

**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 9, 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 September 11, 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. Councilman Scott Womack made the motion to approve the bills for payment. Councilman Bubba Smith 2nd the motion. All remaining members voted yea. Motion carried.

E) Finance Report. Our total funds at the end of September 2025 were \$1,133,432. Our bill paying account balance at the end of September 2025 was \$257,512. Accounts payable are \$85,115. Monthly checks accounts payable were \$335,672. Accounts receivables are \$208,601. The Municipal Court collected \$17,358 for the month of September 2025 with the OMNI Program collecting \$485 of that total. The sales tax collected for the month of September 2025 is \$68,015. The Fire Department donations for the month of September 2025 were \$129. The water collections for the month of September 2025 were \$197,385. Total deposits for the month of September 2025 were \$331,801. Tex Class balance at the end of September 2025 was \$836,600 Texas Class interest earned for September 2025 was \$2,985 and the overall interest earned since October 2024 is \$40,800.

City Manager Tracy Hutto stated we had our site visit with the General Land Office and the projects are approximately 65% completed.

F) Grant Related Business.

G) Department Reports. Public Works Director Steve Alexander stated there was nothing new to report but showed pictures of the progress at the wells with the grant project. Mrs. Hutto stated the Police Department had 793 calls, 197 calls of service, 231 traffic stops, 110 warnings, 116 citations, 21 fire calls and 16 public works calls.

H) Unfinished Business

I) New Business

A) Discussion and Action to amend Ordinance #24-0005 and pass Ordinance #25-0010 regarding animal control. City Manager Tracy Hutto requested to table the Ordinance due to not being prepared to discuss it at this time. Mayor Pro-Tem made the motion to table the Ordinance. Councilman Clegg DeWalt 2nd the motion. All remaining members voted yea. Motion carried.

B) Discussion and Action to pass Ordinance #25-0011 concerning water deposits and service fees. Mrs. Hutto stated we added the deposit and service fees to our water and sewer rates Ordinance. One of the recommendations from our Auditor was to increase our water deposits. Currently the minimum water bill for inside the city limits is \$67.33, if someone gets 2 months behind and gets disconnected the \$100.00 water deposit is not enough to cover the 2 month balance. We took that recommendation and increased the water deposits to \$200.00 from \$100.00 and increase the service charges from \$10.00 to \$20.00. The bulk water was also increased from \$20.00 to \$40.00 for a minimum of 1,000 gallons. Councilman Scott Womack 2nd the motion. All remaining members voted yea. Motion carried.

C) Discussion and Action regarding bids for generators. Mrs. Hutto stated Matt Budzise with All Around Electric did get 4 out of the 6 generators at the lift stations operating. Bids were received by All Around Electric, McCaffety Electric, Culpepper and Ark Generator did not submit their bid but did come out. Mrs. Hutto is requesting approval for funding for the generators; she received an interest rate of 4.95% interest rate from Government Capital and received an interest rate of 3% from Communities Unlimited but can only be used for water and wastewater. We have to have 2 stationary generators for the lift stations that do not have a working generator which are Hwy 94 and FM 617 and would like to get a portable generator as well. She also received bids for preventative maintenance for all generators. Mrs. Hutto stated All Around Electric's bid for one generator was \$35,000.00 and the other was \$45,000.00, Culpepper's bid was \$69,000.00 for each generator and McCaffety Electric's bid for one generator was \$78,700.00. Councilman Bubba Smith made the motion to approve the funding for the generators. Councilman Clegg DeWalt 2nd the motion. All remaining members voted yea. Motion carried.

D) Discussion and Action to amend Ordinance #82-0013 and pass Ordinance #25-0012 regarding vendor permits. Mrs. Hutto stated this is in regards to people who set up in the city limits to sale items temporarily. The current rates are \$10.00 a day, \$15.00 a week, \$25.00 a month and \$100.00 a month, with this Ordinance the rates will be \$25.00 a day, \$50.00 a week, \$75.00 a month and \$200.00 a year. Councilman Bubba Smith made the motion to approve the Ordinance. Councilman Scott Womack 2nd the motion. All remaining members voted yea. Motion carried.

E) Discussion and Action to nominate Board of Directors for the Appraisal District. Councilman Bubba Smith stated the Council normally nominates the candidates who can represent Trinity which would be Monty Huffman and Kevin Searcy. Bubba Smith made the motion to nominate Monty Huffman and Kevin Searcy who both serve on the School Board. Councilman Clegg DeWalt 2nd the motion. All remaining members voted yea. Motion carried.

F) Discussion and Action regarding purchase and financing options for the Police Department and Public Works equipment. City Manager Tracy Hutto stated this funding would come from Government Capital with an interest rate of 4.95%. The Police Department would like 2 used vehicles. Public Works would like a new Bobcat Excavator, asphalt patch trailer, dump truck, 2 used work trucks and possibly a bucket truck. Councilman Clegg DeWalt stated to increase the services to the residents of the City of Trinity with it being government funded he makes the motion to proceed with this much needed endeavor. Councilman Scott Womack made the motion to approve the financing options. Councilman Clegg DeWalt 2nd the motion. All remaining members voted yea. Motion carried.

G) Discussion and Action with Attorney Colton Hay regarding development in Milltown. Mr. Hay stated the City of Trinity has a unique situation going on in Milltown where property was subdivided but was never fully developed. The landowner has recently sold the lots and now these people are wanting, water, sewer, roads and electricity which all cost a lot of money. Mr. Hay wants to make sure it is done right moving forward and has done some research on it. In the city's ordinances it states, any new development, the developer pays for the water and sewer along with the roads. With the water and sewer lines, the city has every right and is backed up statute and case law to charge a fair price to compensate the city to extend those lines to the landowners. There is also a law where by 2/3 vote of the council vote to improve the streets and things of that nature and the burden of the improvement can be put on the landowners that abut the road for their section and they would share 2/3 of the cost and the city would pay the remaining 1/3. Mr. Hay stated this process is a little strenuous, it is not like where you can flip a switch and make it happen. It seems like these people want their utilities as soon as possible but he thinks we can have a happy resolution for the city and the people.

H) Discussion and Action regarding the Beautification Committee. Mayor Billy Goodin stated during his first term as Mayor, he had an idea to start improving how the city looks so he started talking to some citizens about creating a beautification committee which they did. It started with 4-5 members and now there is 16-17 members. Mr. Goodin said the committee has done a lot for the city such as the planters, the welcome to Trinity signs, participate in the city activities and help with the Christmas decorations. Mayor Goodin would like to make the beautification committee an official committee of the City of Trinity and to give them a budget line item of \$3,000.00 to promote the beautification. Councilman Bubba Smith made the motion to approve making the Beautification Committee an official committee of the City of Trinity with a budget line item of \$3,000.00. Councilman Scott Womack 2nd the motion. All remaining members voted yea. Motion carried.

I) Discussion and Action concerning Economic Development Board recommendations. President Joy Neal stated the new board had their first meeting September 23, 2025 and accomplished quite a bit. There is a couple of amendments to the bylaws, and a proposal and contract for a consultant. They are doing a thorough review of the byways which were written in 1998 and have not been amended since then. The first amendment they would like to make is for section 3.04 which relates to where the board of directors live, currently the bylaws read the each director should be a resident of the City of Trinity, they would like to change that to each director should be a resident of the City of Trinity or live within a 10 mile radius of the city limits to give them a bigger pool of people who can come in and be a director. Mayor Goodin stated that is also a state statute. The other bylaw they would like

to amend is how they communicate with their meetings, currently the bylaws does not allow for electronic communication such as email and text. Mayor Pro-Tem Phillip Morrison made the motion to approve the amendments to the bylaws. Councilman Scott Womack 2nd the motion. All remaining members voted yea. Motion carried. Mrs. Neal stated as a new board they all feel it is critical to understand the law and responsibility as a type B corporation. It is their top priority to be good stewards of the taxpayer's dollars and that they are following all applicable laws and using the best practices. They believe the best way to do this is to invest in a consultant who specializes in Economic Development corporations and can provide the tools and guidance they need to be successful. Mrs. Neal reached out to the President of the Texas Economic Development Council for his suggestion of someone who could help and was given the name of Alyria Cook with Opportunity Strategies, LLC. Mrs. Cook has over 30 years of training Economic Development Corporations, City Councils and Chambers of Commerce. Opportunity Strategies offers economic development training and board development for EDC board, elected officials, and economic development partners, as well as strategic planning options. The Trinity EDC will have a clear direction and will ensure the plan has a meaningful impact on the Trinity area, the citizens, employers, stakeholders and serves the community well. The proposal details a training workshop as well as a Strategic Planning process and the accompanying Strategic Plan. The cost of the proposal is \$15,000.00 which will come out of the Economic Development funds. Councilman Clegg DeWalt made the motion to approve the funds from the Economic Development Board of \$15,000.00 for this training. Councilman Scott Womack 2nd the motion. All remaining members voted yea. Motion carried.

J. Adjourn from Regular Meeting. 7:01 p.m.

K. Executive Session: 7:05 p.m.

- A. Discussion concerning personnel and contracts under Gov. Code 551.074 and 551.071.**
Discussion with Attorney Colton Hay regarding the Milltown development.
- B. Adjourn from executive session.** 7:26 p.m.

M. Reconvene in open session: 7:26 p.m.

A. Action necessary as a result of Executive Session.

N. Adjourn. 7:27 p.m. Councilman Bubba Smith to adjourn. Councilman Scott Womack 2nd the motion. All remaining members voted yea. Motion carried.

Mayor Billy Goodin

Tracy Hutto, City Manager

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The Special Meeting of the City Council of the City of Trinity was held on October 28, 2025 at 5:30 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: Bryan Buck and Scott Womack

City Administrator: Tracy Hutto

Councilman Absent: Clegg DeWalt and Bubba Smith

- A. Call meeting to order.** Mayor Billy Goodin called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. and verified that a Quorum was present for the meeting.
- B. Discussion and Action to pass Resolution #25-0010 regarding funding from Communities Unlimited.** Councilman Scott Womack made the motion to approve the Resolution. Councilman Bryan Buck 2nd the motion. All remaining members voted yea. Motion carried.
- C. Discussion and Action to pass Resolution #25-0011 regarding funding from Government Capital.** Councilman Scott Womack made the motion to approve the Resolution. Councilman Bryan Buck 2nd the motion. All remaining members voted yea. Motion carried.
- D. Adjourn. 5:31 p.m.** Councilman Scott Womack made the motion to adjourn. Councilman Phillip Morrison 2nd the motion. All remaining members voted yea. Motion carried.

Mayor Billy Goodin

Tracy Hutto, City Manager