



CITY COUNCIL MEETING
TRENTON CITY HALL
216 HAMILTON STREET
TRENTON, TEXAS 75490

WEDNESDAY, MAY 8, 2024
5:00 PM

MINUTES

Present for this meeting: Chief William Robertson, CJ Fillingham, Secretary Rebekka Aviles, Public works Director Jack Delancey, Patrol Officer Kenneth Franklin, Dr. Susan Thomas, D'Anne Carson, Eddy Daniel, Tyler Bowman, Superintendent Jeremy Strickland, Public Works Assistant James Day, David Shechtman (Hilltop Securities).

Quorum Present: Mayor Rodney Alexander, Mayor Pro Tem Lew Donaghey and Council members Chris Stringer, and Riley Stringer and Chelsie Brownfield.

I. Call Meeting to Order and Identification of Quorum.

The council meeting was brought to order at 5:03 pm by Mayor Rodney Alexander.

II. Open Forum:

No one to speak during the open forum.

III. Consent Agenda:

- a) April 8, 2024, Council Meeting Minutes
- b) February 28, 2024, Economic Development 4B Meeting Minutes
- c) April 8, 2024, Planning and Zoning Commission Meeting Minutes

Council Member Chris Stringer motioned to approve all minutes listed under the Consent Agenda. Council Member Riley Stringer seconded the motion, and the motion was passed with three for and Council Member Chelsie Brownfield abstaining.

IV. Review Department Reports:

Police Department: Chief William Robertson spoke to Council about May 8, 2024, has been a very busy. Earlier in the morning hours, there was an attempted burglary. Chief Robertson reported that they had one suspect in custody and the other one took off behind the store.

Chief Robertson also reported that he had a fatal crash that he worked on today as well. He had nothing else to report on behalf of the Police Department.

Public Works Department: Public Works Director Jack Delancey reported that the city if moving forward with the bore under HWY 121 to be able to service water to the Trenton Tire Shop. As soon as schedules and rain hold off long enough to get equipment out, they would start.

Public Works Director Jack Delancey spoke to the council about hiring someone for mowing season. Last year the city hired Charles Ealy to just mow the area around the park. He has received two quotes so far, each coming in at around 6,000 to mow the 19.4 acres of the city. Jack will put this item on the next agenda.

V. Discussion on TexStar Government Investment Pool Rates.

David Shechtman from Hilltop Securities spoke to the council about TexStar Government Investment Pool Rates. The current rate is 5.3%, with no minimum balance or deposit. No action was taken.

VI. Conduct a Public Hearing regarding adoption of proposed water and wastewater impact fees.

Mayor Rodney Alexander opened the public hearing at 5:19 pm. Council is going to continue the public hearing to the May 13th, 2024, Special Council Meeting. No action was taken.

VII. Discussion and action on the approval of an Ordinance to adopt proposed water and wastewater impact fees.

The agenda item was tabled until the next Council meeting in June.

VIII. Discussion and action to approve the 2023 Audit.

City Secretary Rebekka Aviles spoke to Council and reminded them that April Hatfield was here during the last council meeting and reported the 2023 Audit to them.

After some discussion, Council Member Chris Stringer motioned to approve the 2023 City of Trenton's Audit. Council Member Riley Stringer seconded the motion, and it was approved with a count of three for and one abstaining.

IX. Discussion and approval on possible law enforcement grant providing two additional police officers offered by the United States Department of Justice.

Chief William Robertson and Patrol Officer Kenneth Franklin spoke to council about how the United States Department of Justice offers this grant every year. The grant would provide funding of 75% for the officer's salary for the first three years. If you break down the cost that comes out to approximately 45,000 from the United States Department of Justice, and around 15,000 that the City of Trenton would have to pay every year for a new officer.

Patrol Kenneth Franklin spoke to the council about if this is something that they are interested in, he has a grant writer that we have used before to write up the grant for the City of Trenton. The grant writer would charge a fee of \$1,200.

Chief William Robertson thinks that this would be helpful for the Police Department. Chief Robertson stated that with the new subdivision of Anderson Crossing, and new development coming towards the city, things are going to quickly pick up for the Police Department.

The application for the grant is due June 12th of 2024, and the grant writer would need to get started right away.

After some discussion, Council member Riley Stringer motioned to approve pay a grant writer \$1,200 to write up the grant for the police department. Council member Chelsie Brownfield seconded the motion, and it was approved with a vote of three for and one abstaining.

X. Discussion and action to approve re-plat for property id 109571 addressed as 800 Texas Street.

Aaron Moreland from Dunaway presented a letter to the Council recommending that the replat for property identified as 109571 and addressed as 800 Texas Street be approved. The replat was reviewed according to the ordinances of the City of Trenton and been found to be compliant.

Council member Riley Stringer motioned to approve the replat for 800 Texas Street. Council member Chris Stringer seconded the motion, and it was approved with a vote of three for and one abstaining.

XI. Discussion and action on the City of Trenton 425K GPM Water well project.

Aaron Moreland from Dunaway reported to Council that they rebid the water well and THI bid on the project coming in at \$1,196,621. The well and water lines were projected to cost 2.5 million and the elevated tank was projected to be 2 million.

Mayor Pro Tem Lew Donaghey asked Aaron if the city is still on track to keep its commitments. Aaron Moreland replied, that yes, we are still on track since they rebid the water well portion of the project.

Dunaway recommends that we use THI to do the water well with the proposed bid discussed.

Council member Chris Stringer motioned to approve THI to complete the 425K GPM Water Well Project. Council member Riley Stringer seconded the motion, and it was approved unanimously.

XII. Discussion and action on resolution authorizing publication of notice of intention to issue certificate of obligation, series 2024 and authorizing certain other matters relating to thereto.

D'anne Carson from Government Capital presented the resolution authorizing publication of notice of intention to issue certificates of obligation.

After some discussion, the council decided to table the agenda item.

XIII. Discussion and action on the Trenton and Fannin County ILA regarding subdivision regulation in Trenton's ETJ.

Mayor Pro Tem Lewis Donaghey motioned to approve the Fannin County ILA agreement with the City of Trenton, regarding subdivision regulations for property in the City of Trenton's ETJ. Council member Riley Stringer seconded the motion, and it was approved unanimously.

XIV. Discussion and action on the City of Trenton and Fannin County May 4, 2024, election contract.

The agenda item was tabled for the next Council meeting.

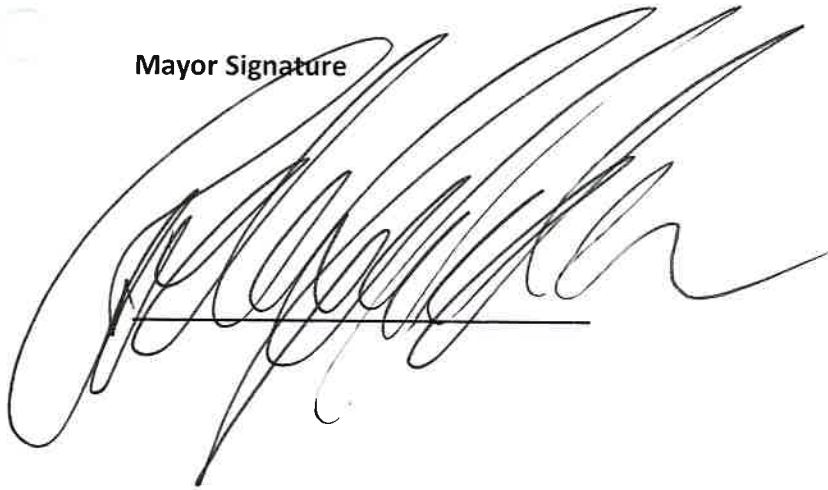
XV. Discussion and action regarding paying the monthly bills of the city.

Council Member Chris Stringer motioned to approve the monthly bills. Council Member Riley Stringer seconded the motion, it was passed with three for and one abstained.

XVI. Adjourn City Council Meeting

Having no additional business, Council member Chris Stringer motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:08 pm. The motion was seconded by Council member Riley Stringer. The council meeting was adjourned.

Mayor Signature

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City Secretary

Rebekka Aviles