

**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