest earned for August 2025 was \$3,268 and the overall interest earned since October 2024 is \$37,815.
- F) Grant Related Business.**
- G) Department Reports.** Public Works Director Steve Alexander stated there were 18 sewer calls, 15 water leaks 8 street calls, 3 potholes, 4 ditch calls, 3 garbage calls, and 8 animal calls. Mr. Alexander stated two out of six generators located at the lift stations are now working. He stated the public works crew have been working on the new parade route to make sure everything looks good. Chief Jeter stated there is nothing new to report.
- H) Unfinished Business**
- I) New Business**
 - A) Discussion and Action with Dianne Sollock of Davis, Heinemann & Company, P.C. regarding the 2023-2024 fiscal year audit.** Mrs. Sollock stated the independent auditor's report that states the financial statements presents fairly in all material respects. The financial position of the City of Trinity at September 30, 2024, it is called an unmodified opinion which is the best opinion you can receive. The balance sheet for the governmental funds, it shows the general fund total assets were a little over \$2.2 million at year end, liabilities were \$127,000 giving a fund balance of a little over

\$1.8 million. Debt Service had a fund balance of \$155,000, the other governmental funds had a \$15,000 fund balance, total fund balance for the governmental funds were about \$2 million at the end of the year. The statement of revenue and expenditures for the governmental funds is a little over \$2.1 million for total revenue and total expenditures are a little over \$2.4 million. The statement of net position for the enterprise funds which consist of water, sewer, and garbage, the total assets including capital assets net of depreciation were \$1.3 million in water and sewer, liabilities were a little over \$460,000, long term liabilities were \$240,000, the net position at the end of the year were 660,000, \$3.4 million is the reserve for the capital assets and the unrestricted is negative \$2.7 million. The Solid Waste fund has a net position of almost \$2 million at the end of the year with a positive unrestricted and investment and capital assets. The statement of revenues and expenses in changes of net position for the water and sewer fund has a little over \$2.1 million in revenue and \$2.7 million in operating expenses with an operating loss of \$544,000. The Solid Waste Fund had an increase in their net position of almost \$75,000. The general fund budget comparison statement shows the revenue almost broke even, it was almost \$3,600 less than the final budget, the expenditures were more than the final budget by \$274,000 and those expenses were in the Street Department. Councilman Scott Womack made the motion to approve the audit for fiscal year 2023-2024. Councilman Clegg DeWalt 2nd the motion. All remaining members voted yea. Motion carried.

- B) Discussion and Action to appoint and swear in the Municipal Judge.** Mayor Billy Goodin stated we lost Judge Lyle Stubbs in July and we miss him dearly but we have to replace his position. Mayor Goodin recommended Keith Johnson as the Municipal Judge. Councilman Bubba Smith made the motion approve the mayor's recommendation of appointing Keith Johnson as Municipal Judge. Councilman Scott Womack 2nd the motion. All remaining members voted yea. Motion carried. Mayor Billy Goodin swore in Keith Johnson as Municipal Judge.
- C) Discussion and Action to pass Resolution #25-0006 on adopting the 2025 Tax Roll.** Councilman Clegg DeWalt made the motion to approve the resolution. Mayor Pro-Tem Phillip Morrison 2nd the motion. All remaining members voted yea. Motion carried.
- D) Discussion and Action to pass Resolution #25-0007 establishing deposit requirements to retire debts for fiscal year October 1, 2025 through September 30, 2026.** Councilman Bubba Smith 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 #25-0008 establishing interest and sinking funds for all debts owed by the city for the fiscal year October 1, 2025 through September 30, 2026.** Councilman Bubba Smith made the motion to approve the resolution. Mayor Pro-Tem Phillip Morrison 2nd the motion. All remaining members voted yea. Motion carried.
- F) Discussion and Action to pass Resolution #25-0009 to adopt the city budget for fiscal year October 1, 2025 through September 30, 2026.** Councilman Bubba Smith would like to start putting money aside each month for Police Department and Public Works vehicles. Mayor Pro-Tem Phillip Morrison made the motion to approve the resolution. Councilman Clegg DeWalt 2nd the motion. All remaining members voted yea. Motion carried.
- G) Discussion and Action to approve the Holiday calendar for fiscal year October 1, 2025 through September 30, 2026.** Councilman Clegg DeWalt made the motion to approve the holidays. Councilman Bubba Smith 2nd the motion. All remaining members voted yea. Motion carried.
- H) Discussion and Action to pass Ordinance #25-0008 fixing and levying Municipal Ad Valorem Taxes for the City of Trinity, Texas for the year 2025-2026 and directing the assessment and collection thereof.** Mayor Pro-Tem Phillip Morrison made the motion to approve the resolution. Councilman Clegg DeWalt 2nd the motion. All remaining members voted yea. Motion carried.

I) Discussion and Action to pass Ordinance #25-0009 implementing a grease trap ordinance.

Councilman Bubba Smith made the motion to approve the resolution. Councilman Bryan Buck 2nd the motion. All remaining members voted yea. Motion carried.

J) Adjourn. 6:45 p.m. Councilman Scott Womack made the motion to adjourn. Councilman Clegg DeWalt 2nd the motion. All remaining members voted yea. Motion carried.

Mayor Billy Goodin

Tracy Hutto, City Manager